



THE KIDNEY FOUNDATION OF CANADA  
BC & YUKON BRANCH

# TOGETHER: 50 YEARS STRONG

1971-2021

Impact Report 2021



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# OUR VISION

The Kidney Foundation of Canada is committed to achieving excellent kidney health, optimal quality of life, and a cure for kidney disease.

# OUR MISSION

The Kidney Foundation of Canada is the national volunteer organization committed to eliminating the burden of kidney disease through:

- Funding and stimulating innovative research for better treatments and a cure;
- Providing education and support to prevent kidney disease in those at risk and empower those with kidney disease to optimize their health status;
- Advocating for improved access to high quality healthcare
- Increasing public awareness and commitment to advancing kidney health and organ donation.

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# 2021 CHAPTERS

Central Island  
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South Okanagan  
Tri-Cities  
Vancouver  
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Yukon

# Message from the President and Executive Director



Wayde Hayley  
President



Pia Schindler  
Executive Director

**We acknowledge that our Branch office is located on the ancestral and unceded homelands of the hə́n q'ə́mih ə́m' and Sḵw̓xwú7mesh speaking peoples, and to extend appreciation for the opportunity to work on these lands.**

**2021 continued to be another challenging year with the global pandemic impacting lives everywhere including kidney patients who are at higher risk for COVID-19. Coupled with that were the wildfires, floods and mudslides that devastated so many communities in BC.**

While our strength of spirit continues to be tested, the generosity and support from our kidney community is as strong as ever. In fact, thanks to your financial support, we were able to help dialysis patients displaced from their homes due to flooding through our Short-Term Financial Assistance Program.

In 2021, the Foundation continued to deliver all its critical programs and services, and even added new initiatives. This included a partnership with BC Renal to fund home blood pressure monitors for Kidney Care Clinic patients who would otherwise be unable to purchase one.

We also secured funding from BC Ministry of Health to create a dynamic new Kidney Wellness Hub to enhance the physical, mental, social and spiritual well-being of kidney patients.

Our advocacy efforts continued on behalf of kidney patients and their caregivers to urge government to prioritize these individuals in their vaccination plans.

It was inspiring to see our community come together and help us raise funds “virtually”. We hosted our first-ever virtual Kidney Gala and Kidney Walkers and Kidney Marchers made it happen once again, as we celebrated both these events online for a second year.

2021 also marked our 50th anniversary here at the BC and Yukon Branch and included in this report are some highlights. We have a lot to be proud of over the past five decades.

But our work is far from over. By harnessing the efforts here in BC and the Yukon together with our colleagues across the country, we are looking into the future with confidence.

As one Foundation we have set key priorities to help guide our efforts in the coming years to meet the ever-changing and evolving needs of kidney patients.

Our collective support for kidney patients has reached far and wide, not to mention the remarkable and tireless commitment and dedication from our kidney health care providers as they care for their patients in these challenging times.

We continue to be humbled by our kidney community and your generosity to support the work of the Kidney Foundation, when kidney patients need us the most.

## KIDNEY FOUNDATION STRATEGIC PRIORITIES AT A GLANCE

- We will remain steadfast in our commitment to increasing revenue and investing in research and programs to continue to improve the quality of life for kidney patients
- We will work to ensure the under-served and marginalized kidney patients have equitable access to programs, services, and treatments
- We will continue to shine a light on a disease that too often flies under the radar and leverage our new brand to expand public and government awareness of kidney disease
- And finally, as a volunteer-driven organization, we will continue to focus efforts on volunteer development and support and grow our most valued resource

**Thank you for supporting kidney patients and their families.**

*Huy ch q'u*

衷心感謝你們對腎臟病人及其家屬的支持。

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**4,438**

cars were donated to the  
Kidney Car program raising

**\$1.759 M**

of which 336 vehicles  
were re-sold for a total of

**\$371,104**

In collaboration with the other Western Branches,  
the BC and Yukon Branch hosted its second virtual

**Kidney Walk** with **326**

walkers and participants here in BC and

The Yukon raising over **\$271,500**



**\$56,221**

Short Term Financial  
Assistance Grants supported

**290**

people with kidney disease

First Winter Raffle raised

**\$20,000**

**PLUGGED  
IN**

Our Kidney TV show produced 33  
episodes in 2021 which aired on  
SHAW TV and SHAW Multicultural



