

2021 Alzheimer of Saskatchewan Board Award Recipients

Honourary Lifetime Award – Dr. Darrell Mousseau

Dr. Darrell Mousseau, a University of Saskatchewan researcher was awarded the Saskatchewan Research Chair in Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias valued at \$2M from 2010 to 2020. Darrell Mousseau is a professor in the Department of Psychiatry at the University of Saskatchewan's College of Medicine. He graduated from the University of Alberta in 1991 with a Ph.D. in Neurochemistry. After a series of three postdoctoral fellowships in the United States and Canada, he joined the University of Saskatchewan in 2002.

Mousseau's research has been almost entirely focused on Alzheimer's disease and neurodegeneration – a process that promotes premature brain cell death. His work has been funded by the Saskatchewan Health Research Foundation (SHRF, New Investigator Establishment Grant), the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR, Operating Grant), the Alzheimer Society of Canada (Young Investigator Award), the Regional Partnership Program (SHRF-CIHR) and departmental research awards.

Dr. Mousseau served on the Board of the Alzheimer Society of Saskatchewan from 2007 to 2009 and is now active in the biomedical peer review panel for the Alzheimer Society of Canada.

Corporate Leadership – Sound Impressions

Sound Impressions Hearing Centre has a long history of providing support to the Alzheimer Society of Saskatchewan. They have been the Field of Forget-Me-Not's Sponsor of the Society's Walk for Alzheimer's since 2017 and were a sponsor for multiple years at the annual Gala in Saskatoon. Support from Cassandra and her team at Sound Impressions has allowed the Alzheimer Society of Saskatchewan to say "yes" to more families living with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias.

In addition to their sponsorships, Sound Impressions regularly donates their paid advertising to do interviews on air with Programs and Services Staff about upcoming events, and education opportunities from ASOS. Sound Impressions continues their support by hosting additional Third-Party Event fundraisers throughout the years for our cause. Their generosity has been instrumental in the Society providing essential support to the increasing number of families affected by dementia. Their continued support of the Alzheimer Society and many other worthy causes makes them an outstanding corporate philanthropist.

The enthusiasm and generosity of Sound Impressions is greatly appreciated, and they are entirely deserving of the Corporate Leadership Award.

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Philanthropic Leadership – Dianne Davidson

Dianne Davidson has been a dedicated volunteer of the Alzheimer Society of Saskatchewan for the last four years. Dianne has played a vital role in the success of the Society's largest annual fundraiser, the IG Wealth Management Walk for Alzheimer's, serving as the Walk Committee Chair in Lloydminster to ensure the events success and helping in any way she can the day of the event. Dianne has served as the committee chair for the past 5 years, growing the walk from the ground up single-handedly to developing a large group of dedicated volunteers in the Lloydminster area. Dianne Davidson has done countless interviews with the local media, participated in numerous donor/caregiver surveys through ASOS and ASC, and has shared her personal story as a caregiver for multiple campaigns for the Alzheimer Society of Saskatchewan. Her stories have reached communities all across Saskatchewan, inspiring others to give. It is a pleasure and honour to have someone like Dianne dedicate their time to the Alzheimer Society. She has been a model volunteer and is a tremendous individual.

Dianne is most deserving of this board award and we are so appreciative of supporters like her!

Volunteerism Award – Jackie Stokvis-Flaherty

Jackie has been a co-facilitator for the Sandwich Club since 2015, has participated in the Walk since 2013, and in more recent years volunteered for the Saskatoon Walk Committee. She also encouraged her son to volunteer for Minds in Motion. In addition to volunteering her time, she is always eager to attend learning opportunities to be up to date on information so she can support those attending the Sandwich Club.