

# CANFAR

## ANNUAL REPORT

### 2014/2015



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*The Canadian Foundation for AIDS Research (CANFAR)*  
*is the only national charitable foundation that raises*  
*awareness to generate funds for research into all*  
*aspects of HIV infection and AIDS.*

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# FROM OUR LEADERSHIP



**Andrew Pringle**  
CANFAR Chair

Over the past year, CANFAR has experienced a renewed sense of a call to action - young people are taking up this cause, and I am delighted. As a concerned parent, the need for us to focus our efforts on ridding the planet of HIV and AIDS is more compelling than ever; so is the need to reach young Canadians with our message. Over the past year, our high school awareness program, *Kisses 4 CANFAR*, reached more than 2.5 million young Canadians in every province and territory in the land. Our *Campus Clubs* are on more campuses than ever before and CANFAR's *Young Professional Council* is becoming an important forum for 20-somethings men and women.

We followed four young men on their journey across Canada raising awareness and funds for CANFAR, truly a remarkable journey for them and CANFAR! My sincere thanks to all of you who have supported CANFAR's work this year, helping our effort to leave an AIDS-free world for young Canadians.



**Christopher Bunting**  
CANFAR  
President & CEO

Some CANFAR records were broken during 2014 – 15, and I am so grateful to the many, many people across Canada who made this possible. Our flagship Toronto gala *Bloor Street Entertains* – co-chaired by Scotiabank's Brian and Megan Porter – realised its best year in 18 with revenue just shy of \$1 million. We also broke a record by reaching more than 2.5 million Canadian high school students through our youth awareness program, *Kisses 4 CANFAR*. We engaged in more research partnerships than ever before – from the St. Paul's Hospital/CANFAR Chair in HIV/AIDS Research in Vancouver, to co-funding Montreal-based cure research with the Canadian Institutes for Health Research (CIHR), and HIV prevention research with CIHR's Institute for Gender and Health. We were pleased to continue our partnerships with the Canadian HIV Treatment Network by funding a Post-Doctoral Fellowship, and with the Canadian Association for HIV Research by contributing to education and training programs. My sincere thanks to our supporters, volunteers and staff for all that you do!

While this has been one of our biggest years, you will notice that the size of this report has shrunk. CANFAR leadership is mindful of the cost and implications of large printed documents. While we provide a truncated print version of our annual report, we hope you will visit our website at [www.CANFAR.com](http://www.CANFAR.com) where you will find a more fulsome version of this report. Online, we are able to fully celebrate and share our gratitude with all our donors, sponsors and supporters who have made this year a resounding success.

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- Paul Sandstorm, PhD
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- Sharon Walmsley, MSC, FRCPC, MD

## BASIC SCIENCE

\$80K

**Dr. Michel Tremblay**

*Does infection of resting memory CD4+ T cells with ICAM-1-bearing HIV-1 modulates virus pathogenesis?*

- Québec City, Québec
- Funded by donors like you!

\$80K

**Dr. Lena Serghides**

*Impact of in utero exposure to HIV anti-retrovirals on fetal development and neurocognitive performance*

- Toronto, Ontario
- Funded in honour of Brian and Megan Porter

\$80K

**Dr. Chen Liang**

*Investigating the Anti-HIV-1 activity of interferon-induced MxB protein*

- Toronto, Ontario
- Funded by Manulife Financial

\$25K

**Dr. Sadhna Joshi**

*In vitro characterization of bifunctional entry inhibitors*

- Toronto, Ontario
- Funded by Manulife Financial

## PSYCHO-SOCIAL RESEARCH

\$80K

**Dr. David Brennan**

*Young Men who have sex with men's risk, network and care engagement*

- Toronto, Ontario
- Funded by CANFAR Legacy Group

## PARTNERSHIPS

\$80K

**Dr. Bohdan Nosyk**

*St. Paul's Hospital CANFAR Chair in HIV/AIDS Research*

- Vancouver, British Columbia
- In partnership with St. Paul's Hospital, British Columbia Centre for Excellence in HIV/AIDS, Simon Fraser University