# HIGHLIGHTS 2021

**2,184** *Living with Kidney  
Disease* manuals

were received by  
kidney patients and approximately  
**100 information brochures** were  
distributed free of charge



Launched **Kidney Cans** initiative  
recycling more than **41,992** beverage  
containers and raising over **\$4,000**

**\$154,733**

was reimbursed though the **Living Organ  
Donor Expense Reimbursement Program  
(LODERP)** to 76 potential living donors



**38**

Provided **38**  
post-transplant adults with  
accommodation in our Kidney  
Suites including nine patients  
who stayed for free through  
**\$14,845** in grants

Our **Blood Pressure  
Monitor** pilot program  
began in July 2021, and has

**26** equipped  
patients with  
free home BP  
monitors at a  
cost of \$2,400

**28 Grants** were provided through our **Dental Assistance** pilot initiative at a cost of **\$17,045** for patients to have their dental work covered to enable them to move on to kidney transplantation.

Increased our social media reach to  
**3,731** Facebook likes,  
**1,863** Twitter followers and  
**1,280** followers on our Instagram  
**+** **141,843** video views  
 that's **3,950** hours!

**9 Matches** were made through our Living Donor Mentor Program

**Raised \$115,000** for world-class National Research and CAN-SOLVE CKD (Canadians Seeking Solutions and Innovations to Overcome Chronic Kidney Disease)



9<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL **KIDNEY GALA**

The second virtual Kidney Gala raised

**\$280,000**

and brought together over 500 guests nationwide!

**17 Matches** were made through our Kidney Connect peer support program



**Kidney March** held its second virtual event and achieved **\$924,050** in revenue – the 3rd highest since the Kidney March was launched



BC and Yukon celebrated its third year, raising **\$50,377** with 22 participants and 2 teams participating, Team BeCauseYuKan and Northern I-B-Pro-Fun-Free

**24** kidney patients were supported through the **Northern Travel Program** for home dialysis training at a cost of \$11,052



**25** children from BC & the Yukon attended our first-ever **virtual Kidney Kids Camp**

**10** kidney patients stayed in our **Nanaimo Kidney Condo** while receiving home dialysis training



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We have a lot to be proud of over the past five decades, a lot that we have accomplished together.

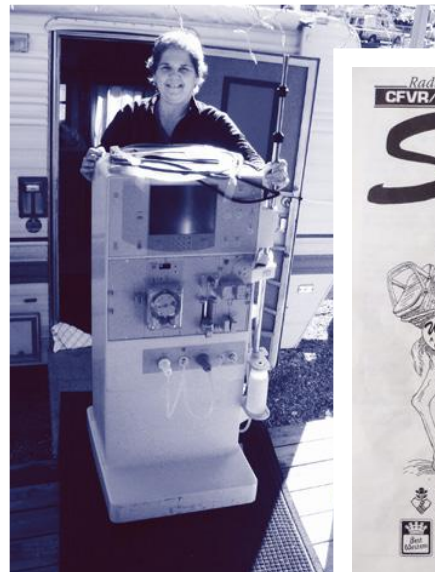
It all began in 1971 when Sergeant Ken Smith of the Vancouver City Police and other citizens founded the BC Kidney Association which later that same year was renamed the BC Branch and then fast forward to 2015, when we became the BC and Yukon Branch.

Twenty-five Board Presidents and their Directors have steered the organization forward through countless fundraising events and activities and the development of many innovative programs and services to support kidney patients and their families. Over the years our efforts have often earned the Branch the proud title of “trailblazer.” Rowing in behind our senior leadership, has been our ever-growing kidney community.

It is without a doubt that the extraordinary efforts and talents of our volunteers, members, health professionals, long term funders, donors, sponsors, stakeholders, researchers and staff have shaped our history and driven our mission forward—giving lift off to everything we do. In the following pages we’ll share some of our stories through images.

We invite you to learn more about our 50 year history by reading our [50th Anniversary Newsletter](#).

