



Climbers Against Cancer  
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Dear Climbers Against Cancer,

I am always moved by the unwavering support of donors. A recent transformative donation of \$18 million from an anonymous donor underscored the impact of philanthropy. Thanks to this donor (who wishes to remain anonymous), people facing metastatic cancer have new reason to hope.

2018 was a year rich in inspiration in both giving and research outcomes; some of the other extraordinary moments include:

- One of our most dedicated donors, 62 year-old Gia Tran, who, for over 21 years, has tirelessly collected bottles and cans and donated the deposit change she receives to the Foundation. She makes the long trek to our office almost every day of the week and her infectious laugh is the highlight of our day. While her donations are often no more than \$10 at a time, her efforts have accumulated an incredible \$15,000 in total. Her story inspires not only us, but also thousands of others across our province, and we are truly grateful for her support.
- Danny's life was saved by being enrolled in a clinical trial. Danny was diagnosed with Stage 4 bladder cancer and initially told by his doctor to get his affairs in order. After being introduced to Dr. Bernie Eigl, he enrolled in a clinical trial at BC Cancer. To his astonishment, within a month or so, his treatment sent his cancer into remission and has held it off ever since. Danny's story is a true testament to how our donors are making breakthroughs in research that will lead to more treatment options for patients across B.C., and the world.
- Under the leadership of Drs. Stephen Chia, Samuel Aparicio and Karen Gelmon, BC Cancer excelled as a global leader in breast cancer research with

B-PRECISE, a provincial research project involving a comprehensive study of breast cancer patients across the province. The goals of B-PRECISE are to better understand how tumours evolve; how to treat them most effectively; how to prevent cancer from returning; and how to identify patients at high-risk who may require more intensive therapies – resulting in better outcomes for those facing a breast cancer diagnosis.

The extraordinary impact of your philanthropy will ensure clinicians and scientists at BC Cancer can continue to break down cancer, in the labs and in the clinics, and provide world-class cancer care close to home.

There is still a lot of work to do to change the outcome for families who will face a cancer diagnosis in 2019 and the years to come.

I wish you and your family a peaceful and joyous holiday season, and all the best for 2019.

Sincerely,



Sarah Roth  
President & CEO