

# **CANFAR**

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# **ANNUAL REPORT**

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# **2015/2016**



THE CANADIAN FOUNDATION  
FOR AIDS RESEARCH (CANFAR)  
IS THE ONLY NATIONAL  
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THAT RAISES AWARENESS  
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CANFAR is dedicated to funding all aspects of research in HIV prevention, care, treatment, and cure. Since its inception in 1987, CANFAR has invested more than \$20 million and funded more than 400 research initiatives across Canada. CANFAR is funded solely through the generosity of corporations, groups, and individuals across Canada.

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As CANFAR enters its 30th year, it's an opportune time to look back and reflect on what we've accomplished and establish bold and strategic plans for the future.

This year, CANFAR reached a significant milestone: we surpassed \$20 million in funded research. This supports the more than 400 research projects across Canada that have led to tremendous breakthroughs in HIV treatment and prevention. Our researchers have worked on successful initiatives ranging from treatment that suppresses the HIV virus and keeps people living with HIV alive and healthy, to strategies that prevent mother-to-child transmission. Those are just two of the transformational outcomes of CANFAR's work.

Our past success gives us hope for future potential accomplishments. I'm excited to see what our talented researchers can achieve in the areas of prevention and cure. On behalf of CANFAR's board and staff, please accept my sincere thanks for your ongoing support.

Andrew Pringle  
CANFAR Chair



This past year was one in which we at CANFAR reflected on our contributions within the global context.

A visit to Durban for the 2016 International AIDS Conference re-affirmed the far-reaching impact of the research we fund. Several CANFAR researchers attended the conference to present academic papers and participate in panel discussions. The outcome of the research being conducted by these investigators not only promises to impact the lives of Canadians, but also the tens of millions of people living with HIV globally.

Amid the successes and breakthroughs, the conference also gave voice to a newly urgent message: now is not the time for complacency.

In many ways, the AIDS cause has become a victim of its own success. Medical solutions that were unthinkable a decade ago are rightly celebrated today; solutions that CANFAR-supported research has proudly contributed to. But as we recognize this progress, we must substantially increase our efforts to support prevention intervention research in order to eliminate the enemy – new HIV infections.

CANFAR remains committed to being a leader in this regard and continues the fight against HIV and AIDS. Thank you for your support.

Christopher Bunting  
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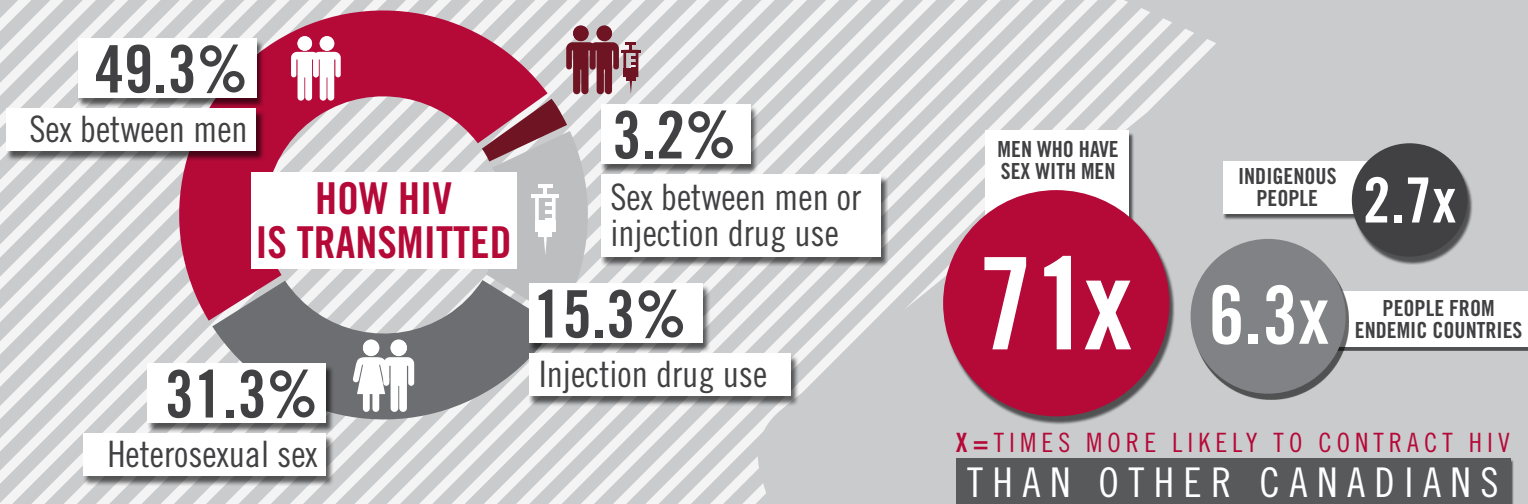
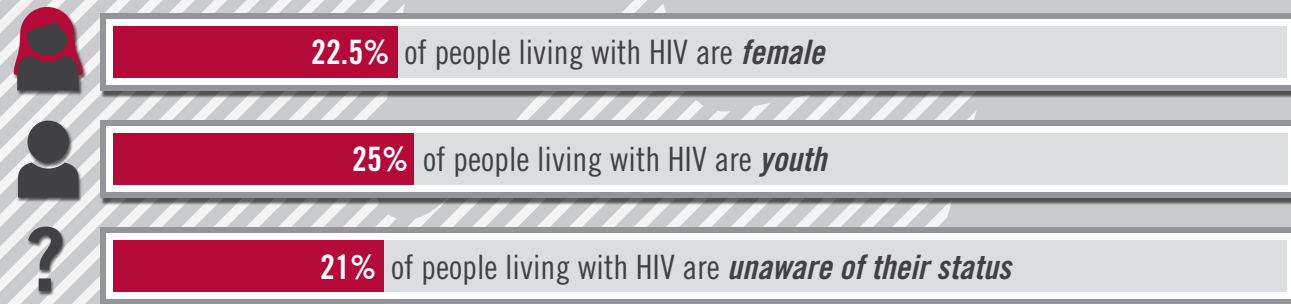
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THERE ARE **75,500** PEOPLE LIVING WITH HIV IN CANADA AND approximately **6 MORE** CONTRACT HIV **DAILY**



