

## MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD CHAIR MS. JANET MACMILLAN

This past fiscal year has been one of achievement for DMRF, as we celebrated our growth with a new visual identity and narrative, created our mission-oriented fundraising priorities, and established several new grants for health researchers at Dalhousie University.

And that's the role we play at DMRF; we are seekers of the most outstanding health research projects at Dalhousie, and there are plenty. We work with you, our donors, to connect you to the projects that mean the most to you, so you can be part of our mission to improve health research outcomes both near and far.

I joined the DMRF board because research covers the entire human health spectrum. Health research has the power to change the face of every disease and condition, while furthering systemic change for those who need it most. My fellow board members are compassionate community leaders from all areas of expertise, with one goal in mind: support this foundation by raising funds to attract and retain the best talent, bolster our local economy by bringing dollars and jobs to this region and, most importantly, enhance health.

The DMRF Board has an honourable history, dating back to 1976, when Dr. Donald Hatcher was appointed the Dean of Medicine at Dalhousie University. He quickly noted that the quality of the lab equipment in the Sir Charles Tupper Medical Building was reaching its tenure and needed updating. Recognizing the local talent in health research, as well as the need for medical research and development in the region, Dr. Hatcher committed to fundraising enough to present his faculty with innovative equipment and sufficient resources to ensure and build the momentum of ground-breaking research.

I know I'm in good company with you, our donors, because investing in health research is an act of care and compassion of the highest order.



Dr. Hatcher went on to form the Dalhousie Medical Research Foundation, meeting with local philanthropists, and prominent community members to contribute to the initial funds. 43 years later, we have raised over \$110 million dollars and built an \$85 million endowment, all for local health research. This is in no small part thanks to you, our donors, who have been essential to making this foundation what it is today.

I know our founding board members would want to thank you.

I thank you.

Moving forward, DMRF is eager to grow our relationship with Dalhousie University, so their health research portfolio is funded to its maximum capacity. For decades, DMRF has made the researchers at Dalhousie our number one priority on your behalf, and we look forward to the next chapter of this evolution.

I hope you enjoy this beautiful report, designed to show you the impact of your immense generosity.

With thanks,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Janet MacMillan". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Janet MacMillan  
Board Chair  
Dalhousie Medical Research Foundation