



DETERMINATION AS SEEN THROUGH THE EYES OF A LOYAL DMRF DONOR

Peter Drage is no stranger to the word determination; from his many years serving in the Royal Canadian Navy, to the courtship of his wife Catherine, Peter understands the importance of patience and long-term commitment.

It is therefore not surprising that he has been a dedicated donor to DMRF since 1999. Peter reflected on the guidance of his much-admired father-in-law, who believed charity was the price we pay for our time on earth, and made the decision to give back.

“It was at a time when our kids had headed off to start their own lives and we had some extra money to spare,” explains Peter. “I noticed information about the Molly Appeal in the mail and thought to myself, ‘this woman has a point, ordinary folks can get together and make a significant difference’. Plus, it was supporting local medical research that’s helping society in the long-term. That’s important.”



Formerly from Ottawa, Ontario, where both he and his wife studied at Carleton College (now Carleton University) Peter and Catherine built a life in Bedford, Nova Scotia, where hard work, strong family values, and solid money management were principles unquestioned. These characteristics made Peter and Catherine savvy donors who understood not only the tax benefits gained through charitable giving, but the importance of supporting an organization that demonstrated solid financial management. This knowledge, combined with a deep respect for health research, made giving to DMRF a logical choice.

“Well the word ‘savings’ would always get my wife’s attention as she was terribly frugal,” laughs Peter. “So as soon as I mentioned the tax benefits, she was pleased, but that wasn’t the actual intent. As we got older, we began to appreciate what health research had done for so many. It also helped that I could be confident our money was going directly to the cause; it was going directly to local health research.”

With two decades of supporting DMRF under his belt, charitable giving has become standard in Peter’s bottom line, along with an admiration for the effort and time our researchers devote to finding better health outcomes.

“I appreciate their patience,” says Peter. “I know their work is a challenge and that it takes added support to reach their goals. To me, that’s worth investing in.”

Special thanks to Peter Drage and the many loyal DMRF donors who have supported thousands of our health researchers over the last forty years. Together, we are better.