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The DMRF Influencers for Health Research

THE INAUGURAL DMRF INFLUENCERS FOR HEALTH RESEARCH EVENT AWARDED A \$50,000 GRANT TO SUPPORT SEVERE MENTAL HEALTH RESEARCH.



When you join the DMRF Influencers for Health Research, at either the Influencer or Influencer Champion level, you become a dedicated, two-year supporter, and an influencer of local, leading-edge health research. As an Influencer, you can expect exclusive research updates and an opportunity to network with community philanthropists and health professionals, while selecting which project your membership pledges will support.

On Thursday, November 4th, Dalhousie Medical Research Foundation granted \$50,000 at the very first Influencer Social held in the Peggy Corkum Music Room in Halifax. At the event, three local health researchers each had ten minutes to pitch their mental health research project to this exclusive group of donors. These researchers were part of a granting competition in which their work was reviewed by our Scientific Advisory Committee. The Influencers then voted on which research study would be granted the \$50,000, which was an accumulation of \$25,000 from their giving, and a \$25,000 match by DMRF.

Mental health research was the area of focus for this year's Influencer event. This research area was voted for by DMRF Influencers earlier in the year. The three researchers presenting their mental health focused work included Dr. Abraham Nunes, Dr. Margot Latimer and research partner John Sylliboy, and Dr. Cynthia (Cindy) Calkin, who was chosen as the \$50,000 grantee at the event.



"DMRF is committed to investing in research excellence, as are the donors that support this innovative work," says DMRF CEO, Joanne Bath. "We were proud to introduce the inaugural DMRF Influencers for Health Research Grant. This grant has been supported by a group of individuals across the Maritimes and beyond who care deeply about the impact of local health research. Each year, we will be supporting a research area voted on by this Influencer group."

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