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THE KIDNEY FOUNDATION OF CANADA

BC & YUKON BRANCH

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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Message from the President and Executive Director



Wayde Hayley
President



Pia Schindler
Executive Director

While 2022 marked three years since COVID-19 was declared a pandemic, our efforts to support kidney patients and families remained strong. In fact, over the past year we harnessed new energy and momentum into strengthening and building our kidney community.

This is in large part thanks to you—our donors, supporters, volunteers, renal health care providers, and researchers for your dedication and generous contributions in support of kidney patients and their families.

Your support contributed to life-changing research. It contributed to critical programs and services that have a direct impact on those living with kidney disease in BC and Yukon, and also helped to ensure the under-served and marginalized kidney patient populations have equitable treatment. Your support helped us raise awareness about the seriousness of kidney disease and the importance of organ donation. And you helped us build capacity to make a difference by raising much-needed funding. This Impact Report reflects our collective accomplishments.

One of these highlights was the launch of the [**Kidney Wellness Hub**](#), made possible with funding from the BC Ministry of Health. This patient-centered kidney-customized resource supports the health and wellbeing of kidney patients, including the newly diagnosed, the most vulnerable, and their care partners. The Kidney Wellness Hub is building our reach and engagement within the kidney community through an interactive online platform. You can read more about the Kidney Wellness Hub and how it provides supports to our kidney community in this Impact Report, including our plans to create a specific outreach strategy to Indigenous kidney patients and partners.

We acknowledge that our Branch office is located on the ancestral and unceded homelands of the hən̓ q̓'əmíŋ əm' and Sk̓wx̓wú7mesh speaking peoples, and extend our appreciation for the opportunity to work on these lands.

In 2022, we also created new opportunities to promote living kidney donation and remove financial barriers to living donors. The Kidney Foundation of Canada was proud to partner with the American Society of Transplantation and the Canadian Society of Transplantation on the Living Donor Circle of Excellence initiative. Read more about our inaugural Living Donor Circle of Excellence (COE) Reception, co-hosted by Dr. John Gill and Robin Gill, that celebrated local organizations with HR policies in place to cover wage loss for employees who choose to be a living donor. We are excited to work with as many employers as we can in BC to make this program as robust as possible. Removing financial barriers for kidney patients to ensure equitable access to programs, services and treatment is a strategic priority at the Kidney Foundation. Thanks to the support of our kidney community, the Foundation is able to provide programs and services that address this priority.

Throughout the year, we were able to meet a growing need from kidney patients and increase the number of grants we provided, in addition to expanding a few of our initiatives to increase reach. You can read more in this Impact Report about how we bridge that gap to support kidney patients when they need us most. The difference one individual can make can never be understated. We are pleased to share an inspiring story of a young volunteer, who is also a kidney patient, and the impact she made through our Kidney Walk campaign. You can read how our corporate community once again stepped up and supported our critical programs, services, and research through our Kidney Gala, and how a local radio station opened the doors to a larger community of support, hosting a radiothon on behalf of the Kidney Foundation.

The year saw the slow introduction of returning to in-person events as COVID-19 restrictions began to lift here in British Columbia and other parts of Canada. It was exciting to take part in Kidney March's first in-person event after the pandemic and celebrate BC and Yukon's success in earning the title of top fundraising team.

As we reflect back, 2022 was the year we shared new ideas, started new initiatives, but most importantly, grew and deepened our passion for what we as an organization, do.

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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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.

2022 HIGHLIGHTS

IT TAKES A COMMUNITY



**Kidney Wellness
Hub** launched

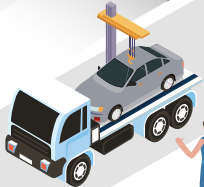


28 patient dental
assistant grants
\$27,963
enable them to move on
to kidney transplantation

Kidney health TV show,
PLUGGED IN, aired
33 new episodes



Kidney Car
donations raised
\$1,499,725
and donated
3,057 cars



The Blood Pressure
Monitor Pilot supported
363 patients
(\$25,777) with
free home monitors



Over **600** virtual
Kidney Gala attendees
raised **\$275,000**
for research and services

28 post-transplant
adults stayed
in Kidney Suites
12 kidney patients
stayed in Nanaimo
Kidney Condo

\$159,660 reimbursed
through the Living Organ
Donor Expense Reimbursement
Program (LODERP) to
111 potential living
donors