**HIV IN CANADA**

Source: Public Health Agency of Canada, 2015



**36.7M PEOPLE ARE LIVING WITH HIV**



**ONLY 17M ARE ACCESSING HIV TREATMENT**

**2,100,000**  
NEW INFECTIONS  
EACH YEAR

**1,100,000**  
PEOPLE DIE FROM  
AIDS EACH YEAR

**17,100,000**  
PEOPLE UNAWARE  
THEY ARE HIV+

**HIV WORLDWIDE**

Source: UNAIDS, 2014-2015

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RESEARCH

1 VANCOUVER

Innovation Research Grant - Zabrina Brumme - Simon Fraser University  
Engage - HIM (community partner)  
CTN Post-doctoral fellowships - Nathan Lachowsky - University of Victoria  
St. Paul's Hospital CANFAR Chair in HIV/AIDS Research

2 SASKATOON

Innovation Research Grant - Linda Chelico - University of Saskatchewan

3 TORONTO

Innovation Research Grant - Mario Ostrowski - University of Toronto  
Innovation Research Grant - Stephanie Nixon - University of Toronto  
Innovation Research Grant - Sarah Flicker - York University  
Innovation Research Grant - Lena Serghides - University of Toronto  
Engage - ACT (community partner)  
Engage - OHTN (funding partner)

4 OTTAWA

CanCURE - CIHR (funding partner)

5 MONTRÉAL

Innovation Research Grant - Andrew Moulard - Lady Davis Institute/McGill University  
Innovation Research Grant - Nicole Bernard - Research Institute McGill University Health Centre  
Innovation Research Grant - Isabelle Boucoiran - CHU Sainte-Justine, Université de Montréal  
Engage - Rézo (community partner)  
CanCURE - Dr. Eric Cohen  
EPIC4 - Dr. Hugo Soudeyns

6 QUÉBEC CITY

Innovation Research Grant - Michel Tremblay - Université Laval

7 ST JOHN'S

Innovation Research Grant - Michael Grant - Memorial University

PROGRAMMING

1 VANCOUVER

CANFAR on campus - University of British Columbia

2 BANFF

One and All - Science Council Conference

3 CANMORE

One and All - Voices of Counselling Conference

4 EDMONTON

CANFAR on campus - University of Alberta  
One and All - Beginning Teachers Conference

5 LETHBRIDGE

CANFAR on campus - University of Lethbridge

6 LONDON

CANFAR on campus - Western University

7 NIAGARA FALLS

One and All - Ophea Conference

8 HAMILTON

CANFAR on campus - McMaster University  
One and All - International Women's and Children's Health Conference

