



Accessibility from Coast to Coast to Coast

Annual Report

April 1, 2017 – March 31, 2018





Our Vision

An inclusive world where people with disabilities are living to their full potential.

Our Mission

To create and deliver innovative solutions that lead to a global movement to remove barriers and liberate the potential of people with disabilities.

Creating Transformational Change

Inspired by the belief that anything is possible, Rick Hansen began the Man In Motion World Tour in 1985, wheeling 40,000km over two years. The Rick Hansen Foundation, established in 1988, has made transformational change in raising awareness and removing barriers for people with disabilities and funding research for the cure and care of people with spinal cord injuries. Today, the Foundation is leading the movement to remove physical barriers to accessibility and inclusion in Canada for people with disabilities. With your support, we can make this happen.

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Message from the Founder & CEO

When I completed the Man in Motion World Tour in 1987, an incredible journey had only just begun. This past year, the Foundation marked the 30th anniversary of the end of the Tour, and I believe more strongly than ever in our collective ability to create an accessible, inclusive world, and to find a cure for paralysis. The Foundation's innovative programs and initiatives are encouraging more and more people across the country, and around the world, to take action and make their communities accessible and inclusive for people with mobility, vision, and hearing disabilities.

In 2017-2018, we saw the amazing results of our Access4All Canada 150 Signature Project, supported by the Government of Canada and our National Partners. Building on the Project's success, we were grateful to receive additional funding from the Government of BC to continue our leadership including funds to launch the Rick Hansen Foundation Accessibility Certification™ program this past October. The program trains Accessibility Assessors to rate a building's level of meaningful access, and certifies buildings to showcase best practices in Universal Design. Our team of Assessors began rating buildings across BC. The program achieved a major milestone, recognizing its first 'RHF Accessibility Certified Gold' ratings at the Canada Science and Technology Museum, in Ottawa, and SAP Labs, in Vancouver.

To empower the next generation of accessibility champions, our School and Ambassador programs continued engaging with and inspiring youth across Canada.

All of our work relies on valuable contributions made by so many people. I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the outgoing Co-Chairs of the Board of Directors, Lyall Knott and George Gaffney, for their longtime leadership and support. We are grateful they will both remain on the Board and continue to play an important role. I am thrilled to introduce Tamara Vrooman as our new Board Chair. Her extensive leadership experience and insights will help us deliver on our goals of building an accessible and inclusive world.

By supporting the Foundation, you are directly contributing to the critically important effort to advance accessibility and inclusion in Canada, and worldwide. Thank you to our donors, supporters, volunteers, and staff, on behalf of the Foundation, for your ongoing support. I am honoured to present the impact of our progress over the past year in the following pages of this year's annual report.



Rick Hansen, C.C., O.B.C.
Founder & CEO, Rick Hansen Foundation

Message from Outgoing Board Co-Chairs

Serving first as members of the Board of Directors and then as Co-Chairs, over the last 30 years has been an honour. We have seen firsthand the incredible impact of Rick's original dream of creating an inclusive world where people with disabilities are living to their full potential.

This year, the Foundation continued to drive social change by raising awareness and changing attitudes about the potential of people with disabilities. We shared findings from a report by the Conference Board of Canada, showing improved access for people with disabilities can add nearly \$17 billion to the Canadian economy by 2030*. Our programs and initiatives reinforced both the social benefits of improved accessibility and inclusion and the economic imperative in Canada to make it a reality.

We are honoured to have worked alongside and to have met so many dedicated and passionate people during this time. Thank you to everyone who contributed to the many conversations, discussions, debates, and decisions that have helped advance the Foundation's work.

We would like to extend a warm welcome to Tamara Vrooman as the new Board Chair. Tamara joined the Board in 2016. Her tremendous leadership, passion, and commitment to accessibility will serve the Foundation well as we advance our accessibility programs and initiatives.

Thank you to the Board and Foundation staff for their hard work this year. We look forward to continue serving as Board members to help build an accessible Canada for all.