25 children sent to
virtual Kidney
Camp, priceless lifetime
connections made



Branch hosted its inaugural **Living Donor Circle of Excellence** event

21 matches made through Peer Engagement programs

Top fundraising Kidney March team BeCauseYuKan raised **\$89,821**

332 people received **\$109,822** in Short-Term Financial Assistance grants

Virtual Kidney Walk had 177 walkers, 40 sponsors, and 42 teams raising **\$149,026**

41 kidney patients received **\$30,888** to cover travel costs for home dialysis training
23 received **\$23,433** via Northern Travel Program and
18 patients received **\$7,455** via Coastal and Interior Health expansion



NEW INITIATIVES

Building the Wellbeing of our Kidney Community Through an Interactive Customized Resource

With funding from the BC Government, the BC & Yukon Branch launched the Kidney Wellness Hub—an interactive platform that celebrates the diversity of the kidney community with customized wellness and lifestyle tools to support patients, including the newly diagnosed, and our entire kidney community with their overall quality of life.

Kidney disease impacts patients' physical, emotional, and social well-being. In a survey conducted by the Foundation in 2020, kidney patients expressed increased stress, loneliness, and a need to feel connected to a community. Many patients also reported economic challenges, citing a need for low barrier, easy to access additional information to help them maintain a healthy lifestyle, which is critical to their kidney health and mental wellbeing. For the newly diagnosed, this can possibly avoid kidney failure requiring dialysis or a transplant.

The [Kidney Wellness Hub](#) offers timely information and education in a safe and accessible format, enabling equal access to everyone, including those who live in remote areas or have a lack of social connection and other supports.

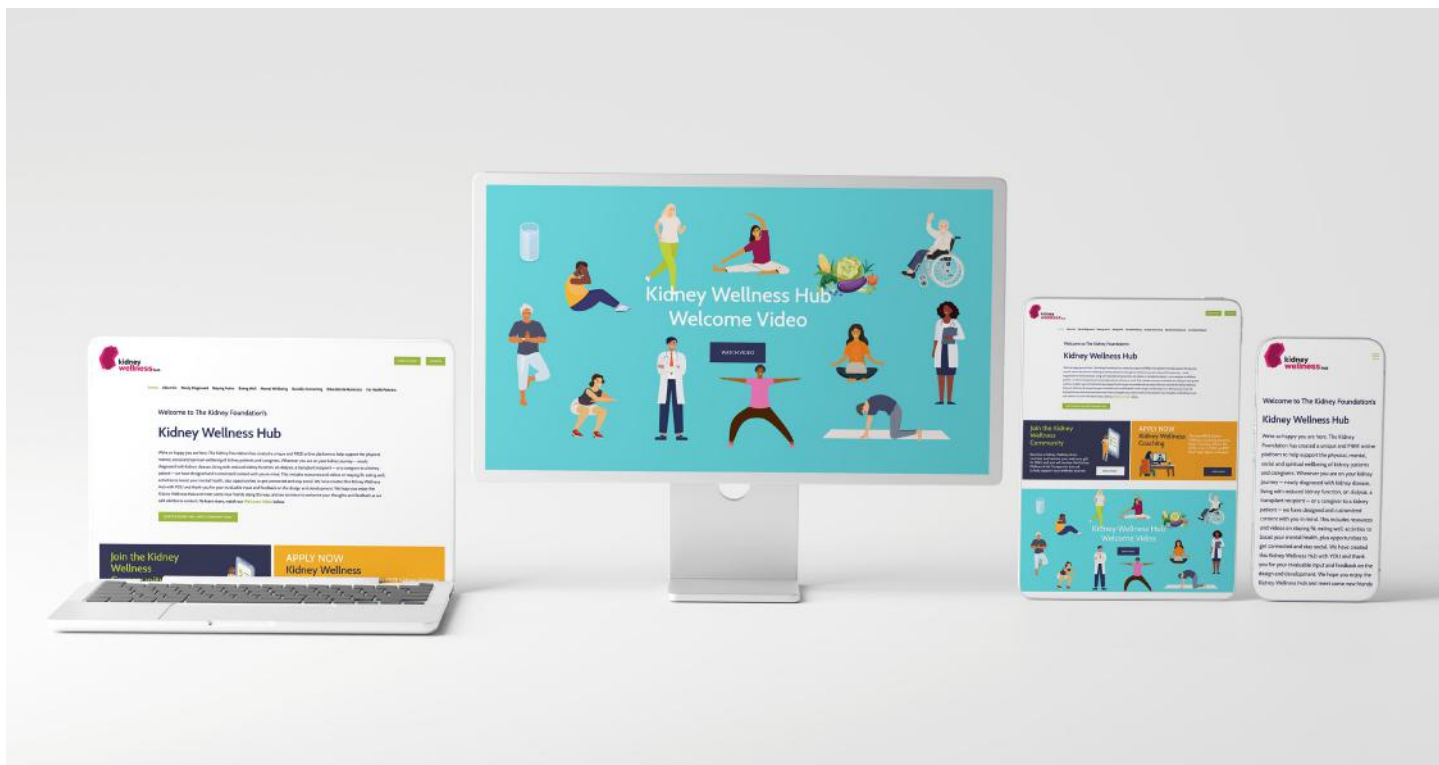
What Makes the Kidney Wellness Hub Unique?

