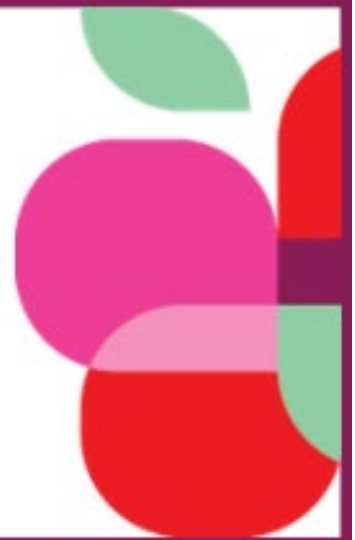


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The Foundation's Quarterly Update



Spring 2026

Entente Foundation announces new Chair in Geriatric Medicine



Dr. Jennifer Watt MD, PhD.

We are proud to share an exciting milestone in our commitment to healthy aging. Established through a visionary campaign by the Entente Foundation, the Endowed Chair in Geriatric Medicine at the University of Toronto is the inaugural program of the Entente Foundation and remains the most influential and innovative initiative we have undertaken.

Over the years, this endowed chair position, previously held by Dr. Paula Rochon, has made a significant impact by generating new knowledge, shaping clinical guidelines, informing policy, and training emerging leaders in geriatric care. As a permanent source of support, it sustains advanced research in a rapidly growing field, delivering long-term returns on the foundation's investment that continue to strengthen over time.

Today, we are delighted to welcome Dr. Jennifer Watt as the new [Entente Education Canada Chair in Geriatric Medicine](#). Dr. Watt is a clinician-scientist and practising geriatrician at St. Michael's Hospital in Toronto, Ontario, as well as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Medicine at the University of Toronto. Her research focuses on improving care for older adults living with frailty and cognitive changes, using real-world health data and advanced analytic methods to evaluate treatments and support better decision-making. She is also a champion of equitable access to high-quality, evidence-based care for seniors.

Six new grants our donors made possible



Healthy Aging through Volunteer Action

Volunteer Canada

Volunteer Canada is developing and implementing a national public awareness campaign that positions volunteering as a way to promote healthy living for older adults through funding from the Entente Foundation. This campaign will use storytelling, targeted messaging, and community outreach highlighting older adults as vital members of the community and the health benefits that result from meaningful volunteerism.

Walking in the Footsteps

Our Pathways Society with Hike Nova Scotia

With a grant from the Entente Foundation, Our Pathways Society will develop a free program that will allow Indigenous seniors to participate in the healthy and environmentally-friendly activity of walking. This program will also support intergenerational participation, which is a key element of any programming in Mi'kmaq communities.

Dispatches from the Nova Scotia Centre on Aging

Mount Saint Vincent University Nova Scotia Centre on Aging

Thanks to a grant from the Entente Foundation, a new podcast series will be developed by the Nova Scotia Centre on Aging. The podcast will explore lived experiences, research, and fresh perspectives on aging from local and regional communities across Canada and beyond. It will also feature interviews, personal narratives, and engaging discussions hosted by older adults.

Improving Digital Literacy for Older Adults

Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario

Recognizing the need to improve digital skills and access for older adults, awarded a grant to Queen's University to improve digital skills and access for older adults. The project will provide education and resources, help reduce the digital divide, inform policy, and strengthen social connections.

An Age and Ability Inclusive Social Sport Program

Cape Breton University, Nova Scotia

A grant from the Entente Foundation will enable leaders from the Sport and Social

Club and researchers affiliated with the Institute in Community, Sport and Health at Cape Breton University to develop a non-competitive and inclusive sports program. They will work collaboratively with older and disabled Cape Bretoners to co-create a program that meets the needs of aging, disabled people.

Cooking Connections: Intergenerational Kitchen

Yonge Eglinton Community Centre, Toronto, Ontario

We have also awarded a grant to the Yonge Eglinton Community Centre to create an intergenerational kitchen. They will bring together older adults 50+ and families with school-aged children in their fully equipped community kitchen for cooking workshops where they will prepare and eat meals, share cultural traditions, and build relationships across generations.

2025 Impact Report



[Read our latest Impact Report](#), our annual report which highlight the ways the Entente Foundation has transformed donations into lasting, tangible resources that can be shared with older adults across Canada and be used in their everyday lives.

Jim Grieve shares his passion for the Entente Foundation



We had a chance to sit down with Jim before his retirement to chat about why he supports the Entente Foundation.

Thanks for talking with us. In your own words, can you explain what the foundation does?

For 15 years, the foundation has funded research and programs into healthy, active aging. When we get the results of that research, we share it with our 87,000 members and across the country with older adults.

Are you a donor to the foundation?

Yes! I have been a donor since 2011. I give because the foundation matters and its impact is very, very real. I receive valuable information about healthy, active aging, and a charitable tax receipt.

Does your passion mean that you're going to support the foundation during your retirement?

Yes! Just because I no longer work at Entente Education Canada doesn't change how important the work of the foundation is in supporting older adults across Canada. We all age, and the work the foundation does not only impacts me, but it also makes a difference in the lives of my children and my grandchildren.

What is your take-away message to the Entente Canada Membership?

I really want you to be proud of the foundation. The work is essential. A donation to the foundation is an investment in your own healthy, active aging.

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