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*serving all dystonia-affected persons  
déservant toutes personnes atteintes de dystonie*

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### Year-End Giving

### Happy Holidays from DMRF Canada!

Season's Greetings! We wish you and your family the very best this holiday season. As we approach the end of the year, we'd also like to reflect on the successes your continued support has helped us achieve. None of the initiatives we've accomplished in 2019 could have been possible without your contributions. We thank you for your commitment to our mission. Happy Holidays!

### 2019 Accomplishments and Successes



December 31, 2019 is the last day to make a donation for this tax year if you haven't done so already.

Click [here](#) to donate now.

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## Supporting World Class Dystonia Research

DMRF Canada supports world-class research and innovations in medical treatments to help dystonia patients get the best care and medical assistance available. Learn more about the latest research news [here](#).



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## Congratulations to the DMRF in the USA!

We are happy to extend our congratulations to DMRF! They have received the *highest possible 4-star rating* from Charity Navigator once



We had a very successful and impactful 2019. You helped us achieve so much this year, and we are grateful to you for your support. Because of your support, we're happy to report that we continued to make great strides in active partnerships with other organizations, funded innovative research projects, and successfully raised the profile of awareness of dystonia in communities around Canada. **You can read about the initiatives and results we've produced with your help here.**

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## 2019 Calgary Casino: Another Successful Fundraiser

DMRF Canada held our Calgary Casino on August 11th and 12th, 2019 at Elbow River Casino. We raised close to \$70,000 for dystonia research.

We'd like to thank the 35 volunteers who contributed their time and effort towards making this such a successful fundraiser. Individually, every volunteer helped contribute \$2,000. We are grateful for such fundraisers that not only raise funds for research, but also increase awareness of dystonia.

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## Samuel Belzberg 6th International Dystonia Symposium

The Samuel Belzberg 6<sup>th</sup> International Dystonia Symposium (IDS6) will be held in Dublin, Ireland from June 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>, 2020. This meeting is for neurologists, researchers, and other medical professionals to collaborate with each other and to advance treatments for dystonia. The meeting will also be significant for



again. This rating is based on financial health and commitment to accountability and transparency. Click [here](#) to read more.

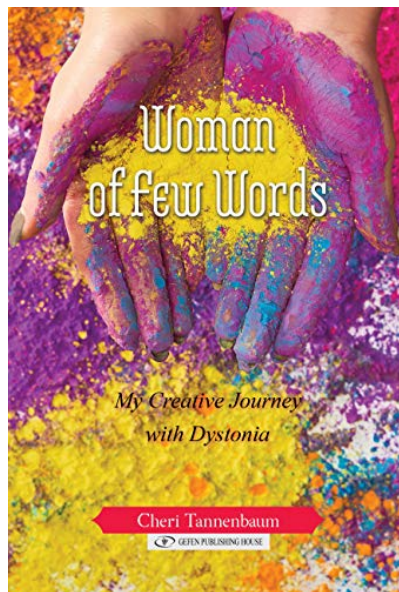


sharing and expanding knowledge in the field and collaborating across disciplines.

You can read about the IDS6 [here](#) and see the full program [here](#):

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## Cheri Tanenbaum Publishes Memoir: A Helpful Read



Cheri Tanenbaum, the daughter of DMRF founders Samuel and Fran Belzberg, has written a memoir called ***Woman of Few Words: My Creative Journey With Dystonia.***

In this memoir, Tanenbaum shares her philosophy about how to lead a fulfilling life despite the physical and mental challenges that may come one's way.

Read [here](#) about her memoir [here](#) and how to purchase it.

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## 2020 Edmonton Casino: We Need Your Help



Calling all volunteers to fundraise for dystonia on April 22-23, 2020 at the StarLight Casino in West Edmonton Mall. Last year's casino raised close to \$70,000 for dystonia research, and we are looking for volunteers to help make this exciting event a great success once again!

Click [here](#) if you'd like to provide support as a volunteer or learn more.

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## 2020 Jackson Mooney Patient Grant: Call for Applications



The Jackson Mooney Patient Grant provides financial assistance of up to \$5000.00 to support dystonia patients educational and professional endeavours. Letters of intent showcasing how you would like to use the grant are due March 15, 2020. Click [here](#) to read about application requirements and we look forward to reading your application!

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## 2020 Banting Research Discovery Award: Call For Applications

DMRF Canada is partnering with the Banting Research Foundation to support recipients of the 2020 Banting Research Discovery Award. This award supports early investigators at universities and institutes in Canada seeking to advance innovations in health and biomedical research. The Award is worth up to \$25,000 for one year. If you know someone whose research would benefit from this award, please pass this information along to them. The deadline is February 14, 2020. Click [here](#) to read about application guidelines, criteria, and submission procedures.



## Upcoming Support Group Meetings

DMRF Canada is proud to connect patients with support groups around the country. Click [here](#) to find a support group in your area.

The following are upcoming support group meetings scheduled for December 2019 and January 2020:

- [Hamilton Support Group Meeting](#) - December 14, 2019
- [Edmonton Support Group Yogatonia Session](#) - December 30, 2019
- [Greater Vancouver Support Group Meeting](#) - January 11, 2020
- [Toronto Support Group Meeting](#) - January 25, 2020

Toronto Support Group Meeting - February 23, 2020  
Dystonie Partage - 25 Janvier 2020

## Upcoming Events

2020 Edmonton Casino, April 22-23, 2020

2020 Brain Health Fair, April 30, 2020

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