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Ms Ema Dantas
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Dear Ms Dantas,

On behalf of the ALS Society of Canada, people living with ALS and their families, thank you for your generous contribution of \$5,000.00. ALS Canada's mission is to support research towards a cure for ALS while supporting the provincial ALS societies in their provision of quality care for persons living with ALS. Thanks to your generous donation, our 2012 research funding again exceeded \$1.6 million and has given Canadian ALS scientists the chance to continue their world-class research.

ALS research in 2013 is moving at a pace like never before! Major advancements include the discovery of new potential targets for future therapies. First, yet another new gene mutation was identified that causes hereditary/familial ALS. Every time a new gene is discovered, it sets off an explosion of new projects and experiments that ultimately lead to a better understanding of the disease. The second key event was the discovery of a gene that seems to regulate the rate of disease progression in humans. If it holds true, blocking its action with drugs might allow people to live healthier for a longer period of time after diagnosis. And finally, scientists determined that yet another non-motor neuron cell type is very important in ALS, which means a whole new set of potential treatments can be directed towards that cell's specific functions. Add to that the current and future participation of Canadian ALS clinics in more clinical trials than ever before, and you can see that we are on pace for tremendous progress!

In closing, I want to convey how appreciative we are for your support of ALS Canada. Your personal commitment has allowed Canada to remain one of the leading countries in the world for ALS research. Your assistance means so much to me, but even more to the ALS community – for those living with ALS and for their loved ones whose lives are forever changed. Your continued support and generosity provide hope that one day a cure for ALS will be found. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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