

2025-2026

YEAR IN REVIEW



Partners
In Health

STUDENTS FOR PIH CANADA

ABOUT OUR MOVEMENT

OUR MISSION

Students for Partners In Health Canada (SPIHC) is a student-led movement for global health equity and social justice. Supported by Partners In Health Canada and connected to the wider PIH movement, students across Canada organize their campuses and communities around a shared belief: **health care is a human right**. SPIHC equips young people to understand the forces that shape health inequity, build strong teams, develop leadership and organizing skills, and turn what they learn into collective action.



OUR WORK

Through our campaigns, we organize local communities toward building a global movement for the right to health. We **organize** by building dedicated, well-resourced teams and by fostering alliances with groups who share our vision. We **educate** by hosting discussion groups and public lectures about the right to health. We **advocate** for global and domestic policies that further the right to health. We **generate resources** to fund high-quality health care for people living in poverty. Together, we demand the right to health be protected for all people, everywhere.

STRENGTH IN NUMBERS

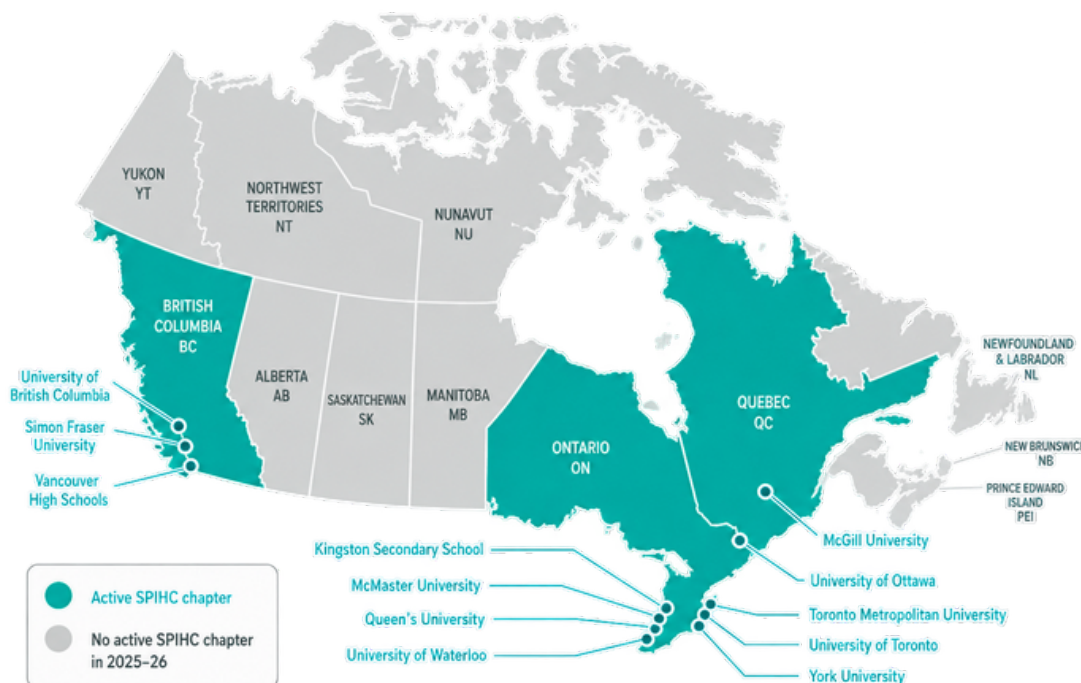
COMMUNITY BUILDING

3 Provinces represented

12 Active SPIHC Chapters

9 New Teams

40 Leaders at the Training Institute



Across Canada, students translated a shared commitment to health equity into action on their campuses and in their communities. They organized case competitions and panels, held fundraisers and community events, met elected officials, wrote letters to the editor, recruited new members and created opportunities for their peers to understand global health through a justice and solidarity lens.



SPIHC 1ST ANNUAL TRAINING INSTITUTE

In September 2025, 40 student leaders gathered in Toronto for SPIHC's inaugural national Training Institute. Over the weekend, students learned about Partners In Health, global health equity and the year's campaigns while developing practical skills in advocacy, fundraising, leadership, storytelling and chapter organizing.

And they began acting immediately.

By the end of the weekend, students had generated content for 117 reels for awareness, raised \$485, drafted advocacy content and prepared representatives from uOttawa and Kingston Secondary School for their first TB Hill Day.



"The Training Institute got us on the same page — what we're working toward and who we're working for."

