



# Help Give our Research a Home

## Invest in the future of arthritis research

Arthritis research is the only way to find answers that will improve and save lives for people living with arthritis. Help us protect our future.

Arthritis affects over 6 million Canadians, young and old. It is the most costly chronic disease in Canada and the number one reason for work disability in our country. Arthritis costs the Canadian economy \$33 billion annually and yet, receives just 2% of the available research dollars in Canada.

This move will bring Arthritis Research Canada into the heart of British Columbia's medical and research centres of excellence and close to our affiliated institutions and collaborators. Our new location will be desirable for attracting new and outstanding talent to further complement our multidisciplinary team.

By investing in Arthritis Research Canada, you will help create a home that fosters collaboration for ground-breaking arthritis research now and for the future.

### CAMPAIGN GOAL

# \$2.5 Million



- Unit 230 - 2238 Yukon Street, Vancouver.
- Steps from Vancouver's medical hub and downtown.

**"Our research gives people the tools and treatments to live life to the fullest despite arthritis."**

- Dr. Diane Lacaille, Scientific Director

## ABOUT ARTHRITIS RESEARCH CANADA

- Largest clinical arthritis research organization in North America
- 20+ years of life-changing arthritis research
- National organization, headquartered in BC
- 4 centres across Canada (BC, AB, QC)
- 5 major Canadian universities
- A team of world-class research scientists and staff
- 100+ research studies aimed at preventing arthritis, facilitating early diagnosis, new and better treatments, and improving quality of life for people with arthritis

## Leading research. Finding answers. Saving lives.

For the past eight years, through the generosity of the Milan & Maureen Ilich Foundation, Arthritis Research Canada has benefited from rent-free space at the Progressive Construction building in Richmond. With that site slated for redevelopment, our Board initiated an intensive search to locate a new facility to meet Arthritis Research Canada's immediate needs and ensure capacity for future growth as the leading clinical arthritis research organization in North America.

In the summer of 2020, with the drop in real estate prices and low interest rates, Arthritis Research Canada was in a strong position to consider purchasing a new space. Through sound financial research and diligence that included thorough variance analysis and a mortgage stress test – it became clear that owning space was a more practical and financially viable option than leasing. Additionally, as a charity property owner in Vancouver, we are exempt from paying property tax.

This decision is already saving the organization money. Our goal now is to conduct a Capital Campaign to raise the funds to cover our down payment to ensure our future is solidly protected.

## In the heart of the medical community

