

# Press Release

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## **Sobeys/IGA Wins Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada BOARD CHAIR'S SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARD**

This is awarded to a group or business that has made an outstanding contribution to the MS Society. They have supported the RONA MS Bike Tour through donations of groceries for the event, and promoting awareness of MS within their stores. They also organized their own in-store fundraising campaign and entered a team. Their team raised over \$119,000 and become the top fundraising team in Canada.

With involvement by community partners such as Sobeys/IGA, the Calgary Chapter was able to raise \$850,000 for MS research – the largest amount raised 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.

- ◆ 2001 & 2004 recipient of the prestigious Donner Canadian Foundation Award for Services to the Disabled.
- ◆ 2000 recipient of the prestigious Donner Canadian Foundation Award for Excellence in the Delivery of Social Services, recognizing the Calgary Chapter as the top social service agency in Canada. In addition, the Chapter also received the Donner Canadian Foundation Award for Services to the Disabled.

For more information about the MS Society of Canada, our services and events visit our website at [www.msocalgary.org](http://www.msocalgary.org).

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