\$80K

**Dr. Eric Cohen**

*The Canadian HIV Cure Enterprise*

- Montréal, Québec

**Dr. Hugo Soudeyns**

*The Canadian HIV Cure Enterprise*

- Montréal, Québec

• In partnership with Canadian Institutes of Health Research, International AIDS Society

\$100K

**Dr. Trevor Hart**

*Advancing Research to improve Boys and Men's Health*

- Toronto, Ontario
- In partnership with Canadian Institutes of Health Research, Institute of Gender & Health

\$50K

**Post-Doctoral Fellowship**

*In vitro characterization of bifunctional entry inhibitors*

- Vancouver, British Columbia
- In partnership with Canadian HIV Trials Network
- Joint funding initiatives by CANFAR & CIHR

## CLINICAL RESEARCH

\$80K

**Dr. Kellie Murphy**

*The ProSPAR Study: Progesterone supplementation for HIV positive pregnant women on antiretrovirals*

- Toronto, Ontario
- Funded by RBC Foundation

\$25K

**Dr. Marie-Josée Brouillette**

*A pilot study of goal management training to remediate cognitive impairment in older people living with HIV*

- Montréal, Québec
- Funded by Cycle 4 CANFAR

\$25K

**Dr. Stanley Read**

*Understanding issues and defining research priorities related to infant feeding in HIV*

- Toronto, Ontario
- Funded by Great-West Life, London Life and Canada Life

\*Numbers have been rounded for consistency



# REACH OF OUR PROGRAMS

## CAMPUS CLUBS

**15** campus clubs  
ACROSS CANADA

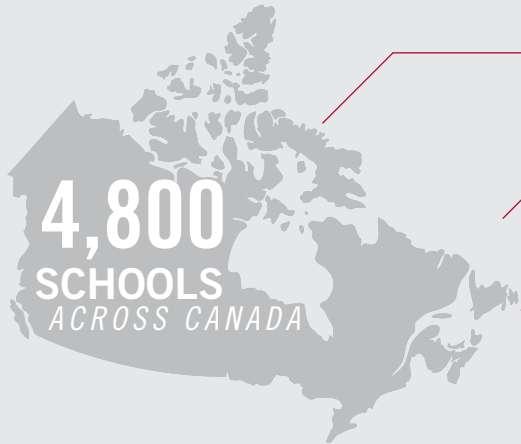


REACHING **THOUSANDS** OF  
POST-SECONDARY STUDENTS



*"At CANFAR Dalhousie our goal is to educate the student population about the risk and prevention of HIV and AIDS. We strive to spread awareness and raise funds for the work that CANFAR is doing. We like to do this through both fun and informative events, providing convenient and enjoyable opportunities for Dalhousie students to learn more about the cause, get involved, and ultimately support the work that CANFAR is doing toward ending HIV and AIDS." -Molly Mackenzie, President*

## KISSES 4 CANFAR



**2.5M STUDENTS**  
ACROSS CANADA

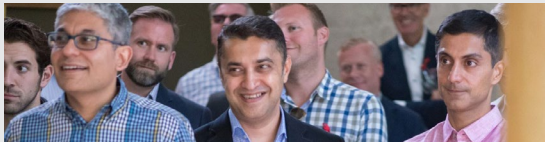
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## LEGACY GROUP

**340** MEMBERS  
HOSTED  
**5** EVENTS IN **TORONTO & OTTAWA**  
**2** EVENTS Toronto, ON  
**3** EVENTS Ottawa, ON



**\$136,000 RAISED**  
for prevention research dedicated to  
**GAY MEN**

## YOUNG PROFESSIONAL COUNCIL

A passionate group of  
**20 YOUNG**  
**PROFESSIONALS**  
working to raise funds in support of  
**HIV AND AIDS RESEARCH**



