



## DO YOU HAVE THE LADYBALLS TO TAKE ACTION?

Your contribution matters - whether you're donating, sponsoring or participating in the Ovarian Cancer Canada Walk of Hope. This annual event brings people together to empower one another, support one another, and demand better for women living with ovarian cancer.

Here's a look at the impact of your donations to last year's Walk. Because of you:

- *Still By Your Side* was introduced. This first of its kind resource provides guidance specifically for women facing recurrence of ovarian cancer. In under a year, 573 women received copies. For those coming to terms with an initial diagnosis, *By Your Side* continues to be available. Copies were sent to 857 women over the last year.
- The next generation of health professionals and scientists heard firsthand accounts about what it feels like to be diagnosed with ovarian cancer. Last year, *Survivors Teaching Students* brought women with ovarian cancer face-to-face with 992 students who will now move forward in their careers with added insights into the value and humanity in their work.
- The Ovarian Cancer Canada Tissue Banking Network collected ovarian cancer tumours from nearly 1,000 women over the last year, furthering the availability of materials for ongoing studies. Over the last decade, the Network provided samples and data to over 450 research projects throughout Canada and internationally. Among these, an exciting study on immunotherapy examines how immune cells can be trained to target ovarian cancer. Currently, tissue bank samples are being used in about 50 ovarian cancer research projects nationwide.
- Volunteer advocates met with 42 Members of Parliament, Senators, and decision makers on Parliament Hill to urge government support for women with ovarian cancer. This call to action was strengthened by thousands of petitions and letters to elected representatives.

What's next? This year, your donations to the Ovarian Cancer Canada Walk of Hope will enable:

- Launch of an online community specifically for women living with ovarian cancer. Creating a safe space where women can ask questions, exchange insights, and build friendships from anywhere in the country - so that every woman living with this disease always has someone by her side.
- Partnerships with leading organizations that invite women at high risk of genetic mutations to learn more about how preventive action and targeted treatment can save lives.
- Researchers and health professionals to learn from one another and advance their work as they connect at the Canadian Conference on Ovarian Cancer Research. With a key role in increasing the number of ovarian cancer researchers in Canada from two to 200, the Conference has helped foster one of the world's most engaged and collaborative scientific communities focused on this disease.
- Education opportunities promoting careers in gynecologic oncology. Trainee grants help increase the number of gynecologic oncologists in Canada, in turn improving quality of care and shortening wait times. As a result of this program, more than 15 gynecologic oncologists have already entered the workforce. Over the course of their careers, each stands to impact the care of over 2,000 women.
- Funding of high-calibre research to improve understanding of ovarian cancer and inform strategies to prevent the disease, improve treatment, and ultimately find a cure.
- Sustaining long-term efforts urging government to invest \$10 million in ovarian cancer research, while advocating for improved access to treatment for women living with the disease.

With your help, women with ovarian cancer can live fuller, better and longer lives.

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