

We believe health research has the power to change the world.

# DMRF HEALTH RESEARCH AREAS OF IMPACT

## WHERE DMRF STANDS IN THE HEALTH RESEARCH LANDSCAPE

Advancing health research outcomes to positively impact whole human health is a vital aspect of the work DMRF conducts each day. Determining which health research areas require the most attention involves a comprehensive knowledge of the health issues impacting people both locally and abroad. Working from a lens of innovation and efficiency, DMRF strives to be proactive and responsive, addressing the many health issues we know to already exist, while also being prepared to nimby provide the best support when an unexpected situation arises.

## HOW DO WE DO THIS?

For over 40 years, DMRF has worked collaboratively with Dalhousie's health faculties, partnering health institutions, and donors, to fund the health research priorities that mean the most to the people of this community and beyond. DMRF is pleased to have alignment with Dalhousie University's strategic pillars that focus on high-impact research, civic university with global impact, inclusive excellence, and exceptional student experience. In consultation with our key stakeholders, we created our own pillars of excellence, and we are investing for impact. We study the health issues of today. We meet with those working in the health industries. We ask our donors, "what matters most to you?". Then we ask ourselves, "how can we make the most impact."

# BRAIN HEALTH ACROSS THE LIFESPAN

Brain health is a vast research field that encompasses conditions ranging from early childhood development and its connections to mental health, severe mental health conditions like bipolar disorder, major depression, and schizophrenia, along with post traumatic stress, Multiple Sclerosis, Parkinson's, and forms of dementia, including Alzheimer's disease.



## IMPACT SNAPSHOT

DMRF donors have already made a significant impact on the funding for brain health, including Dr. Rudolf Uher's pioneering Families Overcoming Risks and Building Opportunities for Well-being (FORBOW), Dr. Ken Rockwood, and Dr. Sultan Darvesh's ground-breaking work in Alzheimer's research.