



### ANNUAL REPORT 2016-2017

# HITTING THE Slopes to keep Hope Alive

In the winter of 1999, 63 year-old Rob Lutterman went to see his doctor. He had not been feeling quite like himself. He had started losing weight and was unusually tired.

It was right then and there that he was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer.

"Rob was healthy and otherwise energetic. He wasn't showing any symptoms and he wasn't in any pain. We were shocked by his diagnosis," explains his widow Fran.

Rob began chemotherapy right away. Surgery was not an option as the disease had already progressed to other organs. Lack of symptoms meant that Rob had lived with pancreatic cancer for some time without knowing it.

"Rob didn't know he had cancer until it was too late, he passed away four short months after his diagnosis," says Fran.

#### Skiing for a Cure for Pancreatic Cancer

After Rob's passing, Fran and their two children Joel and Randy, along with other family members and friends all agreed that they wanted to do something to honour his memory. Ski for a Cure emerged as the most suitable way to pay tribute to Rob, an event which brings loved ones together to raise funds for pancreatic cancer research. "Ski for a Cure came to mind because of Rob's true passion for skiing. There was nothing that Rob loved more than to spend time skiing with our family at his favorite mountain, Mont Sutton in Quebec's Eastern Townships."



FRAN WITH HER CHILDREN JOEL AND RANDY

Ski for a Cure became an annual affair and this year marked its 18<sup>th</sup> edition. On February 18<sup>th</sup>, friends and family members gathered at Mont Sutton for their annual tribute to Rob and to all those, who like him, lost their battle to cancer. The number 18 has a special significance in Hebrew; Chai symbolizes hope. **"Our hope is one for a cure for pancreatic cancer and early detection of the disease,"** Fran says. Over \$1.2 million dollars have been distributed in research grants thanks to the funds raised through Ski for a Cure over the years. **"We chose to honour Rob's memory by raising money for the Cancer Research Society because the Society funds a lot of excellent researchers across the country,"** Fran says. **"And we were proud that the fund we created through Ski for a Cure was the first one dedicated to pancreatic cancer research at the Society."** 

#### Hope for the Future

Thanks to research, we know more about pancreatic cancer today than 18 years ago. But sadly, it still remains the deadliest form of cancer. It is a very sneaky disease that progresses quickly before being discovered because the first symptoms are absent or subtle, as was the case for Rob.

Despite these facts, Fran remains optimistic that important breakthroughs will be achieved in the near future.



FRAN AND Her companion leonard

"We will keep on fighting as we are confident that the researchers we are helping to fund will come through with life-saving discoveries."

#### **About Pancreatic Cancer**

Pancreatic cancer develops when malignant cells form in the tissues of the pancreas, a gland located behind the stomach and in front of the spine. Pancreatic cancer is so deadly because it is difficult to diagnose. Thus, the majority of cases are unfortunately not detected in the early stages when the tumour is the most treatable.

Pancreatic cancer is the fourth leading cause of cancer-related death and the one that presents the lowest survival rate: only eight percent of Canadians diagnosed with pancreatic cancer survive five years after their diagnosis.

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### A WORD FROM OUR PRESIDENT AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER Max Fehlmann



It is with great enthusiasm and pride that I accepted the challenge of leading and growing the Cancer Research Society at the beginning of 2017.

I was (several decades ago!!!) a researcher specializing in immunology and oncology and I am therefore very much aware of the issues surrounding the search for new solutions with respect to prevention, diagnostic and treatment of this terrible disease. The progress which has been made since I worked in the laboratory has been spectacular! Back in the day, two out of every three patients died from the disease; today it's less than one third, all cancers combined. I am convinced that research will quickly bring us to the point where cancer will be considered a chronic disease which we will know how to treat and learn to live with.

The Cancer Research Society is a formidable tool for aiding researchers attain their objectives. We do so

with pugnacity, conviction and transparency and have been doing so for almost 75 years. The team I now lead is totally devoted to this very noble cause and the volunteers who support us are present every day of the year.

You will find in our Annual Report that the progress achieved by the scientists we finance is remarkable and that our efforts become more effective every day. We are on the right path and you will quickly see that the strategies we are putting in place will make our organization an undeniable leader in the fight against this disease.