Wayde Hayley, BC & Yukon Branch President







**Hello Yukon!**

The Kidney Foundation of Canada is coming north with a newly expanded BC & Yukon Branch, to serve the one in 10 Yukon residents living with kidney disease today.

We'll offer targeted screening events, short-term financial assistance for patients, accommodation in Vancouver for transplants, Kidney Camp for children, and other services.

Join us for a free Community Branch and our first ever Yukon Kidney Walk! Everybody welcome!

Welcome Branch:  
 Sunday, October 4, 2015  
 9:00am - 11:00am  
 Rotary Peace Park by the Gazebo  
 Please RSVP to Carmen Kamich at  
[whitehorsewalk@kidney.bc.ca](mailto:whitehorsewalk@kidney.bc.ca)



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# THE KIDNEY COMMUNITY MAKES A LASTING IMPACT



Daily Free Press Photo  
Valerie Muford and Henry Frick work on March fund drive



## THE HARD FACTS

### About Kidney Disease

1 in 10 Canadians has kidney disease; that's **4 million people**.

The leading cause of kidney failure is **diabetes** at 36%.

The number of people living with end-stage kidney disease has **grown 31%** since 2011.\*

46% of new patients are **under the age of 65**.\*\*

More than **52,000 Canadians** are being treated for kidney failure.

Treatment for those with end-stage kidney disease:

- 57% are on **dialysis**
- 43% have a **functioning transplant**

Symptoms may not develop until **permanent damage** has occurred.

There is **no cure** for end-stage kidney disease.

In 2019, kidney disease was the **10th leading cause of death in Canada**.

25% of new end-stage kidney disease patients were **late-referrals**, which means they started dialysis only 90 days after first seeing a nephrologist.

Sources:

\* [Facing the Facts 2022 Statistics](#)

\*\* [Why Kidney Disease Should Matter to You](#)

## RESEARCH PROVIDES HOPE for Future Possibilities

Over 50 years ago, a diagnosis of kidney disease was considered a death sentence. Thanks to the amazing work of researchers and medical advancements, this is no longer the case. Research advances what we know about kidney disease, how to prevent it, and how to manage it. The Kidney Foundation of Canada has been supporting the development of kidney researchers and excellence in research.

Our National Research program has grown to become one of the most important sources of funding for scientists conducting kidney-related research, and we leverage the value of our investment to collaborate with other research-related organizations and funders to more broadly support research discoveries in Canada. Over \$124 million in research funding has been raised nationally since 1964 to help those with kidney disease.

Here at the BC and Yukon Branch we have committed \$115,000 to research in 2021.

Learn more about supported research [on our website](#)



# PROGRAMS and SERVICES

## Making a Difference for Kidney Patients



Kidney patient, Larry Giovanetti

**Boston Bar resident, Larry Giovanetti, was one of many kidney patients left stranded when an atmospheric river caused torrential rains to start in the Fraser Valley in November 2021.** The timing could not have been worse for Larry who needed to start dialysis right away but the devastating floods washed out roads and closed traffic from Hope, Chilliwack, Harrison and Agassiz to the Lower Mainland.

Thanks to the tireless efforts of numerous Fraser Valley Health Authority staff, patients were helicoptered into Abbotsford, and for those who needed it, they were provided supplies, equipment and accommodation at a local Sheraton hotel during their temporary displacement. The Kidney Foundation, BC & Yukon Branch was proud to play a small role in the relief efforts, providing \$7,000 in emergency meals to help ease the burden that these dialysis patients endured over a number of stressful days.

The hotel worked closely with renal dietitians in the Fraser Valley to address any dietary concerns of kidney patients, although Larry did not need any special diet.

“I am so grateful to all my Fraser Valley health care team for their support, the pilot and to the Kidney Foundation who covered the costs of all my meals,” said Larry.

“No matter what was happening outside, people opened their hearts and doors to help me and to make me feel safe and at home, during this very harrowing time”

[Watch here for the full story on Larry Giovanetti](#)

## BC & Yukon Branch PROGRAMS and SERVICES

- Educational Material
- Kidney Connect (Peer Support Program)
- Kidney Kids Camp
- Kidney Suites
- Information and Referral
- Living Donor Mentor Program
- Living Organ Donor Expense Reimbursement Program (LODERP)
- Short Term Financial Assistance Program

### Pilot Projects:

Northern Travel Initiative  
Nanaimo Kidney Condo  
Dental Initiative  
Home Blood Pressure Initiative

For more information on programs and services, visit: [The Kidney Foundation of Canada Programs & Services](#).