Lyall Knott, Q.C.
Past Co-Chair, Board of Directors
Rick Hansen Foundation



George Gaffney
Past Co-Chair, Board of Directors
Rick Hansen Foundation



*Source: [*The Business Case to Build Physically Accessible Environments, Conference Board of Canada, February 2018*](#)

Message from the New Board Chair

I am honoured to serve as the new Chair of the Board of Directors. Thank you to George and Lyall for their leadership, service and support. I am excited to help lead our cause to make Canada more accessible and inclusive for people with disabilities.

Accessibility ensures the well-being of all people, as well as the long-term sustainability of our communities. With the number of Canadian adults with disabilities expected to increase to one in five by 2036, it is critical that our buildings and sites are accessible and can support this shift*.

This year, the Foundation created positive impact with the completion of 55 Barrier Buster accessibility projects and awareness-raising events across Canada, and the launch of our Accessibility Certification program in BC. To empower youth to become leaders and take action on improving accessibility and inclusion, our national School Program engaged thousands of educators and reached 150,000 students.

As we take pride in these accomplishments, we know a lot of work must be done to continue building a movement to remove barriers to accessibility and help ensure Canada's social and economic viability.

Thank you to the Board, staff, and all our donors, partners, and supporters. I look forward to working with you to continue the journey of creating transformational change for people with disabilities.



Tamara Vrooman
Chair, Board of Directors
Rick Hansen Foundation



*Source: [*Participation and Activity Limitation Survey, Statistics Canada, 2006.*](#)

Our Impact

Thank you for making all of this possible!



1,100 ratings

of buildings in BC are underway with the launch of the Rick Hansen Foundation Accessibility Certification™ and the training of Accessibility Assessors.





55 Barrier Buster projects

across Canada helped communities improve their accessibility through the Access4All Canada 150 Signature Project, impacting over 220,000 people.

150,000

students were reached and **over 5,000 educators** are registered through the Rick Hansen Foundation School Program.

Continued to invest in spinal cord injury research and innovation.

Millions of people were inspired by Rick Hansen's message of hope and determination!



Everyone benefits from improved access — including our economy.

Accessibility from Coast to Coast to Coast is the theme of this year's annual report for one big reason — more and more Canadians across the country are on board with improving accessibility and inclusion! With your support, we are transforming the way Canadians think about how we access our communities and creating a world where everyone has an equal opportunity to live their best life.

Every day, people with disabilities affecting their mobility, vision, and hearing struggle to access retail stores, offices, community centres, and other facilities in their communities because of physical barriers. As our population ages, accessibility and the sustainability of our communities has serious implications to our society and our economy.

In 2018:

57%

of Canadians with physical disabilities who are currently unemployed believe they'd be able to work if workplaces were more accessible.

49%

of Canadians with physical disabilities who are working believe they could work more hours if workplaces were made more accessible.

By 2030:

\$316 billion

will be added to the Canadian economy annually, as real spending by people with disabilities grows (representing 21% of the total consumer market).

\$16.8 billion

is the increase to our GDP if workplace improvements were made, allowing over 0.5 million Canadians with disabilities to work more hours.

Source: [*The Business Case to Build Physically Accessible Environments, Conference Board of Canada, February 2018*](#)

Accessibility from Coast to Coast to Coast

In 2017, we officially launched a new national program, Rick Hansen Foundation Accessibility Certification™ (RHFAC). Developed to improve the built environment in Canada, it's the only program of its kind that rates the meaningful access of buildings using a consistent methodology, certifies buildings to promote best practices in Universal Design, and trains Accessibility Assessors. Rated organizations across the country can choose to make their certification public on the online RHFAC Registry, hosted by our partner, CSA Group.

Accessibility Certification in British Columbia

Thanks to generous support from the Government of British Columbia through the Ministry of Social Development & Poverty Reduction, we offered free RHFAC ratings in BC over the past year. Due to overwhelming interest in the program, we are well on track to deliver approximately 1,100 ratings by March 2019.

All sites rated through RHFAC in BC are qualified to apply for up to \$20,000 in funding for accessibility improvements. Applications for the BC Accessibility Grants Program opened in 2017, and we look forward in future to sharing more about how these grants are changing the built environment across BC.

Accessibility Assessor Training

In October 2017, the first team of 12 Accessibility Assessors completed a training course developed by RHF at Vancouver Community College. They have started rating commercial, institutional, and multi-unit residential buildings and sites. In April 2018, another round of Accessibility Assessor training courses were undertaken in Vancouver, BC, and Halifax, NS. In Fall 2018, courses will be offered across the country in Vancouver, Calgary, Ottawa, Toronto, and Halifax.