MAX FEHLMANN President and Chief Executive Officer

# A WORD FROM OUR CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### Martin Thibodeau

It is with great pride that I accepted to chair the Board of Directors of the Cancer Research Society in 2016.

I truly believe in the mission of this organization which, for more than 70 years, has been supporting the best scientists in the country in their journey towards discovering solutions to beat cancer.

The Society was the first in the country to dedicate itself exclusively to funding cancer research and that is still its objective today. The battle is long because the disease is complex, but research remains our best hope of beating it.

In order to successfully continue this long tradition, it will take perseverance as well as innovative thinking. This is why the Board of Directors established ambitious goals to achieve in the next five years, in order to make an even greater difference in the battle against cancer. Our strategic plan requires rigor, creativity, innovation and collaboration. Together, I know we will achieve it!

The 2016–2017 year was synonymous with change and hope. Most notably, we welcomed a new President and Chief Executive Officer, Max Fehlmann. I am pleased to collaborate with Max who, for his vast experience both as a scientist and a manager, will be an important asset for ensuring the long-term viability of the Society. I thank his predecessor, Andy Chabot, who led the Society for more than eight years. I salute Domenic Pilla, who was Chairman of the Board of Directors before my arrival. Also, I wish to thank all the members of the Board of Directors for their constant support in all our projects. Finally, I would like to thank, from the bottom of my heart, all the employees and volunteers who embody the Society's mission every day.

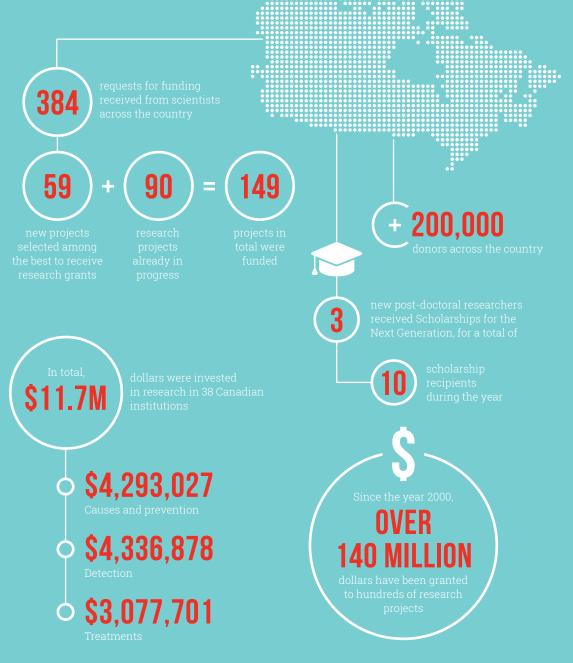
I hope you enjoy reading through this Annual Report, which presents the main achievements of 2017.

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MARTIN THIBODEAU Chairman of the Board of Directors



## THE YEAR 2016–2017 IN NUMBERS



# RESEARCH: THE HEART of our mission

#### **Our Expert Committees**

In order to guide our strategic decisions with regard to research, as well as to ensure a high level of scientific rigor, we count on our **Scientific Advisory Committee**, which is composed of eminent Canadian researchers and doctors.

In 2017, the Cancer Research Society named a new president for its Scientific Advisory Committee. Michel L. Tremblay, professor at the Department of Biochemistry at McGill University and researcher at the Goodman Cancer Research Centre, replaces Ivan Robert Nabi, who led the Committee from 2011 to 2016.

We would like to extend our warmest thanks to the members of the Scientific Advisory Committee who provide us with valuable advice and experience on a volunteer basis:

- MICHEL L. TREMBLAY President
- Dwayne Barber
- Mark Basik
- Eduardo Franco
- Doug Gray
- Aly Karsan
- Lynne Postovit
- Donna Senger



The Society also counts upon its **Medical Expert Committee**, which is responsible for all medical questions and issues. These experts, who also offer their help on a volunteer basis, are doctors specializing in oncology:

- Rebecca Auer
- Mark Basik
- Louis Gaboury
- Karen Gelmon
- Anand Ghanekar
- Michelle Ghert
- Wassim Kassouf
- Denis Soulières
- Jean-Luc Urbain
- Peter Watson
- Sam Wiseman
- George Zogopoulos

Finally, our **Expert Grant Review Committees** assist us in the distribution of our research grants by overseeing our rigorous selection process. Composed of roughly one hundred reviewers, these committees evaluate each application according to strict requirements so that we can finance the most promising research projects.

