

CRAF Update

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Significant progress continues on establishing the Canadian Rheumatology Association Foundation (CRAF).

We are pleased to announce the launch of the CRAF Fund through a partnership with the Community Foundation of Greater Peterborough (CFGF). Through this partnership, CFGF is now positioned to accept, receipt and hold donations on behalf of the Canadian Rheumatology Association Foundation as we wait for charitable status approval.

We are pleased to share that we have already received several donations. Donations through the CRAF Fund will help to support research, education and care delivery by rheumatology professionals for people with rheumatic diseases. Funds raised will advance activities which align with the mission of the Canadian Rheumatology Association (CRA) such as the Canadian Initiative for Outcomes in Rheumatology care (CIORA), a unique granting opportunity that is a catalyst for improving the care of Canadians living with all rheumatic diseases. Gifts received and designated to the CRAF Fund are eligible for a charitable tax receipt.



If you would like to make a donation to the CRAF Fund, you can do so directly through the CFGF Foundation at www.cfgp.ca/project/craf-fund.

If you have any questions or would like to know how to get involved with the Foundation, please contact me directly at executivedirector@crafoundation.ca. (Our other big news...we now have an official email!)

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Canadian Rheumatology Association Receives Award of Excellence

The Canadian Rheumatology Association is pleased to share that it is the recipient of an Award of Excellence from the Canadian Society of Association Executives (CSAE) for the work and planning behind its COVID-19 Response Series.

Since the onset of the pandemic, CRA members, the Board of Directors, Committee Chairs, staff, volunteers, community partners, sponsors, and supporters were all instrumental in coming together to support the rheumatology community during this unprecedented time.

Thank you to all for your efforts and contributions!