



# JDRF Grassroots Advocacy Newsletter

## Welcome to the first edition of JDRF's Grassroots Advocacy Newsletter!



These are exciting times in the Government Relations Program at JDRF. Our Grassroots Network across Canada is very active in meeting and contacting Members of Parliament through various campaigns launched throughout the year in an effort to increase JDRF's voice and awareness for diabetes. JDRF has also entered into our first partnership with the Government of Canada through the Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario to create a Clinical Trial Network for diabetes research.

With the many initiatives currently going on in the Government Relations Program, we are launching the "**JDRF Grassroots Advocacy Newsletter**." The newsletter which will be released twice a year - in May and November- is a great way to keep you informed from a national perspective.

In this issue, we will share with you some of the initiatives we are currently working on as well as providing you with an update on our Partnership with the Government of Canada.

JDRF, and its supporters like you, are bringing us closer to a cure. Every month there is another research breakthrough. I am proud to be associated with JDRF, because it is driven by passion, guided by excellence and measures itself against results achieved for people with diabetes. Advocacy is a great way to support JDRF's mission. Being an advocate; connecting with Members of Parliament, is a critical element of our success. We need to continue our efforts and to increase them, to ensure that our Government does not forget diabetes, and those of us who live with it.

I hope you will enjoy this issue. Thank you again for your continued support, passion and dedication to JDRF and our mission to find a cure for diabetes and its complications through the support of research.

Together - with your help - the voice of JDRF is even stronger!

Regards,

Darrin Davis  
Chair  
National Grassroots Subcommittee

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to a friend 

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