



CELEBRATING OUR IMPACT

2016 ANNUAL IMPACT REPORT



Together we have the power to change the face of type 1 diabetes forever.

When we are this close to finding the answers, there is no time to wait.

When we are on the verge of defeating a disease that affects so many of the people we love, now is when we need to push further.

When we are closer than ever to finding lasting treatments and the elusive cure for T1D, now is the time to make it happen.

Now is when we need you the most.

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OUR MISSION

ADVANCING GAME-CHANGING TYPE 1 DIABETES RESEARCH

Type 1 diabetes (T1D) is an autoimmune disease that occurs when the body's immune system attacks and destroys the cells in the pancreas that make insulin. Unlike type 2 diabetes, T1D is not linked to being overweight, lack of exercise or other lifestyle factors. It is not curable or preventable and its cause is unknown.

WHY JDRF?

Since insulin was discovered in Canada in 1921, Canada has played a vital role in diabetes research. Founded over 40 years ago by families of children living with insulin-dependent T1D, JDRF Canada is one of seven JDRF affiliates worldwide.

Today, JDRF is the leading global organization funding T1D research in 17 countries. Our strength lies in our exclusive focus on this global effort to end T1D. As the central registry and gatekeeper

of the world's type 1 diabetes projects, JDRF tracks who is doing the best research and where, ensuring research teams are networked to eliminate duplication of effort and ensure that the most necessary and promising studies move forward, driving the pace of T1D scientific study. Since 1974, JDRF has funded, in whole or in part, nearly every major scientific breakthrough in T1D research worldwide.



LEADERSHIP MESSAGE

SHARING OUR IMPACT: A PIVOTAL YEAR



Matt Varey



Dave Prowten

We are excited to bring you our 2016 annual impact report; the year was a pivotal one for JDRF and T1D research in so many ways. And it was all made possible thanks to exceptional and generous donors, corporate partners, volunteers, employees, advocates and ambassadors – like you.

JDRF-funded researchers embarked upon many incredible areas of study in 2016. For example, one team in Toronto has begun investigating whether the dramatic increase in autoimmune disorders like T1D over the last 50 years has been affected by changes in levels of intestinal microbes over time – with the goal of identifying a new approach to treatment. In Edmonton, researchers are developing “scaffolding” technology to make islet transplants more successful and widely available. And in Montreal, another team is using 3D printing to create a transplantable bioartificial pancreas.

This is the sort of world-leading work that could not have been dreamed of ten years ago – and yet it is being pursued today, because of you. You can read more about these and other advancements – and the talented minds behind them – on p. 6.

Of course, research can only be effective when it is well planned, resourced and coordinated. We invite you to learn more about our plans to accelerate diabetes research in the next few

years (see In Our Lifetime, p. 12), and to meet some of the dedicated leadership volunteers and supporters who are already helping to make it happen.

We are very proud of our work nurturing our T1D community and advancing our goals in public education and advocacy in 2016, through programs such as Kids for a Cure Lobby Day and our impactful Myth Busters ad campaign. And thanks to you, we were also able to provide vital hope, support and information to thousands of newly diagnosed individuals and their families.

Our strong advocacy efforts throughout 2016 also led to an unprecedented funding partnership with the Government of Canada in 2017. The Partnership to Defeat Diabetes will see a total of \$30M supporting vital clinical trials research that will bring us closer to turning type one into type none.

Through it all, you were right there with us, helping to drive this remarkable progress. We trust we will be able to count on you again, because that is who our supporters are. They are passionate and committed – and they don't give up. Ever.

With gratitude,



Matt Varey
Chair
JDRF Canada



Dave Prowten
President & Chief
Executive Officer
JDRF Canada

REACH AND IMPACT

1900 - 2016 MILESTONES

1900

The chance of survival for a person living with type 1 diabetes (T1D) was 0.1%.

1921

Dr's. Frederick Banting and Charles Best discovered insulin in Toronto, Canada.



1974

The Juvenile Diabetes Foundation (Canada) was founded by parents of children with T1D.

1980

An experimental insulin pump was developed, which delivered a preprogrammed flow of insulin.

1990

The success rate of pancreas (whole or partial) transplants increased.

1999

The Edmonton Protocol was developed and the first transplant of pancreatic islets for the treatment of T1D was performed at the University of Alberta.

2006



- JDRF launched the Artificial Pancreas Project to speed the development of commercially available, fully automated systems to help people with T1D maintain normal blood glucose levels.
- The first generation of continuous glucose monitors (CGMs) was approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for general use in patients with T1D.