“Accessibility Certification will really change how people think about accessibility and inclusion. I have mild Asperger's. As an Accessibility Assessor, I want to let everyone know that people with Asperger's can have good jobs, make a difference, and contribute to society.” — **Keith Bailey, Accessibility Assessor, Victoria, BC**



Canada Museum of Science and Technology, Ottawa, ON — First ‘RHF Accessibility Certified Gold’ Museum

The newly renovated Canada Science and Technology Museum is the first national public institution in Canada to receive ‘Accessibility Certified Gold’, the highest certification level rating under Rick Hansen Foundation Accessibility Certification™.

Recognizing that museums are meant for everyone, the museum integrated accessibility into many aspects of its design from the very beginning of its revitalization plans.

The new facility, which reopened in November 2017, has an accessible drop-off, main entrance, and group entrance area; level flooring to minimize barriers for visitors using mobility devices; accessible seating; and exhibitions designed according to accessibility standards addressing sensory, motor, and cognitive impairments. It is the only museum in the National Capital Region with a universal washroom, complete with an adult lift system. This has opened up the museum for groups previously unable to visit.

Other accessibility features include a family care room; neck loops that visitors with hearing aids can use in the auditorium and the demo stage; and Key Access, a new smartphone wayfinding system for visitors with vision disabilities — a first for any museum.

“Through our work addressing accessibility in the design of the new Canada Science and Technology Museum, we’ve also grown our internal culture as an organization. We’ve shifted gears to become aware and responsive to all the opportunities that our accessibility work presents, and we’re looking forward to sharing this knowledge across Ingenium — our broader corporation — which includes the Canada Aviation and Space Museum and the Canada Agriculture and Food Museum.”

— Fern Proulx, Interim President and CEO, Ingenium



Accessibility Leadership Forum

The Rick Hansen Foundation (RHF) hosted an Accessibility Leadership Forum in Toronto in November 2017 with 80 community disability leaders working to improve the quality of life for people with disabilities. Participants recognized the business case for accessibility in Canada and discussed common standards for inclusive design, how to build industry expertise around accessibility, and the existing stigmas about the abilities of people with disabilities.

Some of the priorities the group identified include continuing to work collaboratively with government, and building industry and business owner communities, and growing partnerships with universities and colleges to incorporate Universal Design into professional education.



Above: Delegates of the 2017 Accessibility Leadership Forum.

Raising Awareness and Changing Attitudes

Our awareness programs and initiatives are driving social change and promote a cultural shift towards improved accessibility and inclusion for people with disabilities. This work is made possible thanks to the generosity of government, corporate, and individual supporters.

30th Anniversary of the Man In Motion World Tour

- **A new book, *30 Years Later: A Celebration of Courage, Strength and the Power of Community***, was launched this past year.

The book takes a retrospective look at the barrier-breaking Man In Motion World Tour (1985-1987), and includes never-before-seen photos and stories from Rick and his team.

- **Rick donated a glove from the Man In Motion World Tour to the Canadian Museum of History** on May 22, 2017, marking the 30th anniversary of the end of the Tour. A symbol of Rick's determination and drive, the glove is now displayed in the new Canadian History Hall alongside an image from the Tour's visit to the Great Wall of China in April 1986.



Leadership and Inspiration

- **This year Rick continued to participate in a number of major public events** including the Invictus Games, and at WE Days in Toronto, Calgary, and Ottawa, where he spoke to the importance of removing barriers for people with disabilities. A new partnership with WE, announced in November 2017, will see RHF and WE share their resources to reach even more youth in advocating for an accessible Canada.
- **Rick's interviews with various news media hosts and reporters** helped to generate over 2,700 media mentions about the importance of improved access and inclusion for people with disabilities on stations and publications across the country.

“Rick is an inspiring and driving force – a true thought leader in the accessibility space – and helped to inspire Jumpstart’s ‘Play Finds A Way’ movement, Canadian Tire Corporation’s \$50 million commitment over five years to help give Canadian kids with disabilities access to sport and play.”