## Empowering Patients Through a Pilot Initiative to Fund Home Blood Pressure Monitors

**Part of the Kidney Foundation's mandate includes helping to support and fill identified needs and gaps within the kidney community.**

Illustrative of this was a new one-year pilot initiative launched in partnership with BC Renal's Kidney Care Clinics in 2021. Through this pilot, the Foundation funded \$2,400 in home blood pressure monitors for kidney patients who would otherwise be unable to purchase one.

High blood pressure is the second leading cause for end stage kidney disease. Research has showed it is extremely empowering for kidney patients to be able to monitor their blood pressure from home. This allows them to track trends in their numbers and work actively with their health care team to adjust diet, exercise and medication appropriately.

Initiatives like the home blood pressure pilot help the Kidney Foundation take a proactive and preventative approach to supporting kidney patients at risk for end stage kidney disease.

**An evaluation of the pilot will be completed in June of 2022.**



### TESTIMONIAL

*"The Kidney Foundation's grant program as well as the blood pressure monitor program are an invaluable resource to our patients who are low-income seniors and adults experiencing financial hardship. The Foundation has helped patients cover the cost of items and services such as life-saving medications, necessary dental work, and orthotics to improve a patient's mobility. Patients who have received assistance from the Kidney Foundation's financial programs have always expressed great appreciation for the support. I truly don't know what we would do without them!"*

– Christina, Renal Social Worker

### TESTIMONIAL

*"I am extremely grateful to the Kidney Foundation for setting up these accommodations. Receiving this gift meant many things to me during my kidney transplant process. Obviously, the surgery comes with a certain amount of mental stress. One of them being finding accommodation in downtown Vancouver for the two months needed for monitoring after your surgery.*

*It's obviously very expensive and not knowing the area makes it difficult. So having the room taken care of was extremely appreciated and helped to ease some of that stress. The room had everything needed to make the recovery period as comfortable as possible. It had TV, internet, a stocked kitchen, a comfortable bed, and a nice bathroom and most important to me... privacy. It was located in a beautiful area that was within walking distance from restaurants, grocery stores, nice parks, and the ocean. My overall experience in the Kidney Suite was amazing! I can't thank all those involved in creating these accommodations enough. Thank You!"*

– Ryan

## TESTIMONIAL

*“The Kidney Foundation’s Short Term Financial Assistance program has proven to be immensely beneficial - and at times life-saving - for so many of my patients! When patients are facing health challenges, and unexpected expenses arise, they can experience additional stress and hardship in an already challenging time. Having the financial support to cover some of those “extra” costs alleviates some of that stress and allows our patients to be more focused on managing their health and treatment needs.”*

– Francine, Registered Social Worker

## TESTIMONIAL

*“During a time when finances were tight due to not being able to work, as my health was poor, I was able to utilize a few of The Kidney Foundation BC & Yukon Branch programs. These programs allowed me to access things like a blood pressure monitor and vaccines that I could not afford otherwise with my limited income. Very grateful for this financial assistance from the Kidney Foundation and to my care team for all that they do.”*

– G. Owen

## TESTIMONIAL

*“The support we received from the Kidney Foundation was amazing. During one of the most stressful times in our married lives they were there to provide not only the financial support but the emotional support that was needed. As a retired couple the financial impact would have been difficult to shoulder but the Kidney Foundation was an invaluable support to us. As part of our appreciation for the work they do we have included the Kidney Foundation as part of our legacy.”*

– Fred and Sheila

## Going Virtual Makes Happy Campers



**Though they couldn’t gather in person, kids impacted by kidney disease got together online for a virtual Kidney Camp for Kids hosted by the Kidney Foundation on August 17 and 18.** Dozens of children and youth from across Canada received special camp packages featuring tent-making instructions, water balloons, snacks, tie-dye kits, and other fun activities. Then they logged on for an unforgettable two days of excitement filled with yoga, origami, Indigenous teachings, hip hop and more. While not the same as getting together in person, the virtual camp still provided an important opportunity for kids to connect with each other.