**JEFFREY KROEKER**  
YPC Chair

*"I am proud that our volunteer team brought in a record level of donations through our Paint the Town Red event to help fund a cure for HIV, a disease that still affects over 33 million people globally. CANFAR needs young leaders and volunteers to stay engaged and get involved in our mission to fund a cure to #EndAIDS. Research is the only way to find a cure, thus we need to fund it - so let's make it happen. Get involved now."*

# IMPACT OF OUR NATIONAL REACH

**Clinical Trials**  
Clinical trials in partnership with Canadian HIV Trials Network



**Dr. Bohdan Nosyk**  
The St. Paul's Hospital CANFAR Research Chair in HIV and AIDS research continues to examine the impact of community based programs to combat HIV and AIDS rates in priority populations.



**Legacy Group**  
Ottawa, Toronto, Vancouver



**Bloor Street Entertains**  
Toronto hosts Canada's largest fundraiser for Canadian HIV and AIDS research



**John Arnalukjuak High School**  
School in Arviat, Nunavut ordered Kisses 4 CANFAR materials



**Montréal Cure Research**  
CANFAR provides funding to CANCURE and EPIC4 - two research projects currently part of a global initiative to find a cure



**Can YOU Do Lunch?**  
Hosted in Toronto and Ottawa



**CYCLE 4 CANFAR**  
4 university students rode their bikes from VANCOUVER, BC to SYDNEY, NS  
**64 DAYS | 6,600KM | \$45,000 RAISED**



**Acadia University**  
New Campus Club formed



## WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE ON THE MAP?

This snapshot represents some of the great initiatives happening across Canada in support of CANFAR. If you would like your activity in support of CANFAR featured in an upcoming newsletter or annual report, please tell us about it by emailing [cure@CANFAR.com](mailto:cure@CANFAR.com).



# SCOPE OF OUR EVENTS

## AIDSBEAT



More than 700 guests partied in style as the Liberty Grand was transformed into Studio54. Seven bands rocked the night away with DJ Duarte spinning all the dance classics in between. Toronto's legal community once again showed their incredible support of CANFAR and Canadian AIDS research raising close to \$212,000.

### THANK YOU

#### CO-CHAIRS

Gordon Capern & David Palumbo

#### FOUNDER

Patricia Olasker

**7** bands  
**750** attendees  
**\$212K** in revenue



### DAVID PALUMBO

Co-Chair of AIDSbeat

"The great sense of importance that the legal community places on AIDSbeat as a key industry event is reflected in the large numbers that turn out year after year and donors from law firms and professional services firms of all sizes. I'm thrilled to see my counterparts out to the support the event each year."

## BLOOR STREET ENTERTAINS



The Bloor-Yorkville community lit up on the night of November 25, as 23 shops and galleries were once again transformed into opulent dining experiences. Presenting sponsor Sun Life Financial hosted their guests at Nespresso. Chefs and florists donated their time and talents to create incredible experiences for all who attended. The evening culminated at the Royal Ontario Museum with the Crash the Crystal After Party complete with a luxury silent auction.

### THANK YOU

Brian & Megan Porter  
Scotiabank

#### PRESENTING SPONSOR



**23** venues  
**900+** attendees  
**\$930K** in revenue



### JOHN MACBRIDE

Professor and Program Coordinator  
Seneca Event Management Event & Exhibition Design

"Seneca and CANFAR have a unique relationship that has lasted nine years and continues to grow. Bloor Street Entertains has become living curricula in our classroom and we are incredibly grateful to CANFAR for their support."

## CAN YOU DO LUNCH?



Hosted in Ottawa and Toronto, more than 475 people attended these events. Both luncheons reflected a community coming together to celebrate the progress made in HIV and AIDS research and show their support for the continuing fight. Kari and Ashley Murphy shared their incredible story of resilience and growing up HIV positive. A special thank-you to the Honourable Rona Ambrose, Minister of Health, and Laureen Harper for joining Can YOU Do Lunch? in Ottawa.

