

# Your donations have changed the future of people living with arthritis!



Over the past decade, your support of the Walk for Arthritis has not only helped build a tremendous Walk community of compassion and encouragement, it has also helped raise over \$12 million for people living with arthritis.

This critical funding has allowed the Arthritis Society to invest in world-class research across Canada while also providing much-needed information and support to people affected by this devastating disease. Without you, so many of these accomplishments would not have been possible. Thank you!

## Because of you:

- ✓ Over 1 million people who are affected by arthritis can find and use critical information and tools to assist them in managing their disease. This includes advanced online learning modules, webinars, in-person learning forums and conferences.
- ✓ Over the past ten years, more than 1,500 children have attended our summer camps. Because of your support, we have been able to establish children's camps in nearly every province across the country, giving children and families affected by arthritis a sense of community and belonging.
- ✓ Your funds have assisted in the scientific breakthroughs in the diagnosis, treatment and care of people with arthritis. In 2019, one of the scientists supported by the Arthritis Society ran Canada's first clinical trial of an innovative cell therapy for knee OA. The study showed that the treatment safely reduced pain and stiffness up to one year after the injection. These kinds of new and innovative treatments for all types of arthritis are critical to improving the quality of life for people living with the disease.
- ✓ Most years, The Arthritis Society supports at least 10 Arthritis Centres across Canada every year. These Centres offer clinical expertise, research, education and ultimately help ensure that Canadians with arthritis receive the best care available.
- ✓ The Arthritis Society is a leading patient voice on many issues related to arthritis, facilitating significant advocacy efforts with both Provincial and Federal governments. For example, your funding has supported the Arthritis Society in being an important patient voice on medical cannabis. This has resulted in patients being able to continue to access medical cannabis to alleviate pain from arthritis.



**ACCESS TO  
CRITICAL  
ARTHRITIS INFO  
FOR 1,000,000**



**1500+ KIDS  
WITH ARTHRITIS  
ATTENDED CAMP**



**FUNDING FOR  
IMPORTANT  
RESEARCH  
INVESTMENTS**



**SUPPORT FOR  
10 ARTHRITIS  
CENTRES  
ACROSS CANADA**



**SUPPORT FOR  
IMPORTANT  
ADVOCACY  
ISSUES**