

Our Impact

The **Loeys-Dietz Syndrome Foundation Canada** (LDSFC) is a national charitable organization dedicated to the promotion of research, awareness, education, and support for those affected by Loeys-Dietz syndrome (LDS) and related heritable aortic disorders.

Founded in 2010 by parents searching for answers for their sick children, LDSFC has since made a **considerable impact**.

Education and Awareness Impact

3 Heritable Aortic Disorders (HAD) Symposiums.

LDSFC is a co-founding member and sponsor of HAD, an annual educational event for medical professionals, patients, and families to meet, connect, and learn about the latest advances.

20+ Educational materials on LDS and related disorders.

LDSFC produces educational materials, including a head-to-toe of LDS signs and symptoms, a school packet, blog articles, videos, and website content.

Research Impact

\$100,000

USD in funding for cutting-edge research, through the 2022 LEAP Impact Award.

The Foundation fuels innovative LDS and related disorder research by providing investigators with 25,000 USD, leadership development coaching, and access to our global network of resources.

1st

Canadian pediatric registry for patients with hereditary aortopathies and connective tissue disorders like LDS.

The Foundation is a proud co-founding member.

1300+

Published and categorized LDS research articles in our GRIP database.

The Global Research Inventory Program (GRIP) is a cutting-edge inventory of literature and related investigators.

Support Impact

120+

Individuals affected by LDS and supported by LDSFC, in English and French.

Through the LDS helpline at 1-888-LDS-FCAN, LDSFC provides peer support and information on LDS resources to patients and families.

3 Multi-disciplinary clinics.

The MUHC, Montreal Heart Institute, and St. Michael's Hospital.

100s Of resources in our Resource Directory.

The Directory contains information on resources (medical, financial, psychological, social, educational, legal, and more) to help individuals living with LDS.

