





Dr. Ambika Gupta

# 2020/2021 GEOFF CARR FELLOW

Dr. Ambika Gupta received the Geoff Carr Lupus Fellowship for 2020-2021, and was a part of the TWH (Toronto Western Hospital) Lupus Clinic. She worked with and learned from extraordinary mentors, such as Dr. Murray Urowitz, Dr. Dafna Gladman and Dr. Zahi Touma and had the opportunity to develop sub-specialty expertise in diagnosing and treating patients with Systemic Lupus Erythematosus (SLE).

Over the last year, she also had the opportunity to participate in clinical research with Dr Touma, specifically looking at neuropsychiatric SLE and is currently in the process of finalizing her research manuscript which analyzes clusters of SLE patients according to cognitive function, self-reported outcomes and disease activity, and assesses the stability of clusters over a one-year period.

In November 2021, Dr. Gupta presented her findings at the American College of Rheumatology Annual Meeting and will be doing an oral presentation at the Canadian Rheumatology Association Annual Meeting in February 2022.

Dr. Gupta has started a practice at Trillium Health Partners in Mississauga, Ontario, and will also be working at an outpatient clinic in the area and hopes to develop a specialized clinic for local patients with SLE.

# **EDUCATION/SUPPORT**

#### SUPPORT GROUPS

With COVID-19, we have shifted our Support Group Meetings online to adhere to provincial regulations.

Durham Support Group Ottawa Support Group Provincial Support Group Young Adult Support Group

#### **WEBINARS**

We have hosted Webinars to provide information of key topics related to Lupus.

#### Key Webinars Included:

- Practical Strategies for Managing Stress and Anxiety Webinar
- Medical Cannabis Separating Facts From Fiction
- Fighting Fatigue

#### **PODCAST**

In 2021 Lupus Ontario started a podcast aimed at providing our community with additional information, resources, tools and knowledge to better understand the disease and improve the quality of life for those with lupus, as well as their support network.

#### Key Podcasts Included:

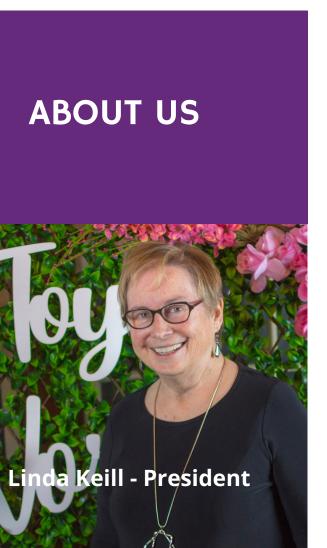
- Student Life Joy Philips and The Motivational Power An Illness Can Have
- Student Life Meghan Wynne on Taking A Year Off and The Life Lessons Lupus Can Teach Us
- Life With Lupus Yadi's Story











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## **MISSION**

Lupus Ontario's mission is to provide vital support, education, awareness, advocacy and research through the fundraising efforts of our staff and volunteer community to help those with lupus live longer, healthier and better lives.

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#### For the Year Ending September 30,

	<u>2021</u>	2020
Support and Education Programs Newly diagnosed Ongoing support and training Counselling Lupus community education & webinars Lupus educational kits	\$26,697 9%	\$38,191 14%
Research Funding and Clinic Research Support Geoff Carr Fellowship Anne Matheson Biobank Ottawa, London and Mount Sinai Lupus Clinics SickKids Hospital Lupus Clinic Toronto Western Hospital Lupus Clinic McMaster Lupus Clinic	153,250 53%	80,537 27%
Volunteer Support Education and training Appreciation awards and recognition	9,745 4%	10,703 4%
Public Awareness Website: www.lupusontario.org Facebook, Twitter, Instagram Advertising and promotion at events Newsletter, posters, pamphlets	30,045 11%	32,174 11%
Fundraising Direct fundraising expenses Event planning and execution Forms, event packages	39,890 14%	90,177 32%
Administration Facilities rent Insurance Office expenses Audit	24,017 9%	33,559 12%

\$283,644

**Total Expenses** 

# Your Generosity at Work



\$285,341



	Year Ending September 30,	
	<u>2021</u>	2020
Walk for Lupus	\$89,479	\$58,579
Italian Dinner	-	77,515
Masquerade Gala	-	17,725
Charitable Donations	17,698	14,961
Memorial Donations	11,715	14,193
Research Donations Membership & Research World Lupus Day	113,477	46,524
Scotiabank Marathon	-	2,430
Membership Dues	-	5,210
Ottawa Door to Door	7,048	5,982
Deferred Contributions Recognized	-	604
Other Activities	-	1,400
Bequests	157,434	628,272
Investment and Other Income	176,424	(47,138)
Federal Government Grant	10,000	10,000
Books and Merchandise Sales	190	50
Total Receipts	<u>\$583,465</u>	\$836,307
Excess of Receipts Over Expenses	<u>\$299,821</u>	<u>\$550,966</u>

# Gift, Donations, Events & Others