## Kidney Foundation Supports Patients and Caregivers with **Kidney Wellness Hub**

**In 2021, the Kidney Foundation received \$365,000 in funding from the BC government to develop an interactive Kidney Wellness Hub to support the physical, mental, social and spiritual needs of the kidney community, including the newly diagnosed.** The Kidney Wellness Hub will offer free customized kidney information, tools and resources on exercise, diet and nutrition, strategies and supports to boost mental health, plus opportunities to get connected and be social. Content will be available in a variety of formats including webinars, an information hotline, on demand and live classes plus the opportunity to join patient engagement groups. Healthy lifestyles and patient-self management will be supported through coaching.

Kidney patients have participated in several Kidney Wellness Hub focus groups and surveys have been sent to the wider kidney community and this feedback has informed the design and content of the microsite and guided a patient engagement strategy.

**The Kidney Wellness Hub will launch in 2022.**

# BRINGING AWARENESS AND PREVENTION

## Branch Partners with BC Renal to Raise **Kidney Health Awareness**



**March 1 marks the beginning of Kidney Health Month, a month dedicated to raising awareness of the importance of kidneys and kidney health.** Once again, the Branch partnered with BC Renal to leverage and promote kidney health messaging and launch a media campaign that included billboards, bus wraps, and PSAs on Aboriginal Peoples Television Network, and SHAW TV. The “Could you Lose 80% of Something and Not Know It” campaign highlighted the fact that you could lose up to 80% of your kidney function before a diagnosis of kidney disease. It encourages viewers to access their risk factors and to ask their doctor for an eGFR test.

[Watch the PSA](#)

**On World Kidney Day, March 11, a special video entitled “COVID-19: One Year Later” was launched.** Kidney patients reflected on their experiences over the past year and impact of the pandemic on their health, well-being and outlook on life.

Watch [COVID-19: One Year Later](#)

## On **April 7th Green Shirts** Sent a Message of Organ Donation Awareness

The Kidney Foundation is proud to be a **Community Partner of Green Shirt Day**, inspired by the generous organ donation act of Logan Boulet, one of the sixteen who lost their lives in the Humboldt Broncos bus crash in April 2018.



In 2021 The Branch participated in Green Shirt Day for the third year to raise awareness of organ donation. Many in the kidney community rallied online by wearing green and encouraging others to talk to their families and register their decision regarding organ donation. Over 80% of all organs transplanted are kidneys, and while a transplant is not a cure for kidney disease, it can bring a better quality of life for kidney patients.



Bernadine and Toby Boulet, parents of the late Humboldt Broncos hockey player, Logan Boulet (above)

# Continuing to Educate Canadians About Their Kidney Health Through Our **Kidney TV Show**



In 2016 the BC and Yukon Branch launched a kidney TV show, **Kidney PLUGGED IN**, which promotes kidney health education through patient stories, interviews with experts and light-hearted segments.

The TV show began airing on SHAW TV in communities across BC, and 2017 expanded to SHAW Multicultural and SHAW spotlight nationally.

In 2020 we celebrated our 100th episode, plus launched our Kidney PLUGGED IN YouTube channel to broaden our reach. In 2021 we continued to add new content from across the country.

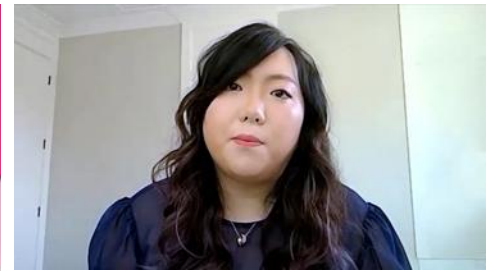
To view all episodes of Kidney PLUGGED IN or subscribe to our YouTube channel, visit [youtube.com/kidneypluggedin](https://youtube.com/kidneypluggedin)



Kidney patients and mother and daughter, Sunita and Ranita



Dr. Dr. York Pei, Senior Scientist, Toronto General Hospital Research Institute



Dr. Marianne (Minju) Park, Clinical Nephrologist, UBC Department of Medicine

## 2021 Year at a Glance

- 33 new TV episodes produced in 2021 for SHAW stations, with 172 episodes produced to date
- 9 new multicultural episodes including 1 in French, 4 X Mandarin, 3 X Cantonese and 2 X Punjabi
- They're watching us! Viewers watched over 227,000 minutes of kidney information on our YouTube channel.
- We now have 1,648 subscribers & 327,900 total views on our channel.
- Viewers are communicating with us. Over 354 comments and videos were shared.
- They like us! The 3 top countries for viewership are US, Canada and India.