– **Stephen Wetmore, President and CEO, Canadian Tire Corporation**

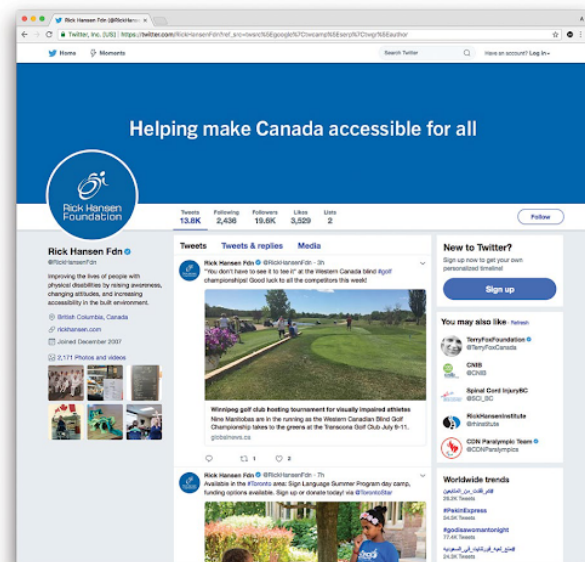
Public Engagement with para-athlete Djami Diallo

Thanks to the generous support of media partners, Rogers Media and Shaw Communications Inc. and creative partner TAXI Canada Ltd., our public service announcement portraying para-athlete Djami Diallo and her many accomplishments and challenges overcoming barriers, continued to air on television stations across the country reaching millions of Canadians. Powerful assets like these are helping raise awareness of the importance of improved accessibility and inclusion.



Outreach through Digital Channels

More people are viewing, supporting, and sharing our messages. Over the past year we’ve engaged over 2,000 new social media followers, totaling over 55,000 followers across all RHF social channels. Our website continued to engage visitors with our blog attracting more than 25,000 readers.



Improving Quality of Life for All Canadians – Barrier Buster Projects

This year, communities across Canada completed 55 Barrier Buster infrastructure improvements and awareness-raising events as part of our Access4All Canada 150 Signature Project, with support from the Government of Canada and National Partners, Boston Pizza International, Canadian Tire Corporation, Rogers Media, Scotiabank and Shaw Communications Inc. **Thank you and congratulations to all of these amazing project teams!**



Canada Games Centre, Whitehorse, YK – Ceiling Track Lift

“The best thing about being a Barrier Buster is feeling a part of the great community in Whitehorse!” – Greg Sanderson, City of Whitehorse

McGirr Elementary School, Nanaimo, BC – Accessible Playground

“We want to provide students with disabilities and their friends with a better experience [of play], as well as serve as a positive example of an ideal outdoor play space.” – Twyla Spoke, McGirr Elementary Parent Advisory Council

Edmonton City Hall, Edmonton, AB – Hearing LOOPS

“There is a perceived stigma to having hearing loss . . . the LOOP system means people do not require external pieces to use. We continue to promote the use of LOOPS using this project as an example of barrier-free hearing.” – Cindy Gordon, Canadian Hard of Hearing Association, Edmonton Branch

Winkler Arena, Winkler, MB – Accessibility Upgrades

“This is a significant project directly benefiting over half of our population. Being a Barrier Buster means caring about our citizens and fighting to make things right for them.” – Deb Penner, City of Winkler





CNIB 'BlindSquare Enabled' Neighbourhood, Toronto, ON – Wayfinding Technology

"It's heartwarming to hear from people [who are blind or partially sighted] who've lived here all these years who were not always aware of what places were around them until the beacons were put in. They're getting an experience of the neighbourhood they've never had before." – Kat Clarke, CNIB

Santropol Roulant, Montreal, QC – Elevator

"Through this project we strive to increase the level of empowerment and inclusion of those most often isolated in our community, rather than following the status quo." – Tanya D'Amours, Santropol Roulant



Mariners Centre, Yarmouth, NS – Accessibility Upgrades

"By making our facility sledge friendly, we are confirming to participants that they belong here not just as spectators, but as athletes." – Gil Dares, Mariners Centre

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Youth Education and Outreach



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The Rick Hansen Foundation School Program (RHFSP), including our Ambassadors, reach approximately 150,000 youth each year, empowering a new generation of accessibility champions. In addition to the generous long standing support from the Boston Pizza Foundation Future Prospects, this year RHFSP welcomed Scotiabank as the Co-Presenting Partner of the program.



