

DMRF Influencers

FOR HEALTH RESEARCH

MS. KATHERINE RISLEY & MR. TRUMAN MAILMAN

We have a number of close friends and colleagues involved with DMRF. Through conversations, we found out about the great things going on and the opportunity to play a role in the advancement of DMRF's health research projects. More importantly, we wanted to see how our donation was being put to use. Through the Influencers program, we can actively participate in the presentations and selection process, and we were able to have a direct say on which research project our funds would support. Meeting the candidates, hearing about their projects and subsequent benefits made it exciting for us. We're looking forward to facility tours and learning more about the exciting research going on in Halifax!



MS. LISA BAYERS

I heard about DMRF through a client of mine who motivated me to learn more. I am a new donor to DMRF and excited to support a great organization with such a long history of impacts to the medical industry. By being a champion for the Health Influencers program, I am able to engage with, and learn about world class research that happens at home here in Halifax. The gift amounts for this program are reasonable for smaller businesses or individuals looking to expand their personal philanthropy, while significant enough to make an impact. As a Realtor, I also value the opportunity to network with like-minded community members and professionals who also care about improving the health of our communities and our healthcare system.



MR. AND MRS. STEVE & JUNE SCARFF

As owners of a family-operated business, nothing is more important to us than supporting those within our local communities. When DMRF came onto our radar, what stuck out the most was their funding of a wide range of health researchers in Nova Scotia. Health research affects all of us, and we like that DMRF addresses this by making impacts in many areas for our local communities. We recommend the DMRF Influencers for Health Research program because it provides an opportunity to be hands-on with our donation. After attending the first Influencer Social in November 2021, we had the chance to connect with our fellow Influencers. At the event, we were blown away by the three researchers who pitched their groundbreaking research projects that would be happening right in our own back yard! Saying “yes” to becoming a Health Research Influencer was easy but saying “yes” to which project to fund was hard as they were all exceptional! We look forward to the upcoming fall event.

MS. ANGELA BHUTANI

The health issues that are being addressed by some of Dalhousie University's scientists and researchers—dementia, childhood cancer, cancers of the liver—have impacted members of my family, friends and clients. My mother has been battling various cancers over the last number of years and has undergone invasive surgeries, including one to remove a sizeable cancerous tumor in her liver. These issues are only growing in prevalence, so I support research in early detection or less invasive treatments, no matter where that research is being conducted. I know that Dalhousie University has drawn top students, researchers and practitioners from its local pool of talent and from countries around the world. This last point is important, as I believe this diversity only serves to improve innovation and greater collaboration. The on-site visits I was provided, and the chance I had to meet researchers such as Dr. Daniel Boyd, helped affirm this for me.