## Here's What Our Viewers Are Saying:

"I love this presentation... I need to get my CKD down."  
— Don J

"Great job guys! Looks amazing!"  
— Harry F

"Nice tips. Thank you. We need more of these."  
— Okeke D

"Great idea for a meal."  
— George T

"Very helpful."  
— Andrea F

"A great way to take in important kidney health information."  
— Jon L

"Thank you ...for your great research on CKD."  
— Robert B

"So proud of your tireless work!"  
— Brenda F

# SPECIAL EVENTS FUND PATIENT PROGRAMS

## Kidney Community Steps Up for Kidney Patients with Amazing Results

### What an Amazing Year for **Kidney Walk!**



(L to R) Sussanne Skidmore, Marrs Family, Finderson Alves and Team, Kay Bibby, Linda Bonner Brown and friends, Sharon and Chief Michael Recalma and friends

On Sunday, June 6, 2021, walkers across BC, The Yukon, Saskatchewan and Southern Alberta, rallied together and virtually united to honour and advocate for all those affected by kidney disease by participating in Kidney Walk.

Participants came together stronger than ever despite a 2nd year of COVID-19 restrictions and brought awareness to their communities about kidney disease. Your contributions make it possible for us to provide the programs and services that help to ease the physical, emotional and financial burdens kidney patients and their families carry while coping with kidney disease.

We raised \$271,500 in BC and The Yukon and over \$357,000 throughout BC, The Yukon, Southern Alberta and Saskatchewan.

*“Kidney disease can change your life, often in a negative way. Dialysis can save your life and a transplant can get your quality of life back. After experiencing all three, for me the Kidney Walk is a top priority to raise awareness and appreciation for the amazing job done by the renal team. Plus, sometimes doing the Walk on horseback can cover even more miles!”*

– Kidney Walk participant Hugh McLennan

For more info on Kidney Walk, visit [kidneywalk.ca](https://www.kidneywalk.ca)

# Kidney March Continues to Fight United Against Kidney Disease and for Organ Donation

2021 saw Kidney March go virtual for a second time. Participants from across Canada racked up the kilometers in the months leading up to the event and capped off their 100 KM and fundraising efforts over Kidney March weekend, September 10-12.

Their unwavering dedication resulted in Kidney March 2021 raising \$924,050 to fund lifesaving research, improve patient outcomes, support patient programs and organ donation initiatives. Our 22 Marchers from BC and The Yukon couldn't be stopped! They raised an impressive \$50,377!

For more info on Kidney March 2022, visit [kidneymarch.ca](https://www.kidneymarch.ca)

*“Kudos to Teams BeCauseYuKan and Northern I-B-Pro-Fun-FREE and all the individual Marchers and supporters from BC and The Yukon who continued to forge ahead no matter what. Your conviction and commitment is making a difference in the lives of kidney patients and their families.”*

– Marie Hesse, BeCauseYuKan Team Captain and BC & Yukon Branch Director, Community Initiatives



Teresa Backx



Cheryl Watt, sister and friend

## First-Ever Virtual **Kidney Gala** Was a Galactic Success



Fred Lee and Ramya Hosack



Tim Huguette and mother Angela



Rajinder Singh

The 9th annual Kidney Gala presented by Platinum sponsors Schnitzer Steel, Chinook Therapeutics and RGF Financial was the first to be held virtually and raised an incredible \$280,000! Thank you!

Virtual attendees were engaged all night long with the incredible online auction, entertained by fabulous host and “man about town”, Fred Lee, and inspired by our incredible speakers who shared personal stories and insight on kidney disease and organ donation.

