A DECADE FOLLOWING SEED FUNDING, BRAIN CENTRE CONTINUES TO DELIVER BUILD, SUPPORT

In 2011, a $10 million gift from a private foundation built upon the momentum of the past decade to establish the Canadian Brain Research Centre (UBC) to establish a new regional hub for partnerships focused on focial research, education, and training. Today, the Canada-wide Djavad Mowafaghian Centre for Brain Health (CMCH) continues to not only honor the late Dr. Mowafaghian’s vision but to improve and expand the brain health community. Today, the Canada-wide coalition of organizations believe the centre is poised to continue its pioneering work and bring hope to those living with brain diseases. At the time, the CMCH was established, a research centre of its kind had not been established in Canada. The centre, which now operates from the University of British Columbia (UBC) and the Vancouver Coastal Health and the UBC Faculty of Medicine, conducts brain research on its five upper floors and provides patient care on its first two floors, including specialized clinics dedicated to brain illnesses such as Huntington’s disease, Multiple Sclerosis, depression, and addiction.

According to a “Globe” article published in February, which chronicled the centre’s 10th anniversary, the facility has evolved into the largest hub in Canada for brain health research. Together over 30 researchers and over 800 projects in various disciplines including same-sex relationships, addictions, and brain injuries. The complexity surrounding brain and neuroscience research is vast and close collaboration between all stakeholders is necessary for success. Dedicated brain research funding for brain health must be prioritized at the regional and national levels and supported by governments. – World Health Organization

Brain Awareness Week

We are dedicated to bringing awareness to the brain, an organ that is often overlooked and misunderstood. The brain is the command center for everything we do, and it is crucial that we take care of it to ensure a healthy mind and body. Brain Awareness Week is an opportunity to educate and raise awareness about brain health and its importance.

In 2021, the CMCH was awarded a $10 million gift from the Mowafaghian Foundation to help build and support the centre’s work in brain health research. The centre is now able to expand its initiatives and continue to make meaningful progress in advancing brain health research.

Invest in the brain and mental well-being of all Canadians

We understand the importance of brain health and its impact on our daily lives. Our brain is responsible for controlling our thoughts, emotions, movement, and behavior. It is the center of our existence, and it is vital to prioritize its health.

With the support of the Mowafaghian Foundation, the CMCH is now able to continue its research and development in brain health. The centre is committed to improving the quality of life for Canadians with brain conditions, and it is working towards finding new treatments and cures.

Join our United Front for Brain and Mental Health Research Across Canada.

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