Our thanks go out to the Chairs of our Expert Grant Review Committees as well as all the reviewers who generously donated countless hours of their time to analyzing close to 400 research grant applications received in the last year. Our Committee presidents are:

- Jean-François Côté
- Andrew Craig
- Jim Dimitroulakos
- Peter Greer
- Jean-Sébastien Delisle Jeffrey Medin

## **OUR RESEARCHERS AT WORK**

Our Expert Grant Review Committees selected only the best of the best among the 384 grant applications received in the last year. Thanks to the generosity of our donors and partners, 59 new research grants were bestowed to the best researchers. Attributed annually, our research grants are for a period of two years and a total amount of \$120,000.



HANADI SLEIMAN McGill University



**PETER GREER** Queen's University

New HER2 breast cancer therapeutic approach using DNA-based nanostructures for targeted drug delivery

"Cancer continues to touch our lives, with devastating consequences. Our team would like to create molecular "containers" that only release anticancer drugs in cancer cells. Treatment will be more effective, with reduced side-effects and drug resistance." Evaluating the Arpin protein as a potential therapeutic target in breast cancer

"Without funding from the Society, we would not have been able to pursue our research. It is the tireless efforts of volunteer fundraisers and dedicated staff at the CRS that have made our discoveries possible. My trainees, staff and I are sincerely grateful for the opportunity provided to us, and we promise to continue working hard to bring discoveries to fruition."



SABINE MAI CancerCare Manitoba, Research Institute in Oncology and Hematology

#### Imaging approach for the measurement of disease progression in myeloma patients

"Thanks to the funding of the Cancer Research Society and its partners, we were able to define mechanisms leading to changes in the 3D spatial organization of the genome in multiple myeloma cells. Our goal is to translate these findings to the clinic, for the benefit of patients." **RALF SCHIRRMACHER** University of Alberta

Development of an imaging technique allowing for the proper identification of high-risk versus low-risk neuroblastoma as an early diagnosis in children

"It is highly motivating to find new cancer diagnostic procedures that especially benefit the recovery process of young children suffering from neuroblastoma. The Cancer Research Society is one of the few visionary granting agencies that support early research ideas that might translate into game-changing clinical procedures to cure cancer."



**KEVIN BENNEWITH** BC Cancer Agency

# The role of a T lymphocyte subpopulation in solid tumour metastasis

"Cancer has taken away family members and friends far too often. My research career is devoted to developing diagnostic tools and therapeutic strategies that will help reduce the number of deaths each year due to metastatic cancer."



RODNEY OUELLETTE Atlantic Cancer Research Institute

Identification upon biomarkers found in urine extracellular vesicles that predict prostate cancer presence and aggressiveness

"It is essential to highlight the importance of the donors to the Cancer Research Society in making research like ours possible. The donors are an essential part of finding solutions to prostate cancer."



# HELPING THE NEXT GENERATION OF SCIENTISTS

In addition to distributing funds to the country's best researchers, the Society also supports young scientists at the postdoctoral level in order to ensure their transition to a career at a Canadian university or research centre.

This year, three new recipients were selected to receive a Scholarship for the Next Generation of Scientists. This funding is for \$160,000 over three years, which ensures their salary during the last year of their postdoctoral fellowship and then supports their research, thanks to a two-year grant, once they have obtained a research scientist's position.



#### David Labbé

David Labbé will come back to the country once he has finished his postdoctoral fellowship at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in Boston. He will begin his career as a research scientist at the Research Institute of the McGill University Health Centre, where he will study the effect of diet and obesity on epigenomics, and the risks of developing prostate cancer.

#### François Bordeleau

François Bordeleau is finishing his postdoctoral fellowship at Vanderbilt University in the state of Tennessee. The Centre de recherche du CHU de Québec-Université Laval will welcome him, where he intends on pursuing his research into 2D and 3D cellular models to study the link between cancer tissue stiffness and metastasis.





