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AYA Can - Community Call
February 12, 2024 | 12:00pm - 1:00pm EST

12:00 PM | Meeting start

- Start: Chantale with welcome and land acknowledgements

12:03 PM | Updates from AYA CAN (Chantale)

- Started the Patient Ambassador Program last year and we are continuing with this
- Currently conducting interviews for new board members
- AYA Awareness Week is coming up from April 1 - 5: we are hoping to launch our new website that week and launching a retail collaboration with Carley's Angels
- West Island Cancer Wellness Centre (WICWC) from Montreal has had June 26 recognized as a National Cancer Wellness Awareness Day since 2019. They are hoping to make more of a social presence on this day and are working with people across Canada. If anyone wants to join the committee to help promote this day, reach out to AYA CAN at ayacanada.info@gmail.com and we will connect you with the organization.
- Our new website will be a resource hub for AYAs so if you have suggestions on what you'd like to see, please email AYA CAN at ayacanada.info@gmail.com. We are hoping it will help care providers, researchers, community organizations, and patients to find the information that they need.

12:08 PM | Jennifer Hooper, Childhood Cancer Canada

- Jennifer couldn't make the meeting so Chantale presented her slides
- Childhood Cancer Canada offers survivor scholarships. Scholarships are currently open.
- Established in 2000, the Survivor Scholarship program recognizes the triumphs of children who have overcome their cancer diagnosis and awards \$1,500 to post-secondary students who are pursuing their educational aspirations.
- Eligibility criteria is:
 - Canadian citizen or permanent resident. Must be living in Canada
 - Must be entering any year of study in a full-time post-secondary program
 - Must have been diagnosed with a pediatric cancer ON or BEFORE their 18th birthday
- For more information contact:
 - Jennifer Hooper, National Programs: jennifer@childhoodcancer.ca
- Presentation slides will be attached to the email

12:12 PM | Roundtable Introductions & Updates

- Rebecca Armstrong from the Canadian Breast Cancer Network, Manager of Education introduced herself.
- Shauna Krajacich from Rethink Breast Cancer, Patient Engagement Lead introduced herself. She works with the community to bring them into key strategic discussions in Rethink's work to make sure the patient's voice is centered there and helps connect patients to their partners to ensure there is a patient perspective reflected in their work.



- Julie Deleemans: The Carlson Lab at University of Calgary is currently working on a study looking at attitudes towards psychedelic assisted therapy. It is not AYA specific but they are trying to recruit more AYAs. There is an online survey for patients and also health care providers and policy makers. [Here's the link to the website.](#) Please complete the survey and share if you can.

12: PM | Meeting Adjourned

- Next community call will be on April 22, 2024 at 12pm EST.
- In the meantime if you have any information or data to share with the group through the AYA CAN newsletter, send it to ayacanada.info@gmail.com