The Kidney Wellness Hub was created to incorporate the needs identified by the kidney community (patients, caregivers, and renal stakeholders) into its design and development. This feedback helped create a kidney customized platform, setting it apart from other online health and wellness platforms.

The Kidney Wellness Hub continues to grow its content. In 2022, over 70 customized videos were produced, as well as interactive classes, and information and resources in the areas of Staying Active, Eating Well, Mental Wellbeing and Socially Connecting. It is also a valuable resource for those who support kidney patients and is a trusted place for health care professionals to refer their patients.

Kidney Wellness Hub Highlights

- The platform offers many videos to help the kidney community stay active, including yoga, strength training dance, cardio, and chair classes for those with limited mobility. The Kidney Wellness Hub also runs classes taught by instructors who are also affected by kidney disease. This provides a unique kidney perspective for the participants of these classes.
- For many kidney patients, maintaining a good diet can be challenging. The Come Cook with Us series, hosted by two dietitians from the kidney community, provides interactive classes on preparing kidney-friendly meals. Viewers can cook along and interact in real time with the dietitians and their peers.
- The Hub offered 30 patients and their care partners free Wellness Coaching sessions led by a kidney health professional and certified coach. These sessions support patients and their care partners wherever they are on their wellness journey.
- Patients and their care partners can take part in online social activities that provide the opportunity to talk to others with shared lived experiences and make new friends within the kidney community.



What the Kidney Community is Saying

The Kidney Wellness Hub is building reach and engagement within the kidney community and in just four months after its launch, had more than 3000 visitors to the site.

“It is a really fantastic resource for people who have just been diagnosed with kidney disease or who have been living with it for a while, and it is something I wish I had when I was first diagnosed...”

“It’s kidney customized, user friendly and practical...”

“Helps you connect to the whole kidney community, which is important for support...Kidney Wellness Hub may be the first connection for people to the kidney community...”

What’s on the Horizon?

Building on the successful outcomes of Phase 1, the Kidney Wellness Hub Phase 2 will have a specific focus on the most vulnerable and underserved kidney populations. It will include the development and launch of the Indigenous Outreach Strategy to reach and support healthy lifestyles and wellbeing of Indigenous kidney patients and their care partners, living organ donors, and those at risk.