OVER
5,000

EDUCATORS across Canada are registered to receive our free educational resources, with over 1,500 new educators registering this past year.

OVER
220

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS were delivered by RHF Ambassadors in schools and communities across Canada, inspiring over 30,000 youth.

“Seeing Rick thrive gave me hope and reignited my will to live. He’s a hero to myself, and to many Canadians. He helped me realize my full potential – my worth. I want to pay it forward and help others to see what they’re capable of, no matter what their circumstances.”

– **RHF Ambassador Trent Seymour, traditional Lheidli T’enneh territory, Prince George, BC**



RHF held a **Youth Leadership Summit** in May 2017, in celebration of Canada 150 and the 30th anniversary of the Man In Motion World Tour. With the generous support of Presenting Partner Boston Pizza Foundation Future Prospects, fifty youth leaders from across Canada convened to share their ideas on accessibility and inclusion, and inspire action back home in their communities.



“Because of summits like this, today’s youth are becoming more informed about our role in making our world more inclusive and accessible. We’re learning how to be compassionate leaders, and how to use our morals and values in our everyday life. Thanks again for the incredible experience. We will take our new knowledge back to our schools and communities to share with our peers and our families. Most importantly, we will use this new information to shape how we interact with others.”

— Youth Leadership Summit Participant

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Difference Makers: RHF School Program Resources Engage Both Students and Educators

Two of our **2017 Student Difference Makers of the Year**, Helen Lazar and Avery Sikkes of Isabella Dicken Elementary School, in Fernie, BC, raised funds to build two “Buddy Benches” on their school’s playground, to encourage inclusion among their peers.



“We want to make sure everything in our school is accessible. If you want to see a positive change in your community, never be afraid to be the person to make that change.”

— Helen and Avery, 2017 Student Difference Maker of the Year Award winners

Averill Huxter, one of the RHFSP **2017 Educator Difference Makers of the Year**, is an elementary and high school teacher in Escuminac, in rural Quebec. The school has only 30 students, several from Listigui First Nation, and five teachers.

When an Ambassador presentation at the school was cancelled due to snow, her students were inspired to discuss how a lack of accessibility can affect people with disabilities. Using RHFSP curriculum-supported lesson plans and activities, Averill engages her students in ongoing conversations about accessibility and inclusion.

“I want my students to recognize that everyone has value, everyone has something to contribute. That differences don’t take away from people. It’s the differences that make them special. If they use their differences, they can change the world.”

— Averill Huxter, 2017 Educator Difference Maker of the Year



Investing in SCI Research and Innovation

RHF believes collaborative, global research is the key to improving the health and quality of life for people with disabilities. We continue to invest in spinal cord injury (SCI) research through our partnership with the Rick Hansen Institute (RHI) and the International Collaboration on Repair Discoveries (ICORD), located in the Blusson Spinal Cord Centre. Your support is helping to improve quality of life for people living with SCI.



The Rick Hansen Institute

The Rick Hansen Institute (RHI) mobilizes international innovation in research and care to improve the lives of people with SCI in Canada and around the world. RHI and RHF operate independently, yet continue to collaborate.

Over this past year, RHI has:

- Driven improvements in care for more than 3,900 Canadians with SCI, including supporting best practices training for over 700 clinicians; interacting with over 20,000 people with SCI; supporting over 230 peer-reviewed publications; and engaging with over 60 healthcare sites around the world.
- Continued to operate Canada's foremost SCI data repository, the Rick Hansen Spinal Cord Injury Registry (RHSCIR), with over 6,900 participants; 50% of RHSCIR facilities were successfully accredited to Accreditation Canada's *Standards for Spinal Cord Injury Acute and Rehabilitation Services*.
- Participated in two major international neuro-restorative clinical trials designed to help individuals regain voluntary hand and arm function (Canada and US), and help minimize spinal cord damage and improve recovery of motor function (Canada and Australia).
- Established groundbreaking global partnerships with organizations in Israel and India to help emerging companies develop market-ready solutions that will improve quality of life for individuals living with SCI.

