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# It is possible.

The people and projects that support the University of Ottawa Heart Institute

## Philanthropy ushers in new era in cardiac medicine

There is a revolution underway, one that promises to dramatically reshape the landscape of cardiovascular care, education and research in Canada and around the world. For the first time, a new realization is emerging: that heart disease will be defeated this century.

Our goal is to eliminate heart disease. It is both realistic and possible that our children may not die from heart disease nor our grandchildren will ever suffer from it!

Research is what makes this feasible. Our work is fuelling steady progress in advancing the ability to treat the disease, along with improving our understanding of how heart disease develops and, by extension, how to prevent it.

Headed by Lawrence Soloway, an ambitious \$100-million Endowment for Research Campaign is underway to fulfill the priorities of the Heart Institute by ensuring a reliable stream of annual income. This enables the Heart Institute to recruit and retain brilliant, internationally recognized researchers who will conduct innovative studies into the causes, prevention and cures for heart disease.

*“Our patients will be the first to benefit from this ‘bench to bedside’ approach.”*

*“It’s not feasible today to have excellent patient care without research.”*

Dr. Robert Roberts, President & CEO,  
University of Ottawa Heart Institute



Photo: Lawrence Soloway,  
Foundation Board Chair  
“The community has committed \$54 million to our Endowment Campaign – this investment is catapulting the Institute forward.”



Photo: Tom Hewitt,  
Foundation President  
“Our patients are the real winners every time a donation is made.”



## Community donations at work

The Heart Institute’s “Fast CT” scanner is the first of its kind dedicated to cardiac care in Canada. The Fast CT allows for detailed mapping of the vascular system and surrounding soft tissue with a series of 3D images, useful both for diagnosing patients and collecting data for research. The purchase of this scanner was made possible thanks to donations from our supporters.

## A gift for others

After four successful bypass surgeries at the Heart Institute, Simon Czajezncky wanted to give something back to the institution that saved his life. He and his wife, Anna, made their first significant gift to the Heart Institute to name a room in honour of Simon’s cardiologist, Dr. Donald Beanlands.

Both Simon and Anna had survived the Holocaust, taking refuge in Canada, where they met and married after the war. After the suffering, fear and hunger they had endured during the war years, every day of their new life together was like a gift.

But the care and kindness they received at the Heart Institute touched their hearts, in more ways than one. Anna was especially grateful for the 18 more years she was able to spend with her beloved husband. When Simon died in 2001, Anna wanted to do something special to recognize the 50 years they had spent together. She also wanted to do something for others with the money Simon had left her.

“I knew he would want me to give again to the Heart Institute, to honour his memory, and because we both



Photo (l to r): Dr. Robert Roberts, Dr. Wilbert Keon, Mrs Czajezncky and Dr. Donald Beanlands

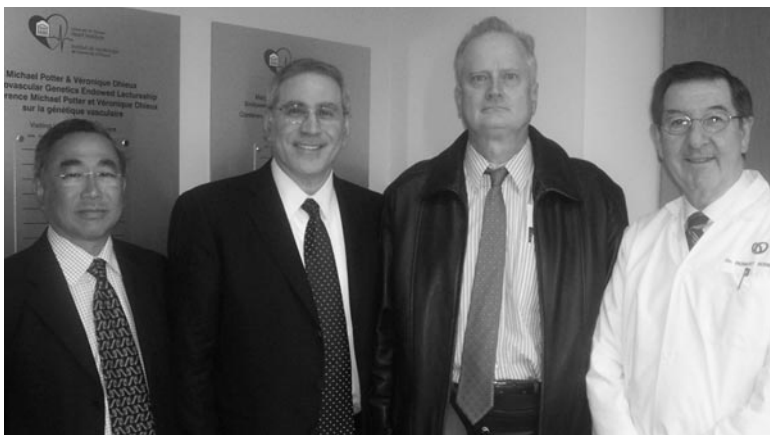
wanted to leave good things for others who will come there.”

Today, the Simon & Anna Czajezncky Day Unit is testament to their gratitude. The unit was named in recognition of the couple’s second generous gift to the Heart Institute. With it Anna knows she has fulfilled a wish ... “to give good things back to the community”.

## Endowments help create a vibrant culture of discovery

Endowments have a remarkable impact on organizations like the Heart Institute. World-renowned institutions could not reach their current levels of excellence without the help of endowment funds, which permanently support a vibrant culture of research that leads to groundbreaking discovery.

Endowments will not only make it possible to beat heart disease, but make it possible for the Heart Institute to halt the ongoing “brain drain” of our professionals by ensuring they have the necessary resources to continue leading-edge research.



and research to the Heart Institute for a formal exchange of ideas. To date we have six endowed lectureships in genetics, surgery, and heart function.

One of the first visionaries to answer the call was Robert Marr, who established the Margaret & Theodore Marr Family Endowed Lectureship in Electrophysiology in honour of his parents. Electrophysiology is the study of the electrical function of the heart. The Marr Family has benefited directly by care offered by the Heart Institute, and Margaret was a dedicated and popular member of our Auxiliary in the 80s.

Photo (l to r): Dr. Anthony Tang, Dr. Eric N. Prystowsky, Visiting Lecturer, Robert Marr and Dr. Robert Roberts at the Margaret & Theodore Marr Family Endowed Lectureship in Electrophysiology, March 5, 2007

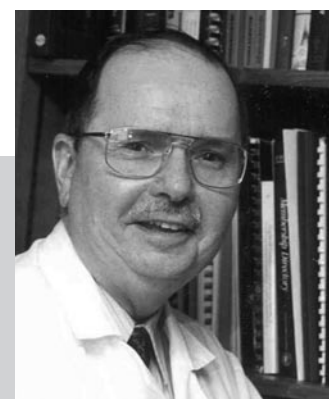


Photo:  
Dr. Donald S. Beanlands, Deputy Director General, University of Ottawa Heart Institute and Professor Emeritus, University of Ottawa

## Tribute to honour the “heart and soul” of the Heart Institute

On May 1, 2008, the University of Ottawa Heart Institute’s annual Tribute Dinner will honour Dr. Donald Beanlands, Co-Founder of the Heart Institute. He has been providing excellent patient care for the past 40 years.

Dr. Beanlands’ legacy as a great physician and teacher is unparalleled. Proceeds from the 2008 Tribute Dinner, now a high profile event in the nation’s capital, will support cardiovascular research at the Heart Institute.

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*You can make it possible....*