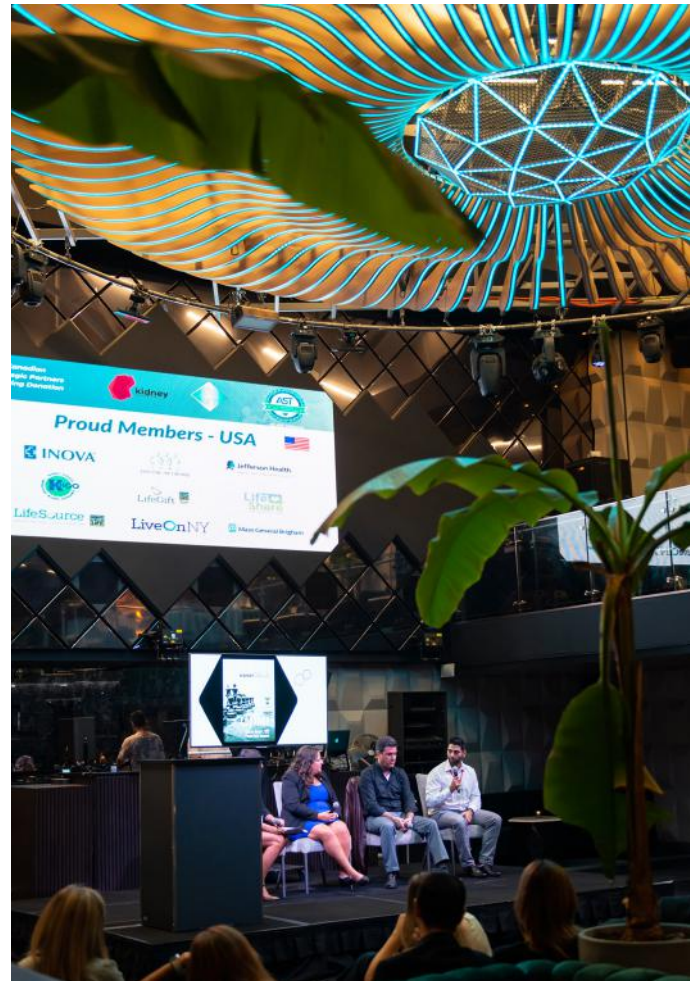
Living Donor Circle of Excellence



Living Donor Circle of Excellence

In 2022, the BC & Yukon Branch hosted the inaugural [Living Donor Circle of Excellence](#) (COE) reception in celebration of a new partnership with the American Society of Transplantation and the Canadian Society of Transplantation. This no-cost employer recognition program honours organizations with HR policies that ensure employees who choose to be a living donor are covered for wage loss during their recovery period.

The Living Donor COE event—the first of its kind in Canada—was co-hosted by nephrologist Dr. John Gill and Robin Gill and included a roundtable discussion with living donors Sussanne Skidmore, Skully White, and Shak Pawar. Speakers shed awareness on the importance of wage support during recovery after donating a kidney. Since its inception, the program has seen 120 companies covering 2.2 million employees and 70 living donors across Canada and the United States.



View the videos below to hear various perspectives on the importance of supporting wage loss during recovery for a living donor.

[Dr. John Gill - Transplant Nephrologist](#)

[Ryan Beedie - President, Beedie + COE Member](#)

[Sussanne Skidmore - Living Donor](#)

For more information or to get your company involved on this innovative initiative, please visit the [Circle of Excellence](#).

THE HARD FACTS ABOUT KIDNEY DISEASE

- One in **10** Canadians have kidney disease; that's four million people.¹
- There is **no known cure** for end-stage kidney disease.
- The leading cause of kidney failure is diabetes at **38%**.
- The number of people living with end-stage kidney disease has grown **29%** since 2012.*
- **45%** of new patients are under the age of **65**.*
- More than **53,000** Canadians are being treated for kidney failure.²
- Treatment for those with end-stage kidney disease: **57%** are on dialysis **43%** have a functioning transplant.*
- Out-of-pocket expenses can be **12.5%** of a patient's income.
- Symptoms may not develop until permanent damage has occurred.
- In recent years, kidney disease has been the **11th** leading cause of death in Canada.³
- **27%** of new end-stage kidney disease patients were late-referrals, which means they started dialysis only **90** days after first seeing a nephrologist.
- **76%** of Canadians waiting for an organ transplant are waiting for a kidney.

* Excludes Quebec

Sources: CIHR, [Organ replacement in Canada CORR annual statistics](#).

1 Manns, Braden et al. [Financial Impact of Advanced Kidney Disease](#) Can. J. Kidney Health Dis.

2 CIHR, [Organ replacement in Canada CORR annual statistics](#).

3 Statistics Canada, [Leading causes of death table](#).

PATIENT SUPPORT

Helping to Bridge the Gap for Kidney Patients

Part of the Kidney Foundation's mandate is to ensure marginalized and vulnerable populations have equitable access to programs, services, and treatment through the identification of needs and gaps within the kidney community.

Many kidney patients face wage loss and at the same time out-of-pocket costs increase, especially when they are on dialysis. In fact, a survey conducted by The Kidney Foundation of Canada found that nearly 50 percent of respondents indicated their annual household income decreased since starting dialysis and two thirds of those said by 40 percent or more.

For more than 50 years, the BC & Yukon Branch has been dedicated to serving thousands of kidney patients in our communities, from the newly diagnosed to those on dialysis and post-transplant. The Branch provides a range of programs and services to help improve the quality of life and meet the diverse needs of kidney patients and their families. To help meet increased need in 2022, additional or larger grants in certain program areas were provided.



One of those programs that saw an increase in grants was the [Short-Term Financial Assistance program](#). This program helps fill gaps faced by kidney patients by offering emergency financial assistance to those enduring hardship with expenses related to kidney disease and its treatment. In 2022, 332 people were supported with over \$109,000 in grants. Programs like this can make all the difference to patients, and as one patient said: *"I haven't been able to work for years... I worry about putting food on the table, paying bills and making ends meet. The help received from the Kidney Foundation literally saved my life..."*

The Foundation recognized that patients often face a financial burden when they must travel to train for home dialysis therapies. To help ensure equitable access to treatment, a few years ago the Branch established both the [Nanaimo Kidney Condo](#) and the [Northern Travel Initiative](#) to assist those living in the Vancouver Island Health Authority and the Northern Health Authority who had expenses related to travel for home dialysis training. In 2022, 23 patients received grants to support their travel for dialysis training in the Northern Health Authority—a 12 percent increase in grants compared to the prior year.