Blusson Integrated Cures Partnership

The Blusson Integrated Cures Partnership, funded by RHF, is a collaborative effort between RHI and the International Collaboration on Repair Discoveries (ICORD) to make the Blusson Spinal Cord Centre a global hub for interdisciplinary SCI research. The following are a few examples of the impact of these efforts:

Biobank is a resource that supports translational research in order to improve patient outcomes following SCI. The Biobank currently holds approximately 11,000 blood samples, and approximately 9,000 cerebrospinal fluid (CSF) samples from 125 people. This data is being used in two ongoing studies, one led by a team including Dr. Brian Kwon looking at using MRIs to better understand SCI and a second study, assessing the biomarkers of traumatic brain injuries, which often occur with an SCI.



Above: Dr. Christopher West and his lab. Photo courtesy of Rick Hansen Institute.

Dr. Christopher West and Dr. John (Kip) Kramer continued to make significant contributions to the field of SCI. ICORD was able to promote the training and scientific development of highly qualified personnel, such as Dr. West and Dr. Kramer, in order to retain and expand SCI research expertise in Canada. Dr. West and individuals in his lab received 12 awards during this year, with his lab receiving external funding from six grants. Dr. Kramer with five individuals in his lab receiving 13 awards during this year. His lab received external funding from five grants.



The SCIRE Community website launched in October 2017. A consumer-oriented version of SCIRE Professional, which was developed for clinicians, SCIRE Community provides free information about SCI research written in everyday language. Attracting a global audience, the most widely viewed topics such as pressure injuries, SCI basics, and spinal cord anatomy are consistent with those identified as priorities during earlier consultations with consumer and stakeholder groups.

Message from the Treasurer

As we work to build a more accessible and inclusive world for people with disabilities, we recognize our accountability to our partners, donors, and other stakeholders, including, most importantly, millions of people with disabilities. We are proud to be accredited by Imagine Canada, which sets the highest possible standards of accountability for registered charities and non-profits in Canada.

The launch of Rick Hansen Foundation Accessibility Certification™ in October 2017 was supported by funding from the BC Government received in April 2017. To be disbursed over the next three years, the funding includes \$5 million to develop and implement accessibility standards and ratings for buildings and public spaces, and \$4 million to help fund projects that will lead to a more accessible British Columbia.

In March 2018, the BC Government demonstrated their commitment to our ongoing leadership and innovation in making communities more accessible and inclusive with a \$10-million grant to support the Foundation over the next five years.

This year we completed the Access4All Canada 150 Signature Project. With support from the Government of Canada and our National Partners, we provided \$1.5 million in Barrier Buster grants to 55 communities across Canada for accessibility-improvement and awareness-raising projects.

To support our mission, the Foundation's Board of Directors approved a continued investment to build awareness of the importance of accessibility and to further advance our accessibility initiatives.



Eric Watt, FCPA, FCA
Treasurer, Board of Directors
Rick Hansen Foundation



Statement of Financial Position as of March 31, 2018

Assets	2018 \$	2017 \$
Current Assets		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	659,080	486,978
Short-term Deposits	6,921,510	492
Accounts Receivable	10,562,841	9,283,182
Interest Receivable	97,834	117,767
Prepaid Expenses and Deposits	181,507	138,699
	18,422,772	10,027,118
UBC Endowment Rights	221,185	301,616
Capital Assets	265,983	406,492
Investments – at market value	5,654,036	7,191,436
Intellectual Property Rights	1,800,000	1,800,000
	26,363,976	19,726,662

Liabilities	2018 \$	2017 \$
Current Liabilities		
Accounts Payable and Accrued Liabilities	751,648	688,712
Due to Related Parties	102,115	-
Deferred Contributions	17,785,800	10,295,680
	18,639,563	10,984,392
Fund Balances		
Endowment	128,568	103,568
Internally Restricted	5,491,360	6,580,882
Unrestricted	2,104,485	2,057,820
	7,724,413	8,742,270
	26,363,976	19,726,662

Please refer to our full set of audited financial statements at rickhansen.com.