### THANK YOU

#### CO-CHAIRS

Toronto  
Jennifer Tory  
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Ottawa  
Sheila O'Gorman  
Tara Shields

#### SPEAKERS

Toronto & Ottawa  
Kari Murphy  
Ashley Murphy

**TORONTO & OTTAWA**  
**475** attendees  
**\$74K** raised



### ASHLEY MURPHY

Guest Speaker

"CANFAR has been an important part of the process in developing and researching new medications to fight HIV. Research means the medication options keep improving; I used to have to take seven pills and liquids daily, and now I take one pill a day."

## PRIDE TORONTO



CANFAR celebrated Toronto's LGBT community by participating in Pride Toronto's events. As one of the largest organized gay pride festivals in the world, Pride Toronto is an opportunity for CANFAR to join in solidarity with a community that is disproportionately affected by HIV and AIDS. CANFAR participated in a number of events including bar nights featuring Toronto's drag community, and a candlelight vigil recognizing those who had lost the battle to AIDS. The week culminated with CANFAR joining the tens of thousands of participants and spectators at the Pride Parade, where more than 40 CANFAR volunteers, staff and researches participated in the march.

**4** events celebrating diversity  
**40** volunteers in the parade



### DR. STANLEY READ

Chair, CANFAR Scientific Advisory Committee

"Each year, my partner and I join CANFAR volunteers and staff and walk in Toronto's Pride Parade. We do this because the parade is an act of solidarity, and a show of support to a community that is key to ending HIV and AIDS through treatment and prevention."

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Chris Brown, Citizen Catering  
Andrew Carter, The Oxley

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# AUDITOR'S REPORT

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Canadian Foundation for AIDS Research ("CANFAR") which comprise the balance sheet as at June 30, 2015 and the statements of revenue, expenses and charges in fund balances and cash flows for the year then ended and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

### Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement whether due to fraud or error.

### Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by

management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our qualified audit opinion.

### Basis for Qualified Opinion

In common with many not-for-profit organizations, CANFAR derives revenue from donations, fundraising and other awareness events, the completeness of which is not susceptible to satisfactory audit verification. Accordingly, our verification of this revenue was limited to the amounts recorded in the records of CANFAR and we were not able to determine whether any adjustments might be necessary to revenues, excess of revenue over expenses and cash flows from operations for the year ended June 30, 2015, current assets as at June 30, 2015 and fund balances as at June 30, 2015 and July 1, 2014.

### Qualified Opinion

In our opinion, except for the possible effects of the matter described in the Basis for Qualified Opinion paragraph, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Canadian Foundation for AIDS Research as at June 30, 2015 and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

*Colline Barron Toronto LLP*

Licensed Public Accountants  
Chartered Accountants  
September 23, 2015  
Toronto, Ontario

## CONDENSED BALANCE SHEET

	2015	2014
<b>Assets</b>		
<b>Current</b>		
Cash	\$ 557,556	\$ 671,554
Short-term investments	84,487	105,506
Accounts receivable	34,319	34,299
HST recoverable	45,624	45,879
Prepaid expenses	26,548	33,954
Grant advance	80,000	-
	<b>828,534</b>	891,192
<b>Capital assets</b>	<b>16,973</b>	27,015
<b>Investments</b>	<b>736,914</b>	736,914
	<b>\$ 1,582,421</b>	\$ 1,655,121

## Liabilities

<b>Current</b>		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 53,208	\$ 74,244
Grants payable	515,204	509,927
	<b>568,412</b>	584,171
<b>Deferred contributions</b>	<b>226,422</b>	286,597
	<b>794,834</b>	870,768

## Fund Balances

General	50,673	47,439
Endowment	736,914	736,914
	<b>787,587</b>	784,353
	<b>\$ 1,582,421</b>	\$ 1,655,121

To receive a copy of our full audited financial statements, please contact Emma Groia at [egroia@CANFAR.com](mailto:egroia@CANFAR.com) or call 1-800-563-CURE (2873).



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