9 GUELPH

One and All - Guelph Sexuality Conference

10 TORONTO

One and All - ASAP (community partner)  
CANFAR on campus - George Brown College  
CANFAR on campus - OCAD University  
CANFAR on campus - University of Toronto

11 KINGSTON

CANFAR on campus - Queen's University

12 OTTAWA

CANFAR on campus - Carleton University

13 MONTRÉAL

CANFAR on campus - Marianapolis College  
CANFAR on campus - McGill University

14 FREDERICTON

One and All - Compass Conference

15 WOLFVILLE

CANFAR on campus - Acadia University

16 HALIFAX

CANFAR on campus - Dalhousie University

One and All - Social Studies Teachers Association Conference  
One and All - Emergent Learning Conference

EVENTS

1 VANCOUVER

Voices of Hope - Dr. Peter AIDS Foundation

2 WINNIPEG

Canadian Association for HIV Research (CAHR) Conference

3 TORONTO

AIDSbeat  
Bloor Street Entertains  
Can You Do Lunch?  
Voices of Hope - Casey House

4 OTTAWA

Can You Do Lunch?

5 MONTRÉAL

Voices of Hope- Maison du Parc

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PREVENTION RESEARCH

DR. ISABELLE BOUICOIRAN | \$25K  
*Evaluating drugs that can prevent lactation in mothers living with HIV*  
Montréal, Québec

DR. MALIKA SHARMA | \$50K  
*Developing an approach to decentralize the delivery of pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP). Her study empowers patients to inform their primary caregivers about a Continuing Medical Education course on PrEP.*  
Toronto, Ontario  
This Post-Doctoral Fellowship is made possible through the Canadian HIV Trials Network program.

DR. TREVOR HART | \$100K  
Engage Project  
*A team of 40 researchers across Canada who are developing new HIV prevention programs and doing a study of the sexual and mental health of gay, bisexual and other men who have sex with men.*  
A five-year partnership with the Canadian Institutes for Health Research.

TREATMENT & CARE RESEARCH

DR. LENA SERGHIDES | \$80K  
*Identifying the effects of HIV medication on development of a fetus*  
Toronto, Ontario

DR. STEPHANIE NIXON | \$25K  
*Determining best practices for practically supporting people living with HIV in Zambia*  
Toronto, Ontario

DR. SARAH FLICKER | \$25K  
*Exploring the differences in HIV community engagement programs through photography*  
Toronto, Ontario  
Funding provided by Great-West Life, London Life and Canada Life.

CONTINUED...

\$290K

DR. MICHEL TREMBLAY | \$80K  
*Discovering how HIV hides in the body*  
Québec City, Québec

DR. MICHAEL GRANT | \$25K  
*Understanding how the body naturally fights viruses to develop new HIV treatments*  
St. John's, Newfoundland

DR. LINDA CHELICO | \$25K  
*Developing drugs for combatting HIV*  
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

CURE RESEARCH

DR. NICOLE BERNARD | \$25K  
*Developing ways of testing HIV treatments*  
Montréal, Québec

DR. ZABRINA BRUMME | \$25K  
*Exploring natural sources of HIV treatment*  
Burnaby, British Columbia

DR. MARIO OSTROWSKI | \$80K  
*Assessing a safer way to vaccinate individuals to fight HIV*  
Toronto, Ontario

DR. ANDREW MOULAND | \$80K  
*Studying how the body can destroy HIV from within*  
Montréal, Québec

DR. ERIC COHEN, DR. HUGO SOUDEYNS | \$80K  
*Developing strategies towards a functional HIV cure; exploring if early initiation of HIV medication can cure HIV for children infected at birth*  
Montréal, Québec  
The CanCURE project and EPIC4 is in partnership with the Canadian Institutes of Health Research and the International AIDS Society, this five-year project is a research collaboration to develop strategies towards a functional HIV cure.

INNOVATION RESEARCH GRANTS

*The following were among the nine new Innovation Research Grants awarded by CANFAR in the past year.*

TREATING HIV WITH AN IMMUNE-BOOSTING VACCINE

**Dr. Mario Ostrowski** is testing whether an HIV vaccine, which his lab has already developed, can lower the amount of virus in patients who recently acquired HIV. This study could reveal if this vaccine can, along with medication, completely eliminate HIV from the body.

