

Driving Discoveries YOUR INVESTMENT IN STRATEGIC RESEARCH

When my daughter was diagnosed, it was like a whole new world for her and for our family. We knew it was a possibility since I also have celiac disease, but now it's a reality. Celiac disease is for life: every school meal, every birthday party, every sleepover.

I am so grateful that Celiac Canada is investing in research towards a cure, towards more options for me and my daughter, and eventually her children. There's hope for treatment – and I'm excited that my daughter will have options to ease the physical and emotional burden of this disease.

More than 400,000 Canadians, including many of our family, friends, and neighbours, have celiac disease. The cost of the gluten-free diet, access to safe food, and lack of knowledge about the disease can create a heavy burden for those who are diagnosed. Even when people follow the diet, they often receive cross-contamination – damaging their long-term health through constant low-grade inflammation.

**Our loved ones
deserve better.**



Simply following a gluten-free diet is not enough. We need more information and better treatment options. None of us wants our family and friends to experience lifelong worry and complications from celiac disease, such as brittle bones, anemia, or neurological and fertility issues.

We need a cure.

Your investment in research through Celiac Canada can transform lives. **Celiac Canada is the only non-governmental national body in Canada directly funding celiac-specific research.** We collaborate with top international and national researchers and universities to explore microbiome links, immune responses, and future therapies.

Your support will allow researchers to continue their lab work, including: Dr. Elena Verdu in Ontario, unlocking the secrets of the gut microbiome and potential treatment pathways; and Dr. Fang Wu in Saskatchewan, developing personalized treatment pathways for better management and less painful biopsies. **With more data, awareness, and resources, we can find solutions.**

Thanks to donors like you, Celiac Canada has become the largest non-government research fund, helping people with celiac disease live healthier lives.



Celiac Canada has led nationwide studies and internationally ground-breaking work that cracked the celiac code. Research studies and clinical trials in Canada and around the globe are beginning to make great strides forward.

You can drive more discoveries through your investment in Celiac Canada's strategic research:

Support a **children's health survey** (\$50,000) to further knowledge about celiac disease's long-term impact. In 2024 we completed the State of Celiac Disease in Canada, a 20-year benchmark study of 7,500 Canadians. Now we've begun the first-ever study of the State of Celiac Disease in Children (2026-2027).

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Increase **grants for early-career scientists** (\$50,000 annually) to inspire more young people to enter and stay in the field of celiac research. Nurturing the next generation of celiac-focused researchers is essential for lasting change.

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Advance **treatment innovation** (\$50,000 annually). From immune modulation to enzyme therapies, we need more research trials in Canada to accelerate drug approvals in Canada for our community. For 25 years, our James A. Campbell Research Award has fostered Canadian research.

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Will you join Celiac Canada in creating breakthroughs?

Your investment in research today can:

- Reduce diagnostic delays and prevent serious complications through earlier intervention
- Standardize excellent care for all Canadians
- Spur the development of better treatment options

With your support, we can move beyond symptom management toward real treatment options – and one day, a cure.

Thank you for transforming lives.

What's next? Let's talk.

Contact Celiac Canada today with any questions, or to make a donation or pledge. We look forward to the conversation, whether in person, online, or over the phone.

