**Family Engagement in Research (FER) Annual Report 2022**

52 Research Family Leaders. Link: <https://www.cheoresearch.ca/for-patients-family/partner-in-research/family-leaders/>

33 Research Family Leaders acting as advisors on projects, up by 83% since 2021.

500+ hours of volunteering by Research Family Leaders in 2022.

“We had family engagement on projects in the past, but adding Leanne van der Zweep as a Family Advisor from the beginnings of this project has enriched the project and led to higher levels of partnership amongst our team.” - Ellen Goldbloom, Investigator/Chair, Virtual Care Evaluation Group.

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**We Will Grow, it will show!**

7 New family leaders.

1 National podcast.

2 New RI FER resources.

2 Family Leaders completed the Family as Faculty course.

1 Family Leader completed the CanChild FER Leadership Program.

1 Provincial FER engagement symposium.

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68 research reviews completed by Family Leaders.

3 youth on National advisory group.

Provided 10 letters of suppoer towards various research projects and grants.

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**Research Patient and Family Advisory Committee (PFAC)** Link**:** <https://www.cheoresearch.ca/for-patients-family/partner-in-research/patient-and-family-advisory-committee/>

**21 research consultations provided by PFAC**

"Our team needed to make revisions to our grant application. We had a consultation with the RI PFAC and their feedback was instrumental in our grant successes and securing funding for our Mindful Self- Compassion diabetes research." - Saunya Dover, Research Manager.

8 Start Smart requests from early career researchers, allowing for meaningful patient engagement from day one.

"Through Smart Start, I was able to request family review for my Safe Home Environment Project. The FLP provided reviews from both a parent perspective as well as a former patient perspective. Having these reviews from lived experience viewpoints enhanced my project design." - Addo Boafo, Investigator/Psychiatrist