Recognizing the need for this kind of support in other parts of the province, the Branch expanded support for [home dialysis training](#) to the Interior and Fraser Health regions and offered gas cards and some accommodations for those travelling great distances in Vancouver Coastal Health region. In the Interior alone, 17 grants for gas cards were given to patients to travel and train for home dialysis therapies.

One of the patients received funding for home hemodialysis training from Coastal Health Region had this to say: ***“Our social worker advised us that some assistance for temporary accommodation may be available given our remote location... we were so grateful to receive six weeks of support from the Kidney Foundation. Our expenses would have been much higher without this generous gift.”***

To support those post-kidney transplant patients who live outside Vancouver’s Lower Mainland but must stay in Vancouver while they recover from transplant surgery, the Branch offers **Kidney Suites**. Seven suites are conveniently located close to St. Paul’s Hospital and Vancouver General Hospital where transplants are performed. This is a home away from home for many patients, and this kind of accommodation can be a lifesaver for those who cannot afford two months in a hotel or apartment. As one patient said: ***“Being able to stay in a Kidney Suite at a reasonable rate not only helped with the costs of receiving my transplant, but without this invaluable resource and being able to cook my own meals I don’t believe I would have been able to take such good care of my new kidney.”***

Kidney patients must have a clean dental health record before a transplant. So that no one is turned away from a transplant due to financial restrictions, the Branch has a **Dental Initiative** to help those who cannot afford to pay for their dental work.

In 2022, funds offered to those needing dental work were increased by 64 percent from the previous year. In total, 28 grants were given to support pre-transplant patients with their dental work.

The Branch also expanded its pilot with BC Renal to supply home blood pressure monitors to kidney patients who would be unable to purchase one. High blood pressure is the second leading cause of end-stage kidney disease and research shows it is extremely empowering for kidney patients to be able to monitor their blood pressure at home. After evaluating the pilot, availability was expanded by eliminating the income eligibility requirement allowing blood pressure monitors to be provided to all patients at Kidney Care Clinics and in BC’s Post-Kidney Transplant Clinics. Initiatives like the **home blood pressure monitor pilot** helps the Foundation take a proactive and preventative approach to supporting kidney patients at risk for end-stage kidney disease.

These are a few examples of how the Branch works to ensure kidney patients have equitable treatment to programs, services, and treatment.

BC & Yukon Branch PROGRAMS & 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

- Home Blood Pressure Initiative
- Northern Travel Initiative (expanded to Interior Health, Fraser Health Authority, and Vancouver Coastal Health)
- Nanaimo Kidney Condo
- Dental Initiative

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

AWARENESS and EDUCATION

Partnering with BC Renal to Promote Kidney Health Awareness



Test Your Kidney IQ Quiz Show host Michael Teigen

March 1 marks the beginning of Kidney Health Month, a month dedicated to raising awareness of the importance of kidney health. The BC & Yukon Branch once again partnered with [BC Renal](#) to promote kidney health messaging through a mix of traditional and social media advertising. The Branch also created a special [Test Your Kidney IQ Quiz Show](#) to test people's knowledge of kidney disease. The video was hosted by kidney donor, Michael Teigen, and featured local personalities including a BC Olympian, former BC Lions player, and well-known Canadian comedian and actor Colin Mochrie.

Kidney Community Wore Green in Support of Green Shirt Day

Marking its fourth anniversary on April 7th, [Green Shirt Day](#) is dedicated to raising organ donor awareness and registration. It was 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.

Once again, many in the kidney community rallied online by wearing green and encouraged others to talk to their families and register their decision regarding organ donation. About 80 percent of all organs transplanted are kidneys, and while a transplant is not a cure for kidney disease, it is often the best option to provide a better quality of life for kidney patients.



Supporting Green Shirt Day at a free skate hosted by the Canadian Transplant Association.

TV Show Educates Canadians About Their Kidney Health

Every month, the BC & Yukon Branch creates 30-minute kidney health shows for community television that air on SHAW, SHAW Multicultural and on the Kidney PLUGGED IN YouTube channel. The show provides information on the kidney community and supporting kidney health to the broader public, including those at-risk for kidney disease and kidney patients.