Andrea Enriquez – UBC, VP Marketing

FIGHTING FOR JUSTICE

ADVOCACY

Health inequities are shaped by political choices — and students can help change them. Throughout 2025–26, SPIHC chapters built their advocacy capacity around tuberculosis, global health financing and Canada's role in advancing health equity.

The network's campaign priorities included:

- Supporting the Global Fund
- Investing in TB research and development and community-led initiatives
- Advancing a national TB elimination strategy

Students learned how to move beyond awareness and engage decision-makers directly: building relationships with Members of Parliament, calling political offices, writing letters to the editor and connecting local organizing to national campaign moments.



TUBERCULOSIS HILL DAY 2025

In September 2025, SPIHC joined advocates in Ottawa for TB Hill Day: an opportunity to move from training into real-world advocacy, by meeting other advocates, engaging political offices and seeing first-hand how sustained constituent pressure can move an issue through Canada's political system.

ADVOCACY IN ACTION

OUR IMPACT

167 *People joined a coordinated call-your-MP action supporting a strong Canadian commitment to the Global Fund*

20+ *Calls, letters, & emails to Members of Parliament*

40+ *Letter to the Editor Submitted*

1+ *Letter to the Editor Published*

4+ *Meetings with Members of Parliament*

Each action represents something larger than a single call, meeting or publication. Students were learning how power works, building relationships with decision-makers, finding their public voice and developing the confidence to advocate as constituents.

Our current numbers reflect documented activity, which is a fraction of the great work advocates have been doing. Reporting and activity tracking were a clear gap for us across the network in 2025–26, which means some events, participants, funds raised and advocacy actions were never captured.

This is why strengthening that system is a priority for 2026–27: making reporting simpler and more consistent so we can better understand, support and communicate the collective impact of SPIHC chapters across Canada.

SHIFTING THE PARADIGM

TAKING ACTION ON TUBERCULOSIS



The 2025–26 campaign asked SPIHC students to understand tuberculosis as more than a biomedical problem. Ending TB requires access to diagnosis and treatment, but it also requires sustained public investment, research and development, strong health systems, community leadership and political commitment.

SPIHC chapters organized around concrete opportunities for Canadian action, including support for a strong Global Fund replenishment, greater investment in TB research and community-led solutions, and progress toward a national TB elimination strategy.

OUR TACTICS

1. **Call Members of Parliament and make a clear ask.**
2. **Build relationships through meetings and follow-up.**
3. **Use letters to the editor and earned media to shape public conversation.**
4. **Educate our communities so advocacy is grounded in understanding, not just action.**



FROM TRAINING TO PUBLIC PRESSURE

SFU: TURNING AN LTE INTO PUBLIC ADVOCACY

At the 2025 Training Institute, students practised using letters to the editor as an advocacy tactic. The Simon Fraser University chapter took that work beyond the training room. Their letter addressing tuberculosis and Indigenous communities was published by the Squamish Chief, bringing the issue to a broader public audience. The publication also generated a request for an interview — extending the chapter's opportunity to shape public conversation.

WHY EARNED MEDIA MATTERS

- **It moves education beyond campus.** A public letter can bring an issue to people who would never attend a chapter event.
- **It demonstrates constituency.** When students publicly advocate on an issue, elected officials see that people in their communities are paying attention.
- **It creates another pathway to power.** Media can amplify an advocacy ask, create new conversations and add pressure alongside direct political engagement.

INCREASING OUR IMPACT

FUNDRAISING

The 2025–26 SPIHC fundraising campaign mobilized students in support of Partners In Health's tuberculosis work, with the national campaign focused on PIH's TB programming in Sierra Leone. Across Canada, chapters turned fundraising into opportunities for community-building and education.

They organized galas, bake sales, raffles, billiards nights, holiday bazaars, case competitions and peer-to-peer fundraising — inviting classmates, families, local businesses and community members to participate in the movement.



Current chapter submissions and network records document more than **\$7,703** raised across reported activities alone, far exceeding our \$5,000 target. Chapters also used these events to explain why global health inequities exist, introduce people to PIH and turn financial support into a point of connection with the wider movement.

AMOUNT RAISED



🏠 Home

\$7,703 raised

\$5,100 goal

56 donors

Fundraise to support lifesaving health care

Engage your network to help deliver medical care where it's needed most.

Every dollar you raise helps provide essential supplies, support health workers, and strengthen health systems for the long term.