#### Frédéric Lessard

A postdoctoral fellow at Université de Montréal, Frédéric Lessard plans to study novel biomarkers of cellular aging used to distinguish benign from malignant tumours and their response to therapies.

# OUR SIGNATURE EVENTS

Our various Signature events allow us to gather together as a community in order to make a collective difference in the battle against cancer.

Again this year, our three landmark events were a resounding success thanks to the participation of thousands of people. Our thanks to all our partners, donors and participants for their support as well as to our volunteers who worked tirelessly to ensure our Signature events were a success!







#### The Urban BBQ, a Recipe for Success **1**

The 4<sup>th</sup> edition of the Urban BBQ presented by RBC Royal Bank broke all records this year by raising \$505,000 (net!). Nearly 900 guests gathered at Windsor Station on May 25<sup>th</sup> for a delicious menu elaborated by Ricardo Larrivée and prepared by Marc-André Jetté and his catering team. Stéphane Rousseau hosted the event.

In only four years, more than a dozen research projects were funded thanks to the Urban BBQ which has raised more than one and a half million dollars.

Our thanks to our guests and our organizing committee headed by Nadine Renaud-Thinker and to the event's Honorary Chairman, Martin Thibodeau, both from the RBC Royal Bank. See you next year on May 31<sup>st</sup> as we will celebrate the 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Urban BBQ! "I am moved and proud at how our community has rallied to this important cause which affects so many people. The benefits of the Urban BBQ have a direct impact on the research efforts by our best scientists across Canada."

#### **MARTIN THIBODEAU**

President, Quebec Headquarters, RBC Royal Bank and Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Cancer Research Society.

#### A Sunny Cyclo-Golf Classic 3

Despite a rather grey summer, the sun was out on August 17<sup>th</sup> at the Elm Ridge golf club in Île Bizard for the 24<sup>th</sup> edition of the Cyclo-Golf Classic. Close to 150 participants took advantage of the beautiful day to play golf or go cycling, after having collectively raised a net amount of \$207,000 for the Society **(**).



Since its inception in 1993, the event has allowed the Society to distribute more than 3 million dollars in research grants to the most promising researchers in the country.



#### Another Successful Year for the CRS Challenge Program <sup>(3)</sup>

Our spokesperson, Stéphane Rousseau, joined the participants who braved the highest peaks in the Canary Islands last February as part of the CRS Challenge. With fantastic views as a background, the team trekked approximately six hours per day in order to traverse the steep and rugged 80-kilometre trail. It was the third CRS Challenge for Stéphane Rousseau. The actor and comedian walked the last 300 kilometres of the Camino de Santiago de Compostella in Spain in 2011 and was part of the group who trekked 125 kilometres in five days on the hilly trails of Cinque Terre in Italy in 2013.

Since the launch of the CRS Challenge program in 2010, more than 5 million dollars have been raised for research. Aside from the Canary Islands, other destinations were on the menu this year! Our warmest thanks go out to all our participants in the CRS Challenge who braved the heights of Kilimanjaro and Machu Picchu, the runners in the New York Marathon, the hikers in the rugged peaks of Madeira and the Grand Canyon, as well as all the adventurers who climbed the volcanoes of Italy.

"It was an honour for me to accompany a group who was willing to rise to great challenges in the name of such an important cause: cancer research. Each participant walks for someone near and dear to them and each has a touching cancer story to share. It's quite the happening, both physically and emotionally."

#### **STÉPHANE ROUSSEAU**



# COMMUNITY EVENTS

People from around the country rally every year in order to put together different activities to raise money for the Society. In the past few months alone, we saw dozens of volunteers organize a variety of fundraisers, all touching and at times colourful.

Our thanks go out to all organizers and participants who collectively raised almost \$300,000 for cancer research.