In 2022, programming included heartwarming patient stories of challenge and triumph and highlighted the miracles of organ donation and kidney transplantation. In addition, interviews with nephrologists and other kidney health professionals, including cooking shows with kidney dietitians, were featured. [Kidney PLUGGED IN](#) also provided updates on the latest kidney events, news, and research.

Expanding community reach continued to be a priority, as the Branch created content from not only here in BC, but from across Canada, sharing what matters to Canadians when it comes to their kidney health.



Kidney PLUGGED IN 2022 Highlights

- 33 new episodes
- Nine multicultural episodes including segments in Mandarin, Punjabi, Korean, and Cantonese
- 197 half-hour episodes produced to-date since PLUGGED IN launched in 2016
- They're following us! 870 new subscribers for a total of 2,769 subscribers and 88,000 new views for a total of 431,500 views
- Top three countries for viewing audiences: Canada, US and India

COMMUNITY GIVING

One Young Volunteer Makes Incredible Impact with Kidney Walk

At fifteen, Marissa Ouimet was like most teenagers—healthy and full of energy, focused on school and friends, and enjoying extracurricular activities, including figure skating at the Nicola Valley Skating Club in her hometown of Merritt, British Columbia. But without warning in January of 2022, she became extremely ill with chronic fatigue, muscle pain, nausea, fever, and abdominal pain. There was no apparent explanation and she and her parents, Heather and Marcus, met doctors as they tried to assess the root cause.

“It was a long journey of battles, learning, and healing,” explains Marcus. As her condition rapidly deteriorated, she was flown to BC Children’s Hospital where she was eventually diagnosed with ANCA vasculitis, a rare type of autoimmune disease that can affect the kidneys. Marissa’s condition was acute and she was in kidney failure, so immediately began hemodialysis. Eventually Marissa and her parents were able to head back to Merritt, as she was able to switch to peritoneal dialysis which can be done from her home. There, she also began the transplant work up.

While in the hospital, Marissa and her parents were very grateful for all the assistance and resources they received from the Kidney Foundation. They wondered what they could do to help support the cause. Years earlier they had participated in [Kidney Walk](#) to support a friend, but there was no Kidney Walk established in their region. So, with the help of family and friends they launched the Kidney Walk in Merritt with remarkable support. Marissa’s classmates at Merritt Secondary School ran a fundraiser and the community turnout was tremendous. From her teachers, local businesses and media to family and friends travelling up the coast, the first ever Kidney Walk in Merritt was launched with over 50 participants. The team’s initial goal of raising \$500 was smashed when they exceeded \$7000 in donations.



“I am so proud of my daughter, who despite all her own challenges, focused on the positive and with her team ‘I Just Want Water’ made a difference raising funds and awareness of kidney disease,” Marcus adds.

Amazingly, by summer 2022 Marissa’s health had taken a turn for the better, improving to the point where dialysis was no longer needed and as a result, she was removed from the transplant list. She was able to return to competitive figure skating and began looking forward to future Kidney Walks in Merritt.

Shortly after the 2022 Kidney Walk in Merritt, another family friend also received the devastating diagnosis of renal failure. With their gained experience, the Ouimets continue to raise awareness of kidney disease, and plan to grow the annual Kidney Walk in Merritt in support of their friend and others. The town’s backing and spirit exemplify how the kidney community across BC and Yukon comes together, and in Merritt it did so with the help of a courageous girl and her family.



BC & Yukon Kidney Walks

On June 5th, Kidney Walkers from across British Columbia, Yukon, Southern Alberta, and Saskatchewan rallied together virtually, while some opted to walk in their local parks and neighbourhoods. Thanks to 17 Kidney Walks, 177 Kidney Walkers, 42 teams, and sponsors, BC and Yukon raised \$149, 026.

Marissa Ouimet and her parents, Marcus and Heather

Kidney Gala's 10th Anniversary Celebration

The 2022 Kidney Gala marked a decade of raising funds to support kidney health services and programs that improve the lives of kidney patients in British Columbia and Yukon. Proceeds also assist innovative kidney research conducted by Canada's most promising investigators. The evening generated more than \$275,000, bringing the ten-year total to \$2.2 million. Honourary Chair Dr. Adeera Levin was also recognized for providing invaluable leadership and vision since the event's inception.



The virtual [Kidney Gala](#) was hosted by long-time advocates for kidney health and organ donation, Fred Lee (Vancouver's "Man About Town") and Sophie Lui (Global TV) and celebrated all the kidney superheroes in the kidney community. The program featured a slate of speakers—including The Honourable Adrian Dix, Minister of Health, and patients from the kidney community who shared their inspiring stories, including Alley Adams, Ava Tronnes, and Larry Giovanetti.

