When did you last feel like you made a difference – one that will impact on generations to come? This is what research is all about.

By supporting our 2016 Research Appeal, you will build upon research already being done because of generosity such as yours. We are proud that Arthritis SA is one of the largest contributors to the national scientific program facilitated by Arthritis Australia. More than $250,000 has been distributed in the last 12 months to try to make a real difference to the one in four South Australians who suffer from arthritis. I hope you will join me now and support the lives of people everywhere with arthritis.

At the national level, we funded three programs including one for Sjogren’s syndrome and lupus, where the research is aimed at identifying cells that cause the autoimmune responses in a person leading to the disease. From this, cutting edge technology in genetics could ultimately produce targeted therapies and improve diagnostic testing. Another program focuses on rheumatoid arthritis and is aimed at reducing the number of inflammatory cells. A final example is targeting the most common form of arthritis, osteoarthritis, and tests an innovative self-management system aimed at giving patients quick access to the latest resources through general practitioners.

At a local level, we continue to work with University of Adelaide and Dr Elizabeth Hoon who is focusing on how we can support even more people with arthritis in seeking help when it is needed. In addition, our paediatric rheumatology nurse is working closely with our research team to look at better ways to support children with arthritis.

The need to probe the root causes of arthritis is huge, as is the need to both prevent and treat arthritis. We are inspired by our researchers ready to take on this challenge. Some desperately
need funding to further very high quality work that can change many lives for the better and we want to meet this need.

Please support this essential work and join me in making the future better for those with arthritis now, and for generations to come. Simply complete the donation form and post it to us, or by telephone us on 8379 5711 or 1800 011 041.

Yours sincerely

Julie Black
Chief Executive Officer

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