2008



JDRF-funded human clinical trials showed that people with T1D who regularly use CGM devices experience significant improvements in blood sugar control, without increasing their risk of low blood sugar emergencies.

2009



The JDRF Canadian Clinical Trial Network (CCTN) was created in partnership with the Government of Canada with a commitment of \$20 million by the Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario (FedDev Ontario), and an additional \$13.9 million contribution from JDRF.

2010

JDRF's CCTN successfully launched nine human clinical trials and two technology projects across four areas of research: Continuous Glucose Monitoring (CGM) Technologies and the Artificial Pancreas Project (APP), Diabetes Complications, Immune Therapies and Clinical Care Programs.



2011

- JDRF researchers identified a new drug that stimulates beta cell regeneration.
- JDRF funded over 53 human clinical trials, including those through JDRF's CCTN.

2012

- The Pediatric Pump Program with help from JDRF Advocacy provided funding for the cost of insulin pumps for Manitoba children and youth with T1D.
- The JDRF Artificial Pancreas Consortium conducted the first real-world test of an artificial pancreas system.

2013

- A Winnipeg-based researcher developed a first in-class therapy to prevent and reverse nerve damage in people living with diabetes.
- JDRF-supported academic researchers identified pathways to stimulate beta cell proliferation, which aid the body's ability to produce insulin.
- JDRF created the Encapsulation Consortium, bringing together a group of 25+ experts in beta cell implantation.

2014

JDRF's CCTN launched its expansion to western Canada.



2015

- ViaCyte, Inc., a privately held regenerative medicine company with the first stem cell-derived islet replacement therapy for the treatment of diabetes in clinical trials, received a No Objection Letter from Health Canada providing clearance to proceed with sites in Canada for its phase 1 and 2 clinical trials.
- The first Canadians participated in ViaCyte's phase 1 and 2 clinical trials in Edmonton.

2016

- JDRF Canada announced a major investment in accelerating T1D research by awarding over \$4M USD in grants to researchers across Canada.
- Canadian researchers developed a protocol that converts human stem cells into glucose-responsive, insulin-secreting cells capable of reversing diabetes in mice.
- JDRF provided a grant to Sernova to support a clinical trial of a novel cell therapy treatment – an implantable medical device containing engineered insulin-producing cells that prevents rejection of the transplanted cells (whether islets or beta cells, etc.) and autoimmune destruction (without immunosuppression).
- The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved the Medtronic Hybrid Closed Loop Artificial Pancreas System after a decade of research and advocacy work by JDRF catalyzed the development of these systems.

2017

JDRF and the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) created the Partnership to Defeat Diabetes to support innovative clinical trials research for type 1 diabetes. Both CIHR and JDRF committed \$15M to the Partnership, for a total investment of \$30M.

MEET OUR RESEARCHERS

From a transplantable 3D-printed bioartificial pancreas to a potential new treatment for hypoglycemia, JDRF investigators are some of the world's best and brightest minds in T1D research. Here's a look at just a few of the innovators, and innovations, that we were able to support in 2016 – thanks to you.

DR. JAMES SHAPIRO

Dr. Shapiro, a multi-organ transplant surgeon at the University of Alberta, led the team that introduced the Edmonton Protocol, which optimized the medication given with islet transplants. Currently, he is conducting a phase 1 clinical trial on transplants using a product containing pancreatic progenitor cells (the precursors of stem cells) housed inside a device that protects them from being destroyed by the immune system. He is also leading clinical trials to switch off autoimmunity and repair injured beta cells at the time of diagnosis of type 1 diabetes. These promising tools could one day enable those with type 1 diabetes to live free of insulin injections if progress continues on course.

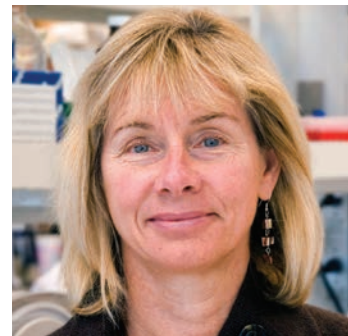


DR. GREGORY KORBUTT

Dr. Korbitt, a professor of surgery at the University of Alberta, is using different techniques to safeguard cells with the goal of developing a more accessible source of insulin-producing tissue for transplantation into patients with T1D. He and his team are using their new 3D 'scaffolding' technology to make islet transplants more widely available and functional. A scaffold is a polymer (a sheet of repeating molecules) that can be made biologically active, meaning it can be made to have an effect on a living being. Scaffolding technology can help improve blood flow and oxygen to a transplant site, as well as allow incorporation of proteins into the scaffolds that will help keep the cells healthy.