IMPROVING THE LONG-TERM QUALITY OF LIFE FOR PEOPLE LIVING WITH HIV IN RESOURCE-POOR SETTINGS

In Zambia, life-saving HIV treatment has become newly available and is helping millions of people with HIV live longer. **Dr. Stephanie Nixon** is working with community members to identify and investigate successful social programs and health services put into practice in Zambia to support people living with HIV and AIDS that can be expanded across the country and applied in other resource-poor regions around the world.

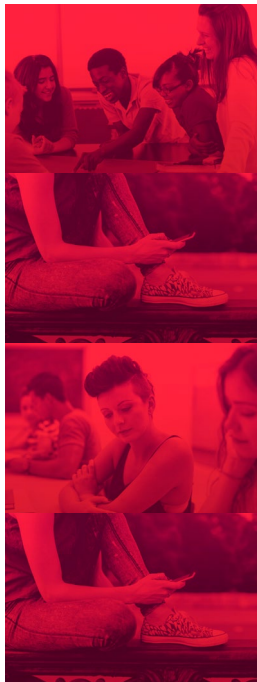
EXPLORING HIV COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PROGRAMS THROUGH PHOTOGRAPHY

**Dr. Sarah Flicker** is exploring community engagement at three Toronto HIV organizations. Participants will document their experiences living with HIV through photography. This study will help us understand the different issues that organizations face in engaging people living with HIV and AIDS, helping them to create more relevant, tailored programming.

IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR NEW MOTHERS LIVING WITH HIV

Doctors recommend mothers living with HIV not breastfeed, as the virus can be transmitted from mother-to-child through breast milk. **Dr. Isabelle Boucoiran** is testing the safety and effectiveness of cabergoline, a drug that stops lactation in order to relieve the pain and swelling resulting from not breastfeeding.





## KISSES 4 CANFAR / ONE AND ALL

For the first time ever, CANFAR welcomed a youth ambassador to act as a program spokesperson. **Muluba Habanyama**, a young woman living with HIV, became the face of *Kisses 4 CANFAR*, engaging, educating, and empowering youth about HIV prevention and the importance of fighting stigma.

Muluba visited high schools, universities, and colleges to share her story, and lead our social media activities. The #Kisses4CANFAR hashtag resulted in 3,500 direct engagements online, and reached over 117,000 people. A video featuring Muluba generated over 1,350,000 impressions.

CANFAR is grateful to program sponsors MAC AIDS Fund; Great-West Life, London Life and Canada Life; CIBC; and Freedom International Brokerage Company for supporting us in engaging with high school students. Built on the continued evolution of our programs, CANFAR is excited to expand our educational programming with *One and All* and reach youth beyond traditional school systems. CANFAR thanks the Slight Family Foundation for their generous gift of \$1 million to support this initiative.



## CANFAR CLUBS

Awareness and fundraising activities took place on more than 20 college and university campuses across Canada, including Acadia University, Carleton University, University of Alberta, Dalhousie University, George Brown College, University of Lethbridge, Marianapolis College, McGill University, McMaster University, Memorial University, Mohawk College, Université de Sherbrooke, University of Toronto, and Western University.

Students held coffeehouses, speaker series, movie nights, and trivia evenings to help educate their peers about HIV. Clubs hosted interactive games, bake sales, bar nights...



...silent auctions, samosa and chai tea sales, and even puck sales at a local sporting event.

Together, the clubs engaged more than 100 students in volunteering and reached thousands of their peers throughout the school year. Students also raised almost \$12,000.

*“Our CANFAR Club has made a HUGE impact and its presence will continue to grow on campus. I will miss CANFAR more than anything else from my undergraduate degree.”*

**- Candis Lepage, President, CANFAR Club – Acadia University**

*“Educating students about HIV is crucial as we belong to one of the high risk populations in the world.”*

**- Pranidhi Baddam, President, CANFAR Club – University of Alberta**



## 30 UNDER THIRTY

*30 Under Thirty* is a group of 30 young Canadians under the age of 30 who are passionate about being active, philanthropic members of the community. *30 Under Thirty* is led by co-chairs **Matthew Hyams** and **Melissa Kennedy** and supported by **Sophie Hamr** and **Ellen Hardy**.