- Douglas Shapiro Golf Tournament
- Odding Family Golf Tournament
- Dodge 4 a Cure
- 5<sup>th</sup> Vicki Woloschuk Memorial "Nine and Wine" Golf Tournament
- Read for the Cure
- Comité d'Action Sociale et Artisanale (CASA) St-Eugène
- Vente d'aquarelles -Linda Gattuso
- Movember Dance of the Royal Canadian Legion
- Bazar des tricoteuses de Cité Rive
- Spectacle bénéfice Alexia Turcot
- Axxel Party de Noël
- Collecte de fonds Amerigo Esposito
- Vente de bijoux Les fantaisies de Lili
- Calendrier de l'Avent Centre de détention de Montréal
- Vente de sirop d'érable -Francine Rouleau
- Seul dans le froid -Martin Robert-Alarie
- · Journée en rouge Acier AGF
- Le Tricheur Tatiana Polevoy
- LaSalle Legion Annual Cancer Dart Tournament
- Ras le coco du cancer -Annick Labelle
- Défi caritatif Banque Scotia

- World Master Games Marie-Hélène Pedneau
- Colore la cause
- Step Up for the Cure -Vanier-Massey High School
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- Pèlerinage André La Boissière
- Gilles et Julie Blier -Souper 50° anniversaire
- Zumbathon Maria Raquel Santi
- Marche Domaine du rêve
  Spin-o-thon -
- Anny Piché-Montplaisir
- Tournoi de golf David Boutin
- Vente de calendriers des pompières

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#### More than One Million Dollars Raised through Read for the Cure in Ten Years

It was an impressive tenth anniversary for Read for the Cure: the one million dollar mark was surpassed! Established in 2006 by four members of a Toronto book club who were all affected by cancer in some way, this literary event expanded to other Canadian cities with time. The objective? Raise money to study



the environmental causes of cancer for the Cancer Research Society during an evening when three successful authors discuss their creative process. Thanks to several partners, among them the publisher Penguin Random House, 100 percent of the money collected in ticket sales is given to cancer research.

The volunteers from Read for the Cure were honoured for their 10 years of devotion and more than 1.2 million dollars raised for cancer research by Cancer Research Society staff and board members. 1

#### A Calendar of Women Firefighters for Breast Cancer Research **2**

The sale of a calendar featuring twelve women firefighters in their daily work collected \$11,000 to fund research projects pertaining to breast cancer. The firefighters worked long and hard, dedicating several weekends to selling the calendars to various retailers across Quebec!

#### A Record \$12,500 Raised for the 4<sup>th</sup> Edition of la Journée de la Marche du Rêve <sup>(3)</sup>

The Journée de la Marche du Rêve (Walk for the Dream Day) was held for the fourth time last July at the Domaine du Rêve camping site in Sainte-Angèlede-Monnoir.

In addition to the Walk, participants could enjoy numerous organized activities such as dance classes and a train ride. It was a day for fun and raising \$12,500 for the Cancer Research Society. Our thanks to Julie Duguay, her family and all her committee members.

See you in 2018 for the 5<sup>th</sup> edition!

#### A Golf Tournament in Memory of a Cherished Colleague and Friend

Vicki Woloschuck died in 2011, at the age of 53, after a battle with cancer. Since then, her colleagues from the Association of Registered Interior Designers of Ontario (ARIDO), her family and her friends, who rally every year to organize a golf tournament for the Cancer Research Society, decided to rename the event in her honour. To date, the tournament has collected close to \$25,000, of which roughly \$4,500 were raised at the most recent edition.

## THANK YOU To our donors And partners

#### **Our Collaborators**

We work closely with several organizations across the country in order to pool our funds in support of research. These collaborations ensure that we are able to finance more research projects.

### We wish to thank all our partners who helped us have an even greater impact this year.

- Alberta Innovates
- Atlantic Cancer Research Institute (ACRI)
- Beatrice Hunter Cancer Research Institute
- Breast Cancer Society of Canada
- C17 Council
- Canadian Institutes of Health Research
- Cancer Research Society Division of Epidemiology
   at McGill University
- CancerCare Manitoba Foundation
- CURE Foundation
- Exactis Innovation
- Fonds de recherche du Québec Santé (FRQS)
- Institute of Cancer Research CIHR
- Merck Canada
- Myeloma Canada
- New Brunswick Health Research Foundation
- Ovarian Cancer Canada
- Pancreatic Cancer Canada Foundation
- PROCURE Biobank/Cancer Research Society Partnership
- Quebec Breast Cancer Foundation
- Quebec Ministry of Economy, Science and Innovation Québec
- The Guzzo Environment-Cancer Research Chair of the Cancer Research Society at Université de Montréal
- University of Ottaw
- Ottawa Hospital Research Institute (OHRI)
- The Ottawa Hospital Foundation (TOHF)

#### Our Corporate Donors

### Our warm thanks go out to our generous corporate donors for their support for cancer research during the last fiscal year.