Thank you to our 2021 keynote speakers Grand Chief Stewart Phillip and Joan Phillip, Michele Neale, and Anne Nickerson. A heartfelt thank you to Honorary Gala Chair, Dr. Adeera Levin, for your vision and leadership, and to all the nephrologists and health care community for the generosity and kindness you have shown to our kidney community. A big shout out to our volunteers, sponsors, and suppliers. Thank you for your contributions!

The Kidney Gala supports innovative kidney health research, patient programs, and services that better the quality of life for all kidney patients in our community on their diverse journeys.

For more info about Kidney Gala, visit [Kidney Gala](#)

*“Over the past 30 years, I have seen extraordinary advancements in kidney research and what our medical professionals have been dedicating their time and energy to. Without them and without this evening we wouldn’t be where we are today in not only our understanding of the disease but how best to treat the individual person experiencing it. This is why I am here tonight. Each of our stories has its own power and can be what brings more awareness to this disease. We can overcome this together, knowing that each of us plays an instrumental part in changing the future of this disease.”*

– Keynote Speaker and Kidney Patient, Michele Neale at the 2021 Kidney Gala

## First-Ever **Winter Raffle** Heats Up the Coldest Season



Winter 2021 brought an exciting venture to the Branch. The first-ever Winter Raffle launched, offering a grand prize of The WestJet Gift of Flight Voucher. Also available was an Okanagan Experience for Two and an Apple Electronic Package! Thanks to all of you who purchased tickets. With your support, 943 tickets were sold, \$20,000 was raised to help those living with kidney disease and three lucky people walked away with some exciting prizes.

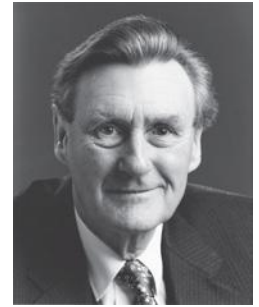
## Thank You, Kidney Cans Heroes

2021 saw the introduction of a new fundraising initiative called **Kidney Cans**. Working with Encorp Pacific, Kidney Cans provides an easy way for anyone to recycle their beverage containers at any Return-It Express Kiosk and have the refund benefit kidney patients across BC and the Yukon. Response has been fantastic with more than 41,992 beverage containers recycled and over \$4,000 raised in its first year! In addition local businesses and municipalities committed to recycling their beverage containers through the Kidney Cans program, including the Best Western in Prince George. Many are happy to donate their recycled beverage containers through Kidney Cans.

[Watch our PSA to learn more about Kidney Cans](#)



## Dr. Angus Rae Scholarship & Patient Support Fund Created in Support of Indigenous Kidney Health & Wellness



In 2021 St. Paul's Foundation and Kidney Foundation of Canada, BC & Yukon Branch announced a partnership to create the **Dr. Angus Rae Scholarship & Patient Support Fund for Indigenous Kidney Health & Wellness** in honour of Dr. Angus Rae (1929-2020) and his lifelong passion to support excellent clinical medicine, patient care and further work in the Indigenous community.

Donations to the fund were accepted throughout 2021 and will be used to promote and support: Provincial understanding of Indigenous culture and kidney health between health practitioners and Indigenous people in a bidirectional manner to meet the needs of the community; patient programs provided by The BC & Yukon Branch serving BC and Yukon Indigenous kidney patients with chronic kidney disease; and Indigenous scholars and clinicians pursuing work in the field of chronic kidney disease. Thank you to Drs. Adeera Levin, Paul Taylor and David Landsberg for leading this initiative. In 2021, \$41,871 was raised thanks to your support!

## New Look for Kidney Car

2021 brought a new look to the **Kidney Car website**, making it even easier for people to dispose of unwanted vehicles. In addition, contactless towing allowed for a safe and convenient transaction. Kidney Car was once again the largest source of revenue for our Branch seeing \$1,758,727 million raised and 4,438 cars donated! We owe a huge thank you to the community for your continued support of Kidney Car program for over 26 years. The funds raised through this program have enabled us to provide critical patient services, with the added benefit of helping the environment by removing old cars from the road. Visit the newly revamped website at [kidneycar.ca](http://kidneycar.ca)

