

## CORE PURPOSE

*why we exist*

To empower those impacted by hydrocephalus and spina bifida to experience the best life possible.

## VISION

*where we are going*

To establish an environment that protects, supports and enhances the lives of those living with, or at risk of developing, these conditions.

## MISSION

*what we do everyday*

We are leading the efforts to:

- increase awareness
- prevent hydrocephalus and spina bifida
- facilitate early, accurate diagnosis and access to safe, effective and appropriate treatments
- support efforts to discover new treatments and optimize outcomes
- develop education resources and support tools for patients, caregivers and healthcare professionals
- establish supportive communities that encourage inclusive, proactive conversations and activities
- fund meaningful, impactful research

## VALUES

*what we believe*

We believe everyone affected by hydrocephalus and/or spina bifida:

- has the right to our attention, compassion and commitment
- has value and deserves to be treated with dignity
- requires access to timely, safe and effective care
- benefits from, and offers benefit to, collaborative communities
- has the responsibility to help others understand what it means to live with the conditions

## CHARACTER

*who we are*

Compassionate.  
Progressive.

Trusted.  
Innovative.

Confident.  
Collaborative.

## POSITION

*how we make a difference*

We initiate, facilitate and collaborate on awareness, education, support and research initiatives to help those impacted by hydrocephalus and/or spina bifida thrive.

## POSITION STATEMENT

We are the voice of Canadians living with hydrocephalus and spina bifida.

**Bridging Awareness, Research & Innovation**  
With Advocacy, Education & Support

Hydrocephalus Canada is the voice of Canadians living with hydrocephalus. We are empowering those impacted by hydrocephalus and spina bifida to experience the best life possible. We do this by establishing environments that protect, support and enhance the lives of those living with, or at risk of developing, hydrocephalus.

We are leading efforts to:

- develop a Canadian Hydrocephalus Strategy
- increase awareness about hydrocephalus
- create solutions to support prevention, early, accurate diagnosis, access to safe, effective and appropriate treatment, advancement of new treatments, optimal health outcomes
- develop education resources and support tools for patients, caregivers and healthcare professionals
- establish supportive communities that encourage inclusive, proactive conversations and activities
- fund meaningful, impactful research

We initiate, facilitate and collaborate under four areas of influence:

1. awareness
2. Education
3. Support
4. Research