[Alley Adams](#) was diagnosed with type 1 diabetes when she was just a toddler, and by age 30 was given the shocking diagnosis of end-stage kidney disease. In 2021, she received a dual kidney and pancreas transplant and is now a proud ambassador for the Kidney Foundation's End Diabetic Kidney Disease Campaign. She bravely shared her story to help bring awareness to the cause.

[Ava Tronnes](#), diagnosed with kidney disease in childhood, spoke on what it was like to go through kidney disease, dialysis, and transplant all before turning thirteen years old. [Larry Giovanetti](#) expressed his thanks as one of the many dialysis patients the Kidney Foundation supported when left stranded due to the 2021 atmospheric river that caused torrential rains in BC's Fraser Valley.

The evening was a great success in no small part due to the 2022 Kidney Gala sponsors: MacDonald Renal Pharmacy, Schnitzer Steel Pick n' Pull, Dilawri Group of Companies, Astrazeneca Canada, Otsuka Canada, RGF Integrated Wealth Management, West Coast Gardens, Unitow, Abbot Diabetes Canada, and National Bank of Canada, Jeff Scoten Group.

Kidney March Treks into Record-Breaking Year

Clocking in at 100 kilometres over three days, the **Kidney March**—held annually in the foothills of Calgary—is an incredible physical and mental challenge but is also a journey that stays with participants for a lifetime. Patients, loved ones, doctors, nurses and researchers all march side-by-side, connecting the community and building bonds that go far beyond the event itself.

It was a record year for the BCY Kidney March team, which raised almost \$90,000 in support of kidney health research, patient programs and services, and organ donation initiatives. BeCauseYukan team captain, Marie Hesse, was honoured to accept the Richardson Wealth Kidney March Top Fundraising award on behalf of her teammates.



“We were thrilled with the generous support from our community. It is truly amazing to be part of something so incredibly powerful. Team BeCauseYukan worked hard all year, they trained, they fundraised, and they made it happen every step of the way... every 100km!”

– Marie Hesse, Director, Community Initiatives

(bottom left) Carmen Komish from Whitehorse, Yukon representing the YuKan in BeCauseYukan.

Kidney Car Program a Winner for All

As the largest source of revenue for the Branch, [Kidney Car](#) has been providing a quick and simple way for people to dispose of their unwanted vehicles for the past 27 years in communities throughout British Columbia. In 2022, the program raised \$1,499,725 and donated 3,057 cars.

The program also increased tax receipts to provide a minimum of \$700, allowing car donors to benefit even more from their generosity.



First Year Radiothon a Great Success



Sher E Punjab Radio AM 600 (the largest South Asian radio station in BC) held a very successful first-ever radiothon on September 29th in support of the BC & Yukon Branch. Thanks to donors in BC communities, almost \$22,000 was raised over a 12-hour period. The event also raised much-needed awareness about the importance of kidney health within the South Asian community—a population at high risk of developing kidney disease.

The event featured 18 speakers including nephrologists, patients, researchers, Branch Board members, staff, and community stakeholders from the South Asian community. Drs. Jag Gill, Mohamud Karim, and Arun Garg were part of the line-up and spoke on various aspects of kidney health. MLA Mike de Jong and MLA Harry Bains spoke to the importance of organ donation. Closing off the event was board member, Bala Murali, who shared his personal family story.

OUR GROWING GIVING COMMUNITY

In 2022, the BC & Yukon Branch processed more than 14,000 transactions that included donations, pledges, in-kind gifts, stocks and recurring gift payments. Thanks to the dedication of the growing kidney community, support is strengthened from year to year.

Donors in Action

13 organizations made 44 new matching gift pledges
28 new monthly pledges
46 gifts ranging from \$5,000 – \$250,000
\$744, 872 through Legacy Giving

Signature Events

230 more Kidney March donations in 2022
More than 900 Kidney Walk donations thanks to 41 virtual teams, 176 participants, 17 walks and 40 sponsors
2 new Kidney Walk fundraising dog teams
More than 600 virtual Kidney Gala attendees

Community Events

8 community organized events, fundraising for services and research

New events in 2022:

