



NEWS RELEASE

## **33<sup>rd</sup> Edition of the Défi Canderel Challenge Raises over \$2.26 Million for Cancer Research**

**Montreal, January 1, 2023** – Canderel raised over \$2.26 million for cancer research through its corporate philanthropic endeavour, the Défi Canderel Challenge. These funds were divided between the Défi Canderel’s two beneficiary research centres: the Institut du cancer de Montréal of the Université de Montréal and the Rosalind & Morris Goodman Cancer Institute of McGill University.

Since 1989, Canderel has been dedicating efforts and resources to support Canadian university research centres. In 33 years, over \$24 million have been raised through this annual corporate fundraising campaign. The donated funds have been invested in various ways, including: the funding of innovative research projects, often in close collaboration with centres across the country; the creation and awarding of scholarships, fellowships and bursaries for students and researchers; the purchase of state-of- the-art equipment and technology; and the funding of other urgent priority needs.

“We are absolutely thrilled with the results of this edition and eternally grateful to our wonderful community for their generosity towards our campaign. Cancer remains the leading cause of death in Canadians and it is only through research that we can better understand it and work towards treatments and a cure.” – Jonathan Wener, Chairman of Canderel, Founder of the Défi Canderel

The Défi Canderel campaign usually culminates in a charity run in May. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this event was cancelled in 2020, 2021 and 2022. It is set to take place on May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at the Percival-Molson Stadium of McGill University for the 34<sup>th</sup> edition of the Défi Canderel Challenge.

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**About the Institut du cancer de Montréal:** The Institut du cancer de Montréal is a non-profit organisation whose mission is to support fundamental and clinical research done at the Centre de recherche du Centre hospitalier de l'Université de Montréal (CrCHUM), while preparing the next generation of cancer researchers through education and training. <https://www.icm.qc.ca>

**About the Rosalind & Morris Goodman Cancer Institute:** The Rosalind and Morris Goodman Cancer Research Institute (GCI) is an internationally renowned research institution committed to coordinating and conducting independent basic cancer research and training within a technologically advanced centre. <https://www.mcgill.ca/gci/>