Statement of Operations

for the year ended March 31, 2018

Revenues	2018 \$	2017 \$
Government and Other Grants	10,639,167	12,744,500
Donations and Sponsorships	2,633,904	2,914,189
Investment Income	1,012,987	901,046
Events	893,921	90,525
Other	606,624	414,788
	<u>15,786,603</u>	<u>17,065,048</u>

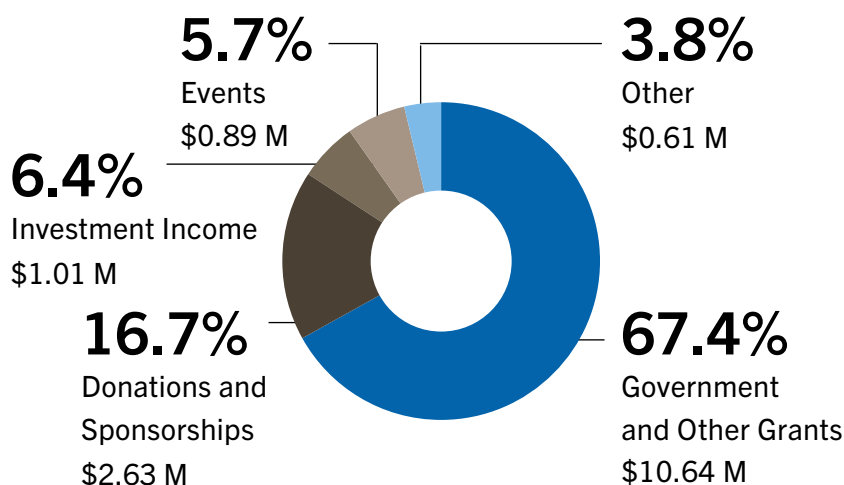
Expenses	2018 \$	2017 \$
Research	7,364,132	10,408,366
Accessibility	3,403,671	2,184,867
Awareness	2,178,774	2,727,914
Education and Outreach	986,508	1,002,926
Other	61,850	1,160,391
Total Programs	<u>13,994,935</u>	<u>17,484,464</u>
Fundraising	1,760,953	1,677,983
Management and Administration	1,066,131	1,308,295
	<u>16,822,019</u>	<u>20,470,742</u>
Net impact on Fund Balances before the following	<u>(1,035,416)</u>	<u>(3,405,694)</u>
Fair value changes on investments	30,980	630,751
Loss on Disposal of Capital Assets	(38,421)	(17,427)
Net impact on fund balances for the year	<u>(1,042,857)</u>	<u>(2,792,370)</u>

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Revenues for the year ended March 31, 2018

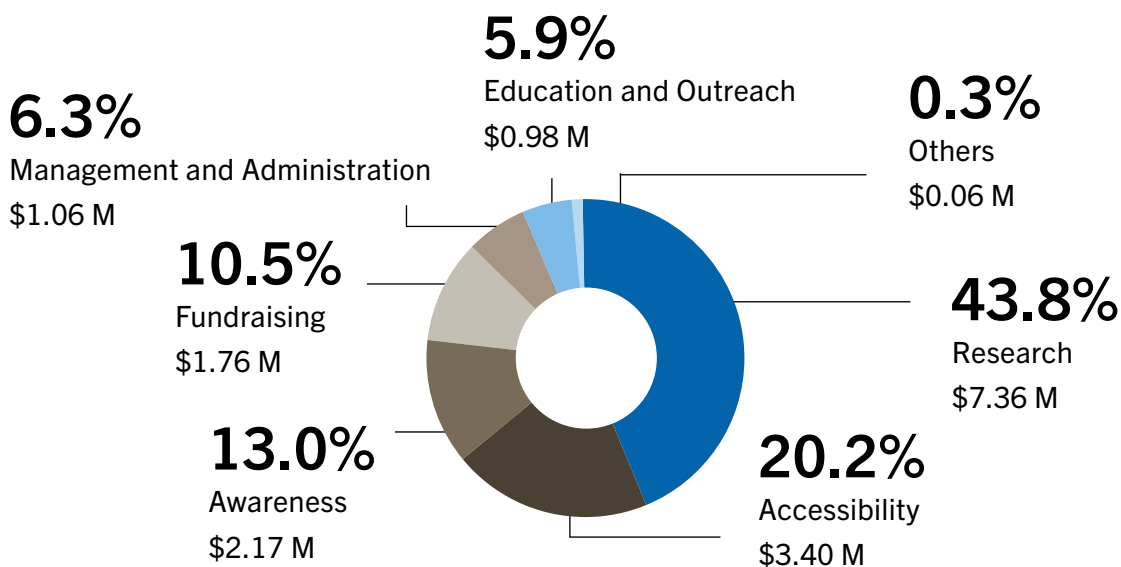
Where our funding comes from.

