## NATIONAL PANCREATIC CANCER CANADA FOUNDATION



## FONDATION CANADIENNE DU CANCER DU PANCRÉAS

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On behalf of the Board of Directors of Pancreatic Cancer Canada, I am delighted to announce the appointment of our first Executive Director, Michelle Capobianco. Michelle is a 25 year veteran in the charitable sector; she comes to us after holding key positions at Easter Seal Research Institute, the MS Society of Canada and Holland Bloorview Kids Rehabilitation Hospital. Michelle will work to grow the Foundation in its focus on funding research, patient support, education and promoting awareness of pancreatic cancer.

Betty Aldridge, our co-founder and past President, announced her retirement in November, 2014, but generously stayed to ensure a smooth transition to the new Executive Director. We thank Betty for her service and wish her all the best in the future.

Ian Bowell and Laurie Ellies, the other two co-founders, continue in their excellent work for our cause.

We will be in touch shortly with a full roster of our activities around Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month (November) including the annual Gloria Pearl Educational Symposium on November 1<sup>st</sup> at Tiff Lightbox and the opening of our state-of-the-art office in the MaRS building on University Avenue in Toronto.

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