Sher-E-Punjab AM 600 Radiothon
Yoga on the Beach
Lowe's Canada Heroes

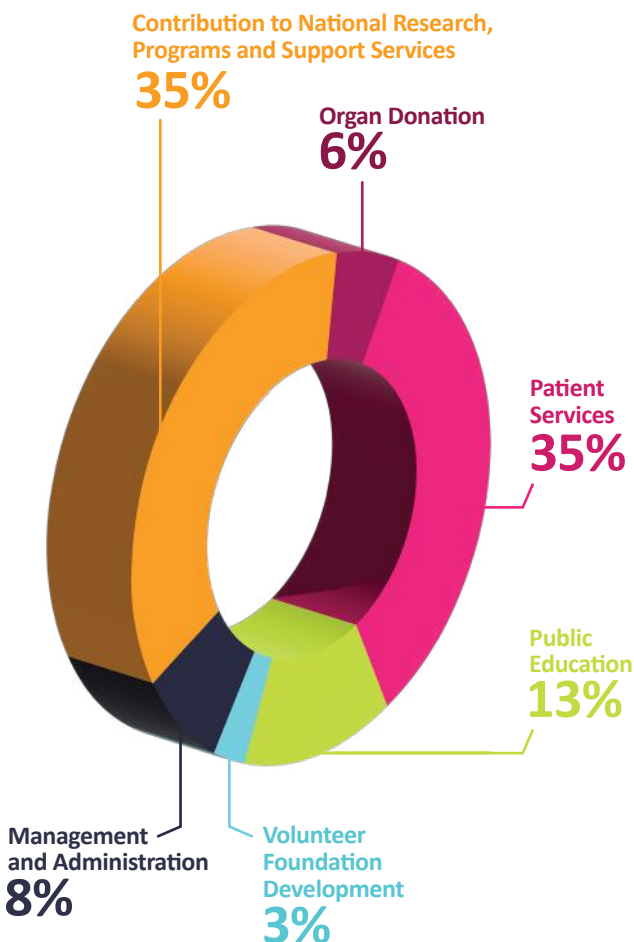


FINANCIALS

The Kidney Foundation of Canada (BC & Yukon Branch) for the year ended December 31, 2022.

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, 2022 (Unaudited)	2022 \$	2021 \$
REVENUE		
Contributions	3,586,497	3,904,089
Bequests	744,872	2,276,769
Investment income allocated to operations	29,094	14,059
	4,360,463	6,194,917
Fundraising expenditures	1,512,857	1,593,296
Net revenue	2,847,606	4,601,621
EXPENDITURES		
Mission		
Research	90	2,112
Programs and services including organ donation	1,194,361	909,893
Government and community relations	363,808	297,556
Foundation and volunteer development	90,949	74,236
	1,649,208	1,283,797
Management and administration	214,128	183,939
Contribution to national research, programs and support services	984,270	3,133,885
	2,847,606	4,601,621

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

Year ended December 31, 2022 (Unaudited)	2022 \$	2021 \$
ASSETS		
Current		
Cash	2,597,637	5,919,240
Interest and Sundry Receivable (Note 8)	626,408	884,166
Prepaid expenses	56,049	45,473
	3,280,094	6,848,879
Capital assets (Note 3)	13,255	18,233
	3,293,349	6,867,112
LIABILITIES		
Current liabilities		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities (Note 8)	214,733	349,065
Deferred rent	0	11,608
Deferred contributions (Note 4)		
Living Organ Donor Expense Reimbursement Program	90,311	114,971
Jackie Family Fund	37,989	37,989
Other	932,300	569,680
Deferred Capital Assets	2,167	2,261
	1,277,500	1,085,574
FUND BALANCES		
Invested in capital assets	11,088	15,972
Internally Restricted for use in future years (Note 5)	605,909	461,550
Attributed to The Kidney Foundation of Canada	1,398,852	5,304,016
	2,015,849	5,781,538
	3,293,349	6,867,112

DEDICATION



HEATHER JOHNSON & LILI

This Impact Report is dedicated to our cherished friend and colleague, Heather Johnson, who passed away on April 24, 2023. Heather served as Director of Programs for the BC & Yukon Branch for 16 years and was a passionate and strong advocate for kidney patients. In her tenure, she pioneered many new initiatives to improve the quality of life for those most at risk and vulnerable.

Heather served as a mentor and inspiration to the Branch team and held an incredible and vast knowledge on all topics related to kidney health.

Her great attention to detail also earned her the title as our in-house editor. Heather was known for her wicked sense of humour and could always be counted on for the best, zinger punchlines in a conversation.

Outside the office Heather was an avid paddler and traveller. She will also be remembered for her incredible love and support for animals, including her beloved dog, Lili.

While we struggle to make sense of this huge loss, what we know is that Heather made the world a better place and we are better for knowing her. We will miss her dearly.

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