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"For several years now, we have been aggressively expanding our research program. Our commitment is to fund increasing amounts of research and to look at new initiatives and trends, in order to find a cure as quickly as we can."

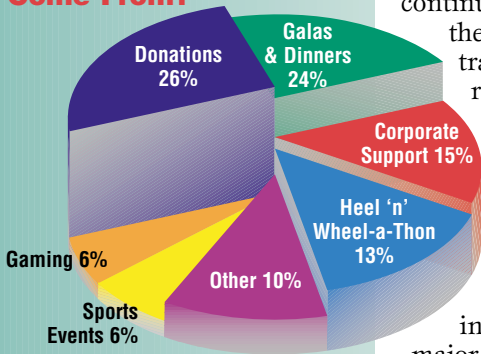
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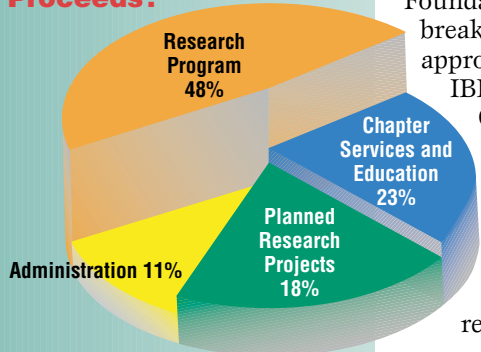
How does the Foundation raise money?

CCFC volunteers plan and manage a wide variety of fundraising programs across Canada. For years, they have invested in gala dinners, sports tournaments and other special events, always focused on directing the largest possible proportion of fundraising profits ("proceeds") toward medical research.

Where Do the Fundraising Proceeds Come From?



How Does the Foundation Spend its Fundraising Proceeds?



Research: Our Highest Priority

In 2001/2002, the CCFC proudly invested close to \$2.71 million in top-calibre Canadian inflammatory bowel disease (IBD) research projects. We allocated a further \$1.13 million in our research reserve fund for the development of new initiatives to expand the range of our work.

The CCFC Research Program funds the most promising Canadian IBD research and the training of future investigators. In the spring of 2002, the CCFC awarded **Grants in Aid of Research** for nine new IBD investigations. We also continued our commitment to the development and training of future IBD researchers by funding a **new CCFC Finkelstein Fellowship** and four new **Summer Student Scholarships**. In total, the CCFC invested in more than 45 major medical research projects, fellowships and scholarships across Canada in 2001/2002.

In early May, the Foundation hosted a groundbreaking conference with approximately 60 leading IBD researchers from Canada, the United States and Europe. **IBD 2002: Opportunities and Challenges in IBD** included discussions on the latest in research discoveries and

new ideas. Its aim? To help the Foundation identify new goals and directions for our research programs in order to accelerate our quest for a cure.

The **Canadian IBD Network Tissue Bank** continues to expand. An increasing number of physicians and researchers have enrolled and begun submitting tissue and clinical data from recently-diagnosed IBD patients. We are also launching two new studies to investigate the role of microbes as a causal factor in the development of IBD. These studies will make use of the tissue and data currently being collected in the Tissue Bank.

Education: Playing a vital role

While research is our highest priority, educating Canadians about IBD is also a vital part of what we do.

Newly-diagnosed patients and their families benefited from CCFC volunteer groups in some 90 communities across Canada. Our volunteer Chapters distributed thousands of free education brochures and organized education events featuring presentations by physicians, nurses and other health professionals involved in the treatment and management of IBD. *The Journal*, our national flagship publication, continued to inform members of the latest developments in IBD research and treatment.

We are reaching more people than ever before through our web site, www.ccfc.ca. It is a primary source of information, both for newcomers and for CCFC members and volunteers. The number of visitor sessions registered on our web site has risen steadily for the last three years, reaching more than 18,000 a month in 2001/2002.

We're small but efficient

The CCFC invests 89% of its fundraising proceeds in research and education. A small staff of 28 supports services to some 65,000 members, volunteers and supporters across Canada. We spend a modest 11% of our fundraising proceeds on administration.

The Foundation's financial statements are audited annually. Our financial practices are consistent with the standards of the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants and we comply with all government reporting requirements. In addition, our volunteer National Board of Directors monitors our management and programs.

The CCFC is a proud member of the Canadian Marketing Association and subscribes to the Canadian Centre for Philanthropy's Ethical Fundraising and Financial Accountability Code.

"As we highlight another year of success, I offer my personal thanks to the legion of members, volunteers and supporters who make it all possible. They are the force that is moving us toward the cure."

Michael Burrows
CCFC National President

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