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Baycrest leads the way in brain health and innovations for an aging population in Canada and around the world.

Annual Report 2016-2017
Welcome to the Baycrest 2016-17 Annual Report.

It was a year of “firsts” for Baycrest as our world-leading research, education and care practices were on full display in 2016-17. Baycrest was named one of Canada’s Top Employers for Young People. Our scientists published major research breakthroughs in brain health care. We also called on government to advance a National Dementia Strategy and created the first Canadian Brain Health Food Guide for adults…. and much, much more.

We invite you to read about these firsts along with many notable accomplishments by Baycrest staff, clients, volunteers, clinicians, researchers, donors and our community members-at-large in this latest Annual Report. Together, we continue to advance knowledge in the fields of brain health and aging and use what we learn to create translational, leading-edge care programs, services and innovations that improve life for older adults.

Thank you to our donors and community for the incredible support that has made not only our longevity, but our aspirations for success, a reality.

For nearly a century, Baycrest has added life to years. As we approach our centennial in 2018, we invite you to join us in our continuing mission to promote healthy aging for the next 100 years and beyond.

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Here are some highlights of our virtual tour of Baycrest.

New communication test provides early indicator of dementia

“Our discovery demonstrates changes in the brain regions that process speech into understandable words occur early on. This finding could be the first sign of decline in communication-related brain function and the research technique used in the study could lead to the development of a cost-effective and objective dementia screening test for older adults.”

- Dr. Claude Alain, senior scientist at Baycrest’s Rotman Research Institute (RRI)

Innovative laser walker, robotic exoskeleton improve mobility

“This past year, we received a research grant from the Canadian Centre for Aging and Brain Health Innovation’s SPARK program to develop a laser walker. We are also using new and exciting robotic exoskeletons that we believe will help people with degenerative neurological conditions continue walking. We hope to develop new clinical protocols that can be used around the world to help clients walk and move independently and stave off the physical decline experienced with neurological diseases.”

- Pearl Gryfe, Clinical and Managing Director of the Assistive Technology Clinic and the Jeff and Diane Ross Movement Disorders Clinic

The Brain Project ignites conversation and is the talk of the town

“I was honoured to be asked to represent The Brain Project and work closely with Baycrest. Brain health is a cause near and dear to my heart. I lost my grandmother to Alzheimer’s. It is my sincere hope that our children can grow up in a world without Alzheimer’s and dementia.”

- Sarah Rafferty, global ambassador, The Brain Project

The Brain Project presented by Telus took Toronto by storm and raised $1.3 million in its inaugural year as more than 100 brain sculptures were displayed around the city.

First clinically validated, online brain health workshop

“Normal age-related memory decline can be a source of worry and frustration for many older adults. Baycrest’s Memory and Aging Program is one of the few brain health workshops for healthy older adults around the world that helps seniors take control of their memory change experience and optimize their brain health. The online Memory and Aging Program workshop will allow us to share Baycrest’s expertise to anyone with an Internet connection.”

- Dr. Susan Vandermorris, Clinical neuropsychologist and lead of the Memory and Aging Program
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