The Rick Hansen Foundation generates revenue from federal and provincial governments, donations and sponsorships from a wide range of individuals and organizations who support our mission and vision, and earns income on endowments and investments.



Expenses for the year ended March 31, 2018

How we apply our funds.



Special Events

An Evening with Rick Hansen and Friends

Thank you to our Organizing Committee, sponsors and donors who helped make *An Evening with Rick Hansen and Friends Presented by Beedie* a success. Hosted at the Rosewood Hotel Georgia in June 2017, the sold out event was attended by 300 people, including business and community leaders from across the country. Guests learned more about the Foundation's work, were treated to a special performance by the Juno Award winning Tenors and raised \$311,000 to further our mission.

Honourary Committee Chair

George Gaffney, Past Co-Chair, Rick Hansen Foundation

Committee Co-Chairs

Tod Leiweke, CEO and President, Seattle NHL

Suki Sekhon, President, CRS Group of Companies

Committee Members

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Doug Mason, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Waterfront Group of Companies

Desha Sekhon, Customer Relationship Manager, Nordstrom

Greg Yuel, President and Chief Executive Officer, PIC Investment Group Inc.

20th Anniversary Rick Hansen Fishing Challenge

This year marked the 20th Anniversary of the Rick Hansen Fishing Challenge at Langara Fishing Lodge in Haida Gwaii. We are grateful for our long-time relationship with Langara Fishing Adventures, their support of our work, and commitment to making their facilities more accessible for people with disabilities. This special anniversary event raised \$331,000 for the Foundation and honoured George Gaffney who founded the event with RHF in 1997. We would like to thank all of our Fishing Challenge participants for celebrating this significant milestone with us at the Langara Fishing Lodge.



Celebrating Partners and Donors

We are deeply grateful for the generosity of funders and donors like you. We appreciate your ongoing commitment to making Canada accessible and inclusive for people with disabilities.

Thank you to our Government, Community Funders, and Partners.

Federal Funders

Government of Canada

- Western Economic Diversification
- Canadian Heritage

Provincial & Territorial

Government Funders

Government of British Columbia

- BC Neurotrauma Fund
- Ministry of Social Development and Social Innovation

Government of Ontario

- Ontario Neurotrauma Foundation

Government of Nunavut

Government of Yukon

Community Partners

British Columbia

BC Wheelchair Basketball Society

BC Wheelchair Sports Association

ICORD

Neil Squire Society

Rick Hansen Institute

Sam Sullivan Disability Foundation

Spinal Cord Injury BC

University of British Columbia

Vancouver Coastal Health Society

Manitoba

Canadian Paraplegic Association (Manitoba)

Nunavut

Nunavummi Disabilities Makinnasuaqtiit Society

Corporate and Non-Profit Partners

Air Canada and Air Canada Foundation

Boston Pizza Foundation Future Prospects

Boston Pizza Franchisees

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Canadian Tire Corporation

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Langara Fishing Adventures

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Shaw Communications Inc.

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VIA Rail Canada

Major Gift Donors

Donors \$50K +

CGI

Gordon and Ruth Gooder Charitable Foundation

Muriel and Fred Pickering

Smith Family Fund of the Bernard and Norton Wolf Family Foundation

The Slaight Family Foundation

Donors \$10K - \$49,999

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Alexander Carruthers Fund, held at Vancouver Foundation

Annette Verschuren

Aquilla Foundation

Barry Stewart and Igloo Building Supplies Group Ltd.

“My aunt was a school teacher when she contracted polio in her mid 20’s. She spent time in an iron lung, followed by rehab, then spent the next 60 years in a wheelchair. She worked for 36 years and travelled the world. She was strong, determined and very independent. She left a gift for the Rick Hansen Foundation in celebration of that same spirit.” — **Anonymous**

Brian Tobin
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