

Press Release

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Calgary Chapter of the MS Society Sends \$1,200,000 to Research

The Calgary Chapter of the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada has had a record breaking year! The success of the **Super Cities Walk**, the **MS Bike Tour**, the **Carnation Campaign**, and community based **Partnership Events** has enabled the Calgary Chapter to allocate \$1.2M for MS research – the largest amount contributed to research by any Chapter in Canada.

Calgary based research programs are currently receiving a large amount of funds from the MS Society. Calgary scientists that have received grant support include Dr. Christopher Power, Dr. Ross Mitchell, Dr. Luanne Metz and Dr. Voon Wee Yong. Nationally, the University of Calgary ranks second in grant support from the MS Society.

Our mission: To be a leader in finding the cure for multiple sclerosis and enabling people affected by MS to enhance their quality of life.

MS is the most common disease of the central nervous system affecting over 50,000 young adults in Canada. Generally, MS strikes those primarily between the ages of 15 to 40 and almost three times as many woman than men are affected. Although MS is not a children's disease, children as young as three years of age have been diagnosed with multiple sclerosis.

Thanks to the leadership and commitment of MS Society chapters and units, donors and event participants, in 2003 the Society was able to commit an additional \$3.5 million to innovative multi-year research projects and scholarships. On an annual basis, the MS Society research program totals over \$6 million.

For more information about the MS Society, our services and events visit our website at www.msocalgary.org

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