The group launched in January 2016 with an irreverent post-holiday re-gifting social. This event set the stage for fun, offbeat events, including a St. Patrick’s Day social, a live music night, a collaboration with Joseph Patrick Presents, and a summer social.

The team also held *Dressed Up Disco*, a ‘70s-themed fundraiser. The party included a pop-up thrift shop care of Public Butter and Value Village - Bloor West, drag performances, a stocked bar provided by Labatt, TAG Vodka, Pierre Sparr, and David Lovell Events, and interactive fundraising installations with prizes from Delta, Bestival, Kobo, Levetto, The Wickson Social, Barreworks, Ombra Spa, Brimacombe, and Folly Brewpub.

CANFAR would like to thank **Samar Abdourahman**, **Kelly Beker**, **Gillian Forth**, **Ifhtia Haque**, **Muluba Habanyama**, **Michael Hemsworth**, **Jena Roy**, **Cortney Proctor**, **Rochelle Tazhoor**, **Patrick Moher**, and **Noah Murphy** for their leadership. *30 Under Thirty* raised over \$39,300 in their first year.



## BLOOR STREET ENTERTAINS

*Bloor Street Entertains* is Canada's single largest fundraising gala in support of HIV and AIDS research. On November 25, 2015 the Bloor-Yorkville corridor was once again transformed for the event. Luxury boutiques and art galleries were reimagined with the help of dozens of the city's most talented chefs and florists to give guests a one-of-a-kind dining experience. In all, the event raised nearly \$1 million in support of CANFAR's mission to fight HIV and AIDS.



## CAN YOU DO LUNCH?

*Can You Do Lunch?* is an annual fundraising and networking event series that unites business and philanthropic leaders in the fight against HIV and AIDS. CANFAR national spokesperson **Valerie Pringle** emceed the events held in Ottawa at the Rideau Club and Toronto at the Ritz-Carlton. Special thanks to the event chairs **Janice O'Born** (Toronto), **Sheila O'Gorman**, and **Tara Shields** (Ottawa).



## AIDSBEAT

*AIDSbeat*, the annual battle of the bands between some of Toronto's highest profile lawyers, celebrated its 20th anniversary. Organized by leaders in Toronto's legal community, the event pits bands from five law firms to compete for the coveted Lexpert Cup and the Platinum People's Choice Award. Special thanks to event co-chairs **Gordon Capern** and **David Palumbo**, as well as event founder **Patricia Olasker**.



## WORLD AIDS DAY AND PRIDE

CANFAR is the proud national partner of Voices of Hope/Voix D'Espoir, a three-city concert series to recognize World AIDS Day on December 1. Hundreds of Canadians came out to support the fight against HIV and AIDS at events hosted by Montréal's Maison du Parc, Casey House in Toronto, and the Dr. Peter AIDS Foundation in Vancouver.

CANFAR also joined the LGBTQ2 community in celebrating Toronto's first-ever Pride month, culminating in the annual Pride Parade.



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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Canadian Foundation for AIDS Research (“CANFAR”) which comprise the balance sheet as at June 30, 2016 and the statements of revenue, expenses, and changes 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, 2016, current assets as at June 30, 2016 and fund balances as at June 30, 2016 and July 1, 2015.

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 CANFAR as at June 30, 2016, 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

Chartered Professional Accountants  
Licensed Public Accountants  
September 20, 2016  
Toronto, Ontario

CONDENSED BALANCE SHEET

	2015/16	2014/15
ASSETS		
CURRENT		
CASH	\$ 789,494	\$ 557,556
SHORT-TERM INVESTMENTS	93,279	84,487
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE	82,363	34,319
HST RECOVERABLE	46,235	45,624
PREPAID EXPENSES	29,587	26,548
GRANT ADVANCE	-	80,000
	1,040,958	828,534
CAPITAL ASSETS	19,958	16,973
INVESTMENTS	736,914	736,914
	\$ 1,797,830	\$ 1,582,421
LIABILITIES		
CURRENT		
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND ACCRUED LIABILITIES	\$ 24,811	\$ 53,208
GRANTS PAYABLE	543,521	515,204
	568,332	568,412
DEFERRED CONTRIBUTIONS	356,447	226,422
	924,779	794,834
FUND BALANCES		
GENERAL	136,137	50,673
ENDOWMENT	736,914	736,914
	873,051	787,587
	\$ 1,797,830	\$ 1,582,421

To receive a copy of our full audited financial statements, please contact  
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