Again, reporting can be better — and improving it is a priority for next year! We already know of at least \$2,800 in additional chapter fundraising that is not reflected in our current reporting, and a further \$4,760 was generated through matching periods. Taken together, SPIHC chapters raised at least \$15,263 in 2025–26, and the true total may even be higher. That's three times our target!

\$15,263+ RAISED

CAMPAIGN HIGHLIGHTS



In September 2025, a group of forty student leaders came together in Toronto to build skills, relationships and a shared sense of purpose for the year ahead. Students left not only with new knowledge, but with concrete advocacy, fundraising and content already underway.

“With rare exceptions, all of your most important achievements on this planet will come from working with others—or, in a word, partnership.”

Paul Farmer, PIH Co-Founder

**SQUAMISH
CHIEF**

Support U:

B.C. students call for systemic change to fight TB in Indigenous populations

A letter written by SFU was published and generated an interview request — showing what can happen when student learning is connected directly to public action.



UBC, with the support of SFU, brought together around 80 university and high-school students to tackle a case on tuberculosis care in Lesotho. Participants researched systemic challenges, developed solutions, and presented their recommendations to judges. Registration and a fundraising raffle raised \$526.



Kingston Secondary School turned its Holiday Bazaar into a major chapter fundraiser, with the support of Queens university, combining a bake sale with global health trivia, flyers and donated silent-auction items. The chapter reported raising \$1,770 through the event.

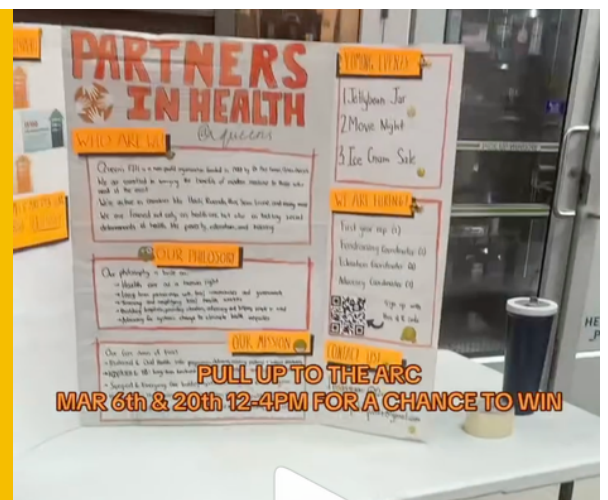
“Hope is as important now than it ever has been. Hope is an act of solidarity with those who are suffering. Hope leads us not to a desire for normal, but toward action to achieve a better future.”

Dr. Joia Mukherjee
Chief Medical Officer at PIH



McMaster brought students together through its MIGH x PIH Global Health Case Competition, built around real health-care challenges connected to PIH's work. The room filled with students ranging from first year to PhD level, creating space for learning, collaboration and discussion about global health equity and tuberculosis. Tickets raised \$405.

Queen's turned a simple raffle into both a fundraising and outreach opportunity. With prizes donated by local businesses, the chapter raised about \$200 while sharing information about PIH with students passing by.





uOttawa experimented with ways to bring people into the movement, from a billiards night, study session with hot chocolate to a Global Health Career Pathways panel. Across these activities, students created accessible entry points for peers with different interests.



York focused on visibility and recruitment through campus tabling. Students stopped to meet the executive team, learn about PIH and hear how the chapter planned to address health inequity. The activity helped grow awareness, attract new interest and strengthen the team's experience talking about SPIHC with their peers.



Vancouver High Schools mobilized 15 volunteers around a holiday donut fundraiser supporting tuberculosis work in Sierra Leone. The chapter reported raising \$800 with matching support, while creating a hands-on opportunity for high-school students to contribute, work together and connect fundraising with a concrete global health issue.



UBC closed the year with a health-care careers panel that drew about 40 participants. Students heard directly from health professionals about their career journeys, pairing practical learning with the chapter's broader work on global health and equity.

"Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere."

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
Civil Rights Activist

MEETINGS WITH MPs



KSS | MP Mark Gerretsen | Nov 2025



uOttawa | Sen. Bev Busson | Sep 2025



uOttawa | Rhonda Kirkland, Conservative MP for Oshawa | Sep 2025 | Part of the TB Hill Day Delegation



Queens | MP Fares al Soud | Feb 2026

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uOttawa | Jessica Fancy-Landry | Sep 2025 | Part of the TB Hill Day Delegation



Vancouver HS City Chapter | MP Wade Grant | July 2026

SPIHC ADVOCACY

Meeting with MP Wade Chang



UBC | MP Wade Chang, Burnaby Central | Dec 2025

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