DR. JAYNE DANSKA

Dr. Danska holds The Anne and Max Tanenbaum Chair in Molecular Medicine. She is a professor at the University of Toronto Faculty of Medicine and a senior scientist at The Hospital for Sick Children. Her research addresses the idea that the dramatic increase in autoimmune and inflammatory diseases over the past 50 years results in part from changes in our exposure to microbes. She is studying the role of the community of microbes that inhabit the human intestine (the microbiome) in altering risk for and the progression of T1D. The ultimate objective of her work is to identify new therapeutics to prevent T1D.



IN 2016-17, JDRF...



funded 77 international research projects with clinical trials for potential T1D therapies



supported 48 Canadian researchers



awarded more than 150 new research grants worldwide



DR. MICHAEL RIDDELL

Dr. Riddell, a professor in the School of Kinesiology and Health Science at York University, is focused on reducing excessive levels of insulin and preventing hypoglycemia in people with T1D. He has previously led a team of researchers to determine guidelines for exercising safely with T1D. Dr. Riddell is part of a team working to design the T1D Performance in Exercise and Knowledge (PEAK) program that will provide people living with T1D with the tools they need to better manage their disease. He is also experimenting with a new drug that halts hypoglycemia, which will soon be ready for clinical trials. As a senior scientist at LMC Diabetes & Endocrinology, Dr. Riddell also oversees studies on optimizing insulin management for exercise.



DR. JOSEPH CAFAZZO

Dr. Cafazzo, an associate professor at University of Toronto and executive director of biomedical engineering at the University Health Network, is collaborating with manufacturers of diabetes devices to ensure they are compatible with computers, smartphones and each other – making it easier for people to manage their T1D. He is also working on new features for bant – a unique, free smartphone application he launched in 2010 with the support of TELUS Health Solutions that offers a simpler and more attractive option for daily diabetes management.



DR. CORINNE HOESLI

Dr. Hoesli, an assistant professor in the Department of Chemical Engineering at McGill University, is testing an innovative method using 3D printing to create a bioartificial pancreas system. The goal is to create a system that can supply insulin-producing beta cells with the blood flow and oxygen they need to survive post-transplantation. Her team's bioartificial pancreas is being developed so it can become a permanent part of the body and function as independently as a normal pancreas, with no patient intervention required.

NATIONAL DIABETES AWARENESS MONTH

Dealing with T1D can be difficult, and it can be even harder when you have to constantly explain to others that you didn't get it from eating too much sugar, that your child will not "grow out of it" or that it is possible to develop T1D as an adult.

In November 2016, JDRF Canada tackled these common misconceptions head-on for National Diabetes Awareness Month. Our aim was to raise awareness about T1D, its risk factors and its complications, and to dispel the myths often associated with it.

And what a phenomenal month it was!

- Our **Myth Busters campaign**, featuring people with T1D of all ages, appeared in advertisements across Canada and was widely shared on social media. It even took over the home page of globeandmail.com on World Diabetes Day.
- **JDRF's researchers, staff and young Ambassadors** appeared in numerous TV, radio and online news stories, sharing information and personal stories about T1D.

- **Kids for a Cure youth delegates** took Parliament Hill by storm (see p. 17).
- Through the **T1D Looks Like Me** website and hashtag, supporters shared their pictures and personal stories to raise even more awareness along with critical funds for T1D research.

The month also saw the launch of the **JDRF T1D Hub** – a new online portal of lifestyle tips, people profiles and trusted T1D information – everything from trends and research news to self-management articles about managing T1D at work or helping a teacher to understand a child's T1D needs. You can visit the Hub at jdrf.ca/t1dhub.

**“I didn't
get type 1
diabetes from
eating too
much sugar.”**

- Kenadie, age 9

**Type 1 diabetes is not preventable
and there is no known cure.**



NATIONAL DIABETES AWARENESS MONTH RESULTS

4,500
Uses of
#T1Dlookslikeme

4.3M
Audience size on TV,
radio and online media

34,000+
People engaged
through social media

25,000
Views of T1D Hub
to date

137%
Increase in campaign
website views from
previous year

\$60,000
Raised for T1D
research

**“Type 1
diabetes
isn’t just a
child’s
disease.”**

- Fran, diagnosed at age 54

**20% of Canadians with
type 1 are diagnosed
as adults.**



MEET OUR AMBASSADORS

Ambassadors are the heart and voice of JDRF, spreading awareness about type 1 diabetes and inspiring others to get involved. Whether they are researchers, volunteers, celebrities or adults and youth living with T1D, their contributions are invaluable. Here's a look at just a few of the hundreds of Ambassadors who shared their T1D stories in 2016 – helping us move even closer to type none.

