

Partners

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Philanthropy done right

Philanthropy is entrepreneurial in nature. It is often supported by passion, flexibility, and resourcefulness, while demanding creativity and the willingness to take risks. All these qualities often exist on both sides of the philanthropic equation—in the donors, or funders, and the recipients—and when they do, measurable change is within reach.

The Foundation for Advancing Family Medicine (FAFM) came across this exact paradigm as it selected the recipients of the Workplace Integrated Demonstration Projects (WID) Grant with funding support from Employment and Social Development Canada program. The WID Grant is one prong of the broader Team Primary Care - Training for Transformation initiative. This groundbreaking program brings together more than 65 partners, under the co-leadership of the College of Family Physicians of Canada (CFPC) and the Canadian Health Workforce Network, to enhance the capacity of interprofessional comprehensive primary care practitioners through improved training, team supports, and planning tools.

Through a peer-review process under the leadership of Dr. C. Ruth Wilson, Companion of the Order of Canada, and Dr. Marie-Dominique Beaulieu, Member of the Order of Canada, more than 40 people reviewed the submitted proposals, selecting 25 projects that centre on the adoption or optimization of interprofessional primary care teams. The goal of each of these projects is to collectively strengthen accessibility, cultural responsiveness, and the comprehensiveness of primary care through creative and sustainable approaches that exemplify the entrepreneurial qualities of our family physicians and primary care providers in the face of patient needs.

For the communities where these projects take place, it means measurable change is on the way.

Learn more about the WID recipient projects by visiting <https://fafm.cfpc.ca/wid>.

Letter from Dr. Lawrence C. Loh

CFPC members,

In February I wrote as the FAFM CEO to invite CFPC members to consider applying for the Workplace Integrated Demonstration (WID) Projects Grant. This program represents the most recent investment that FAFM has made to support the advancement of family medicine with a specific focus on facilitating the adoption of interprofessional team-based practices in family medicine. More than 220 projects competed for funding, which was shared between recipients of an invitational, training-focused call and an open call, which centred on the support of team-based care practices.

The selection phase of this FAFM initiative is now complete and funding support has been awarded to 25 outstanding projects. The funded projects will be completed in March 2024. You can find the list of recipients on our website at fafm.cfpc.ca/wid/recipients.

Stay tuned for updates on the progress and outcomes of the projects as we continue to shape the future of family medicine together.

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FAFM CEO
CFPC Executive Director and CEO

Thank you Honours and Awards Program volunteers

The FAFM would like to acknowledge the exceptional commitment of our Honours and Awards Program (H&A) volunteers, who play a vital role in celebrating excellence within the family medicine community.

Each year the FAFM highlights the achievements of 151 recipients in family medicine. Members from 22 committees review countless applications and nominations for more than 36 awards, honours, and scholarship and grants.

Spearheading the efforts of the Honours and Awards Committee, Dr. Paul Sawchuk chairs with exemplary leadership and steadfast dedication, which is critical to the program's success. The Major Awards committee, led brilliantly by their chair, Dr. Christie Newton, CFPC Board President, is tasked with the often-difficult selection of recipients for the most prestigious national awards in family medicine. Across the Section of Researchers, Section of Teachers, CFPC Chapters, and residency programs throughout the country, volunteers selflessly devote

their time and lend their expertise to ensure the H&A Program thrives and continues to recognize deserving colleagues.

The FAFM extends heartfelt appreciation to all the H&A volunteers for their invaluable contributions. Their dedication and enthusiasm for family medicine fortify our community and create a lasting difference in the profession. We eagerly anticipate celebrating many more successes together as we continue to honour the best in family medicine.

Join the FAFM Board of Directors

The FAFM is seeking dynamic leaders who possess the skills, values, and enthusiasm to lead the organization through an ambitious growth trajectory. To help shape the next phase of the FAFM's impact on family medicine in Canada, we encourage family physicians, members of the public, and leaders in various industries to join the FAFM's Board of Directors. The call for applications runs until **June 30, 2023**. Contact Claudia Zuccato Ria, Executive Director, at czria@cfpc.ca for more information.



Dr. Onye Nnorom is the recipient of the 2022 TD Insurance Spotlight on Achievement Award

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