



The Difference You Make

Since the Canadian Cancer Society Cops for Cancer program first began 21 years ago, Cops for Cancer has raised an incredible **\$43.9 million**, making it the largest contributor Canadian Cancer Society-funded childhood cancer research and support programs across Canada!

Sadly, cancer is the most common disease-related cause of death in children and tends to be more aggressive and invasive than cancer in adults. That makes the contributions through this program all the more significant. We are giving children with cancer and their families hope, inspiration, and support at a time when they need it most.

Thank you for believing in our vision of a world where no child fears cancer, and for making our work possible.

Life-saving childhood cancer research

Generous support has made the Canadian Cancer Society the largest charitable funder of childhood cancer research in Canada. In the past year, we invested **\$3.8 million** in childhood cancer research nationwide, including **\$581,000 in projects based right here in BC**. Below is an example of the kind of ground-breaking work being supported.

Dr Torsten Nielsen, University of British Columbia



Our genes can instruct our cells to make proteins that control cell growth. If these instructions go awry, cells can begin to grow uncontrollably and we can develop cancer.

A genetic mutation in synovial sarcoma, an aggressive cancer affecting the joints of young adults, creates an abnormal protein that promotes tumour growth. Currently there are no treatments available that specifically target this abnormal protein.

With your support, a grant from the Canadian Cancer Society is allowing Dr Torsten Nielsen and his team to compare the effects of a single therapeutic intervention relative to combination therapies on synovial sarcoma tumours in the lab. They found a combination therapy that blocks the abnormal protein and promotes tumour cell death, preventing the tumour from growing in mice. The researchers are now working with the Canadian Cancer Trials Group to launch a clinical trial to test their idea in patients with synovial sarcoma. Sarcomas have a 50% mortality rate because they are difficult to diagnose and treat, so Dr Torsten's work has the potential to save lives.

In 2017, we funded **122** active clinical trials through the Canadian Cancer Trials Group, enrolling more than **1,300 patients** and offering hope to countless others.



Compassionate support and credible information

The Canadian Cancer Society gives help and hope to Canadians affected by childhood cancer. Whether it's the support of a peer who's been there before, credible and trusted cancer information, financial support to cover the cost of travel to cancer treatments or the chance for a child with cancer to just be a kid at camp, we're always ready to give people with cancer the help they need, when they need it most.

In addition to research, funds raised by Cops for Cancer support Camp Goodtimes, a medically-supervised recreational experience where kids and families affected by cancer can re-connect, recharge and have fun. With days filled with games, shared meals, activities like archery, crafts and rock climbing, swimming in the lake and gathering around the campfire to share stories or act out skits, Camp Goodtimes offers respite from all the fears and stresses of a childhood cancer diagnosis.

With your support, BC kids, teens and families affected by childhood cancer get the chance to experience the magic of Camp Goodtimes at no cost. Without you, attending camp would simply be out of reach for many families. Here's a look at the lives touched in 2018.

Camp Goodtimes 2018 at a glance

7 Camp sessions in total

3 Kids Camp sessions with **163** children

1 Teen Camp session with **30** teenagers

4 Family Camp sessions with **60** families comprised of **239** people

40 Youth in **4** Leaders-in-Training sessions

476 Camp experiences for **414** participants

203+ Camp Goodtimes volunteers

5 events welcoming **290** campers in the 2018 Year-Round Family Support Program

90% of parents surveyed said "My children seem to have had an increase in confidence since attending camp."

Thank you!

Thank you, for helping in a future where no child fears cancer. You are helping build brighter futures for kids, teens and families affected by childhood cancer.

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