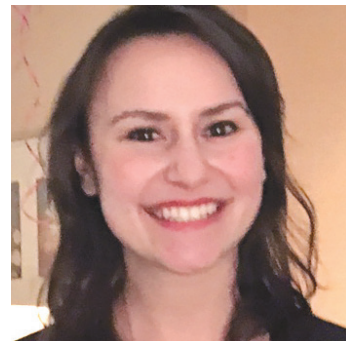


IN MEMORIAM | ALAN THICKE (1947 - 2016)

In December, JDRF was saddened by the loss of T1D champion Alan Thicke, most widely known for his role on the hit 1980s show *Growing Pains*. Thicke was a devoted advocate for T1D research since his eldest son, Brennan Thicke, was diagnosed 37 years ago. He and ex-wife Gloria Loring supported JDRF as donors, fundraisers, volunteers and spokespeople, and in Canada he was instrumental in establishing JDRF chapters in Ottawa and Calgary. On behalf of the entire T1D community, we thank the Thicke family for their tireless support.

ARYSSAH | CALGARY, AB

Aryssah was diagnosed with T1D at the end of her first year of university. Now in her late-20s, she's still running into challenging situations. "I was seasick last year and I became so dehydrated that I fell into a diabetic emergency," she says. "I feel that for many adults diagnosed with T1D, there is still a learning curve." As an Ambassador, she has shared her voice through Kids for a Cure Lobby Day, and she is also a dedicated fundraiser in the JDRF TELUS Walk to Cure Diabetes, the JDRF Revolution Ride to Cure Diabetes presented by Sun Life Financial, and the T1DLooksLikeMe campaign.



KRISTEN AND KENADIE | TORONTO, ON

Kristen and her 10-year-old daughter Kenadie both live with T1D. The two have contributed a great deal of time and talent in advocacy and fundraising work for JDRF Canada, and Kenadie was a delegate in the 2016 Kids for a Cure Lobby Day. "T1D is hard to live with," says Kenadie, "but I tell people to be brave. You can get through it if you take care of yourself each day."



SUZANNE | MONTREAL, QC

As a teenager, Suzanne participated in JDRF’s first fundraising event to support a friend who had T1D, and she has not missed a year since. A force to be reckoned with, Suzanne today raises sums in the ten thousands for the Walk each year. To plan a campaign she spends months evaluating last year’s effort, coming up with a theme and creating personalized fundraising packages for supporters; her theme in 2016 was “A Hunka Hunka Curin Love” (she was Elvis). Suzanne also enjoys mentoring other JDRF fundraisers. “We have loved it!” she says of her team’s efforts over the years. “We just need a cure now!”



SAMIR | VANCOUVER, BC

Samir still remembers how much help others gave him when he was first diagnosed with T1D at eight. Now 14, he’s giving back as a fundraiser and JDRF Ambassador. He’s twice been a delegate at Kids for the Cure Lobby Day speaking to MPs and the media, which he found very meaningful. “I was thinking about all the kids with type 1, kids I didn’t even know, and how our actions might benefit them,” he says of his 2016 experience. Samir is a frequent JDRF public speaker, and he has raised nearly \$40,000 in the Walk over several years.

IN OUR LIFETIME CAMPAIGN

ACCELERATING RESEARCH TOWARDS A WORLD WITHOUT T1D

jdrf.ca/inourlifetime

Today, more Canadians are living with T1D than ever before.¹ The prevalence of T1D among children is increasing dramatically,² and globally Canada has one of the highest rates of T1D for those under 14.³ Total health care costs resulting from diabetes are expected to reach \$16.9 billion annually in Canada by 2020.⁴ And let's not forget the human cost of T1D and its many life-threatening complications for so many Canadians and their families.



Peter Oliver
Campaign Chair, In Our Lifetime

“The fact is, over the last 30 years, there have already been incredible strides in treatment and care,” says Peter Oliver, Chair and donor for the JDRF Canada In Our Lifetime campaign, which aims to raise the funds

necessary to capitalize on the exciting promise that current T1D research offers. “I’m supremely confident that soon, in our lifetime, there will be a cure or a treatment that will transform things for people with type one diabetes – so they can live as if they don’t have it at all.”