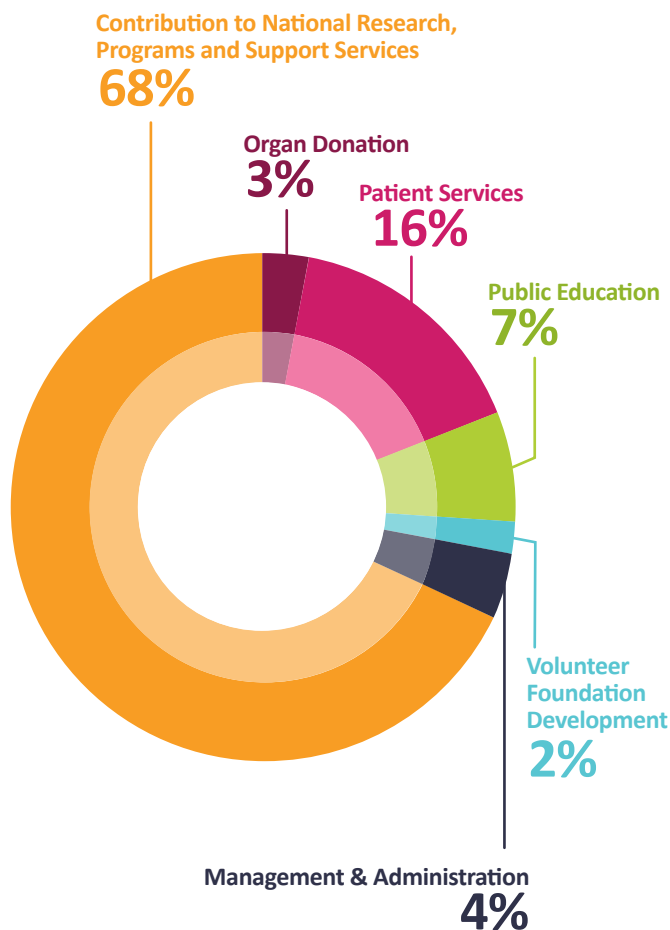


# FINANCIALS

The Kidney Foundation of Canada (BC & Yukon Branch) for the year ended December 31, 2021.

The data on this page has been extracted and summarized from the reviewed financial statements. Detailed financial statements (including Notes) are available from the BC & Yukon Branch office.

## Where did your money go?



## STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

Year ended December 31, 2021 (Unaudited)	2021 \$	2020 \$
<b>REVENUE</b>		
Contributions	3,904,089	4,025,091
Bequests	2,276,769	343,449
Investment income allocated to operations	14,059	13,463
	<b>6,194,917</b>	4,382,004
Fundraising expenditures	1,593,296	1,702,651
Net revenue	<b>4,601,621</b>	2,681,091
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>		
Mission		
Research	2,112	56,943
Programs and services including organ donation	909,893	708,943
Government and community relations	297,556	299,417
Foundation and volunteer development	74,236	57,441
	<b>1,283,797</b>	1,120,942
Management and administration	183,939	148,132
Contribution to National Research, Programs and Support Services	3,133,885	1,408,476
	<b>4,601,621</b>	2,681,091

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

Year ended December 31, 2020 (Unaudited)	2021 \$	2020 \$
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Current		
Cash	5,919,240	2,355,415
Interest and Sundry Receivable (Note 8)	884,166	370,522
Prepaid expenses	45,473	37,626
	<b>6,848,879</b>	2,763,563
Capital assets (Note 3)	18,233	27,325
	<b>6,867,112</b>	2,790,888
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Current liabilities		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities (Note 8)	349,065	195,564
Deferred Rent	11,608	22,473
Deferred contributions (Note 4)		
Living Organ Donor Expense Reimbursement Program	114,971	106,032
Jackie Family Fund	37,989	47,989
Other	569,680	216,001
Deferred Capital Assets	2,261	4,431
	<b>1,085,574</b>	592,490
<b>FUND BALANCES</b>		
Invested in capital assets	15,972	22,894
Internally Restricted for use in future years (Note 5)	461,550	12,295
Attributed to the Kidney Foundation of Canada	5,304,016	2,163,209
	<b>5,781,538</b>	2,198,398
	<b>6,867,112</b>	2,790,888



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