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#### \$25,000 TO \$99,999

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- BMO Cancer Research Society MasterCard
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- Innovairre Studios
- McKesson Canada
- Saputo
- Telus / Team Telus Charitable Giving Program / Telus Health

#### \$10,000 TO \$24,999

- Agropur Dairy Cooperative
- Alre Properties
- Alvin Segal Family Foundation
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- Unifood

#### \$5,000 TO \$9,999

- Armenian Relief Society of Laval (Walkathon)
- BCF Business Law
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#### **Our Individual Donors**

More than 200,000 donors encouraged us over the past year.

### We thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your trust and support!

#### Funds

Research or memorial funds are distinct funds which guarantee long-term financial support to the Society. A fund is an exceptional way to honour and perpetuate the memory of a loved one or to highlight a unique contribution to our organization.

#### Our thanks go out to those who contributed to the following funds which, in turn, allowed us to finance numerous research projects during the past year:

- · Andy & Léna Chabot Research Fund
- Ann Matyas Memorial Fund
- Benoit Gagnon Research Fund
- Charlotte Légaré Memorial Fund
- Fondation Bergeron-Jetté
- Give for the Cure
- Isaiah 40:31 Memorial Fund
- Jean Doré Research Fund
- Kathryn Jeanne Randle Memorial Fund
- R. Howard Webster Foundation
- Rina Primeau Memorial Fund
- Rob Lutterman Memorial Fund
- Steven E. Drabin Research Fund

#### Bequests

During the last year, we received roughly thirty bequests. We are always moved by the gesture and comforted by the fact that our donors leave behind a lasting heritage which has a significant impact in the fight against cancer. Thanks to their generosity, we received close to 2 million dollars which will be allocated to cancer research.

#### Our thanks go out to the following donors for contributions of more than one thousand dollars as well as to those who offered their bequests anonymously.

- Dean Allen
- Ella Elsie Anderson
- Ralph Creswell Arrowsmith
- Lise Cabana
- Thérèse Cartier
- Kathleen Elizabeth Cookson
- Joyce Susan Grech
- Claude Marsolais
- Ann Matyas
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- Nellie Mormul
- Michèle Paquette
- Gerard Adelard Peloquin
- Shirley Adelia Eagles Stevenson
- George Colin Temple

# **OUR FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**

Financial statements for the fiscal year ended August 31, 2017 show an increase of 13 per cent from donations originating from annual campaigns. To note, certain research projects incurred delays, which serves to explain the reduction in research partnership revenue. Also important to note is the emphasis placed during this period on deficit reduction. The resulting outlook is therefore favorable, with a nearly breakeven deficit and a healthy balance sheet.

### **Financial Operations**

FISCAL YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, Amounts expressed in Thousands of Dollars	2017	2016
	TOTAL \$	TOTAL \$
REVENUE		
Annual campaigns	12,336	10,944
Major and planned gifts	2,188	2,005
Fundraising projects and research partnerships	4,883	6,546
Investment income	1,058	1,813
	20,465	21,308
EXPENSES		
Annual campaigns	5,814	4,896
Major and planned gifts	276	374
Fundraising projects and research partnerships	967	958
Administration and amortization	1,736	1,433
	8,793	7,661
Excess available for research	11,672	13,647
<b>Research grants and fellowships</b> (including related administrative expenses)	11,708	14,121
(Deficiency) excess of revenue over expenses	(36)	(474)

### **Financial Position**

AS AT AUGUST 31, Amounts expressed in thousands of dollars	2017	2016
	TOTAL \$	TOTAL \$
ASSETS		
Cash	2,985	3,847
Accounts receivable	106	86
Prepaid expenses	234	239
Other assets	50	40
	3,375	4,212
Investments	28,341	27,451
Property, equipment and software	187	185
	31,903	31,848
LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	500	536
Deferred contributions	818	691
	1,318	1,227
FUND BALANCES		
Restricted	4,645	4,231
Unrestricted	25,940	26,390
	30,585	30,621
	31,903	31,848

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