Oliver, co-owner of Oliver and Bonacini Restaurants, has been significantly involved with JDRF Canada for more than 30 years, ever since his daughter Vanessa first developed T1D. He’s seen how far things have progressed today, from the development of genetically engineered insulin to the creation of the first commercially viable artificial pancreas. “We’re closer to finding a cure for diabetes than for any other chronic disease,” he notes.

“It’s in everybody’s interest to fix this – it’s definitely the low-hanging fruit, and when we get there, it’s going to be an incredible good news story. We just need the support to make it happen.”

Over five years, the campaign aims to raise:

- \$20M to fund the best and most promising T1D research globally, including in Canada.
- \$30M to expand JDRF’s Clinical Trial Network and Research, bringing faster and greater access to leading-edge treatments in communities across Canada.
- \$5M for research fellowships, new investigator grants and innovation awards to support the best and brightest Canadian diabetes researchers.

The campaign has seen great momentum to date, including \$3M leadership gifts in 2016 from both the WB Family Foundation and the Temerty Family Foundation. “We’re halfway to our goal, and by the end of 2017, we hope to be at 80%,” says Oliver.

“I’d say to anyone considering supporting the campaign: Canadians are world-leading researchers and funders for diabetes; it’s quite staggering our place in the world. We’re closer than ever today. We just need your help to get us over the finish line.”

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⁴ Canadian Diabetes Association, An economic tsunami: the cost of diabetes in Canada. Dec 2009.



“My life changed when I was diagnosed with a rare form of diabetes in 2010. I had a difficult time accepting it. But so many Canadians, both children and adults, live with the life-altering – even life-threatening – consequences of type 1 diabetes. That is why I am very proud to be advocating for diabetes research. With your help, we can transform the lives of all Canadians with type 1 diabetes.”

- THE RIGHT HONOURABLE BRIAN MULRONEY
HONOURARY CHAIR, IN OUR LIFETIME CAMPAIGN





“You could be
the one that
puts us over
the top to
find a cure.”

- TERRY JACKSON

LIFETIME LEGACY

SPOTLIGHT ON BONNIE AND TERRY JACKSON



Bonnie and Terry Jackson became involved with JDRF in 1980, shortly after their daughter Joanna was diagnosed with T1D at age 5. “We were interested in supporting diabetes research, and that’s JDRF’s role, so it was a natural thing for us to do,” says Terry. Those were the days when measuring blood sugar meant collecting urine in a cup and mixing it with water and a tablet in a test tube; results were rudimentary at best.

Fast forward 38 years, and Bonnie, Terry and other members of the Jackson family (including Joanna and their other two adult daughters, Holly and Heidi) have made immeasurable contributions to JDRF over the years, as major donors; on local, national and even international boards; and through various galas and campaigns.

And they haven’t stopped: in 2016, Bonnie joined the cabinet for the In Our Lifetime campaign. “I believe there is really going to be a cure in our lifetime,” she says, adding that she’s “blown away” by what researchers are predicting. “They say, ‘we’re getting closer than ever, we’re going to find it.’” The advances today are amazing, she adds – “things that would have been called science fiction before.”

More than a decade ago, the Jacksons let JDRF know they had put the organization in their will through a life insurance policy that names JDRF as the beneficiary. “Planned giving makes a tremendous amount of sense,” says Terry. “You know there’s going to be some good that comes from all your hard work, plus there are useful tax advantages.”

So what would they say to someone considering a gift – planned or otherwise – to JDRF? “If it’s your grandchild, or your child, or your spouse, or you, that lives with the challenge of diabetes – and it is a major challenge – then you should be doing all you can to make it better,” says Terry. “You could be the one that puts us over the top to find a cure.”

EVENTS AND PROGRAMS



INSPIRED

AND
WALKING
FOR T1D
RESEARCH

\$5.8M raised in the
JDRF TELUS Walk
to Cure Diabetes

jdrf.ca/walk

In 2016, more than 45,000 individuals, families and corporate teams came together in more than 60 locations across Canada for the JDRF TELUS Walk to Cure Diabetes.

United and inspired, participants raised funds, made friends, joined together as a community and strengthened the national movement to find lasting treatments and a cure for T1D. Our thanks to title sponsor TELUS and national sponsor Sun Life Financial for their support and commitment in helping us move from type one to type none.

REVOLUTIONARY IMPACT

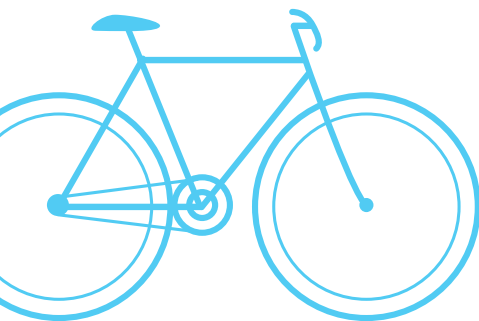
Revolution riders pushed
hard to raise \$4.2M

jdrf.ca/ride



In 2016, more than 11,500 riders across Canada joined the JDRF Revolution Ride to Defeat Diabetes presented by Sun Life Financial.

In corporate and family teams, distance and timed rides (like the new 60-minute ride) and even pedaling in local gyms and their own backyards in “virtual” rides, participants brought incredible passion and energy to help end T1D. Some “revolutionaries” even went so far as to race internationally this year, in JDRF Canada’s iRide. Special thanks to presenting sponsor Sun Life Financial and national sponsor Abbott for their incredible support of the Ride and all Canadians with T1D.





YOUTH ADVOCATES SHARE THEIR STORIES

Kids for a Cure delegates
make a case for research
on Parliament Hill

jdrf.ca/kidsforcure

In November 2016, 27 JDRF Canada youth delegates and their parents travelled to Ottawa for Kids for a Cure Lobby Day.

The delegates were inspired advocates, raising awareness about their lives with T1D and the need for more government support for research. In total, they held discussions with 80 MPs and Senators – many of whom then wrote to Canada’s Minister of Health, spoke to her privately and otherwise lent their support to press for more government funding for T1D research. A number of youth delegates also spoke to the media in Ottawa and in communities across Canada.



NIGHTS TO REMEMBER

Celebrating and supporting
Canadians with T1D

jdrf.ca/gala

**In 2016, more than 3,550 guests
attended JDRF galas in 10 cities,
raising an impressive \$3.1M.**

Highlights included the “Crystal Ball” theme at a new JDRF gala in Windsor, ON, where more than 350 guests danced the night away. Other events dazzled with live entertainment, creative themes, silent and live auctions and JDRF’s signature Fund-a-Cure.

Many thanks to every volunteer and supporter for your time and contributions toward making each gala a night to remember – and a night to support vital T1D research.



IN THE COMMUNITY

SUPPORT

FOR NEWLY DIAGNOSED KIDS

Each year, JDRF Canada provides Bags of Hope, which are packed full of helpful information and resources, to families who are newly diagnosed and coping with T1D.

For those under 12, the bag also includes Rufus, the Bear with Diabetes™ who is designed to help children learn about injections. In 2016, 700 families received comfort and timely information through Bags of Hope when they needed it most.



LIFE WITHOUT LIMITS

In 2016, Juno-award winning country music artist and JDRF spokesperson George Canyon touched down in Nova Scotia and Alberta as part of his ongoing “Sky’s Not the Limit” T1D tour, meeting with 50 families.

A certified pilot, Canyon has been flying to meet with people living with T1D across Canada for a number of years now. At each event, he performs music, shares stories from his own experience, and helps inspire kids to achieve their dreams (Canyon has lived with T1D since he was 14).

EMPOWERING

YOUTH LEADERS

Each year, JDRF Canada trains and prepares young people with T1D who would like to share their voice as a JDRF Youth Ambassador.

In 2016, 300 kids and teens participated in the program, speaking to the media, giving speeches at community events and making thank-you calls. Ambassadors develop their leadership skills and have an opportunity to connect with other youth leaders living with T1D. Our thanks to Boston Pizza Foundation Future Prospects for supporting this valuable program.





MENTORS MAKING A **DIFFERENCE**

For people going through a T1D diagnosis, there is nothing like having the support of someone who has “been there.”

That’s why JDRF’s Mentor program matched 1,070 individuals (usually adults living with T1D and the parents of newly diagnosed children) with a volunteer mentor in 2016. Mentors answer questions from their experience and provide vital emotional support, and in many cases the relationship lasts years.

OUR NATIONAL PARTNERS

Our deep appreciation to all of our national corporate partners, whose support helps improve the lives of people with T1D across Canada through research to find lasting treatments and a cure.

Your passion, the awareness you raise in communities across Canada and your financial support brings hope to more than 300,000 Canadians and their families with T1D.

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