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ENDOWMENT FUNDS

Help SickKids provide the very best care today — and in the future.

A LEGACY OF GIVING

THE CHALLENGE

SickKids is the number one paediatric hospital in Canada and consistently ranked one of the World's Best Specialized Hospitals by Newsweek. We provide cutting-edge care, conduct groundbreaking research, and are training the next generation of leading doctors and scientists. But to maximize our impact, we need to be able to heal the future. Endowment funds enable us to do that. Whether directed towards SickKids Foundation's highest priorities or an area of need that is meaningful to you, an endowment fund provides strength and stability, empowering SickKids to transform the way we deliver care.

WHY SICKKIDS

Every year, more than 100,000 patients come to SickKids from across the province, country, and world for specialized care. And every day our scientists are making important breakthroughs — discovering the cystic fibrosis gene, conducting the first whole genome sequencing study of autism, and continuing to crack the code on childhood cancers and heart diseases. Donors are instrumental in all our triumphs. It's because of you that we've grown from a community hospital to a global leader in child health. Now, you can join us as we usher in an era of Precision Child Health, leveraging everything we know about a patient, from their genetic code to their postal code, to diagnose faster, treat smarter, and predict better.

Meagan's Story

In December 2001, Meagan Bebenek was diagnosed with a malignant and inoperable brain tumour. She died six months later, a few weeks after her fifth birthday.

Meagan's mother, Denise, was determined to make a difference for other children with brain tumours. With the help of family and friends, planning began for the first Meagan's Walk in 2002. At this inaugural event, 800 participants walked from Ontario Place to SickKids where they joined hands in a "circle of hope" around the Hospital. This hug showed all within that they were not alone.

More than 20 years later, the Meagan Bebenek Foundation has raised nearly \$6.1 million for paediatric brain tumour research. In 2005, the Bebeneks established the Meagan's HUG: Creating A Circle of Hope endowment at SickKids. Now valued at \$3 million, the endowment has granted close to \$800,000 and has been a driving force behind several major brain tumour discoveries.

Meagan's legacy is one of hope for children and their families, helping SickKids improve care and treatment for kids across Canada and throughout the world.

YOUR IMPACT

When you create an endowment fund, you leave a legacy that will impact children's health for generations to come. The capital from your endowment fund will be invested, with returns used to support people, places, and programs at SickKids year after year. Since inception, SickKids Foundation endowment funds have achieved an impressive rate of return of 9.2 per cent on average, and in fiscal 2023-2024, \$40.5 million in funding was generated from endowments.

Endowment fund benefits include:

- An opportunity to honour or memorialize yourself or a loved one in perpetuity by naming the fund;
- A charitable tax receipt; and
- An annual Endowment Report.

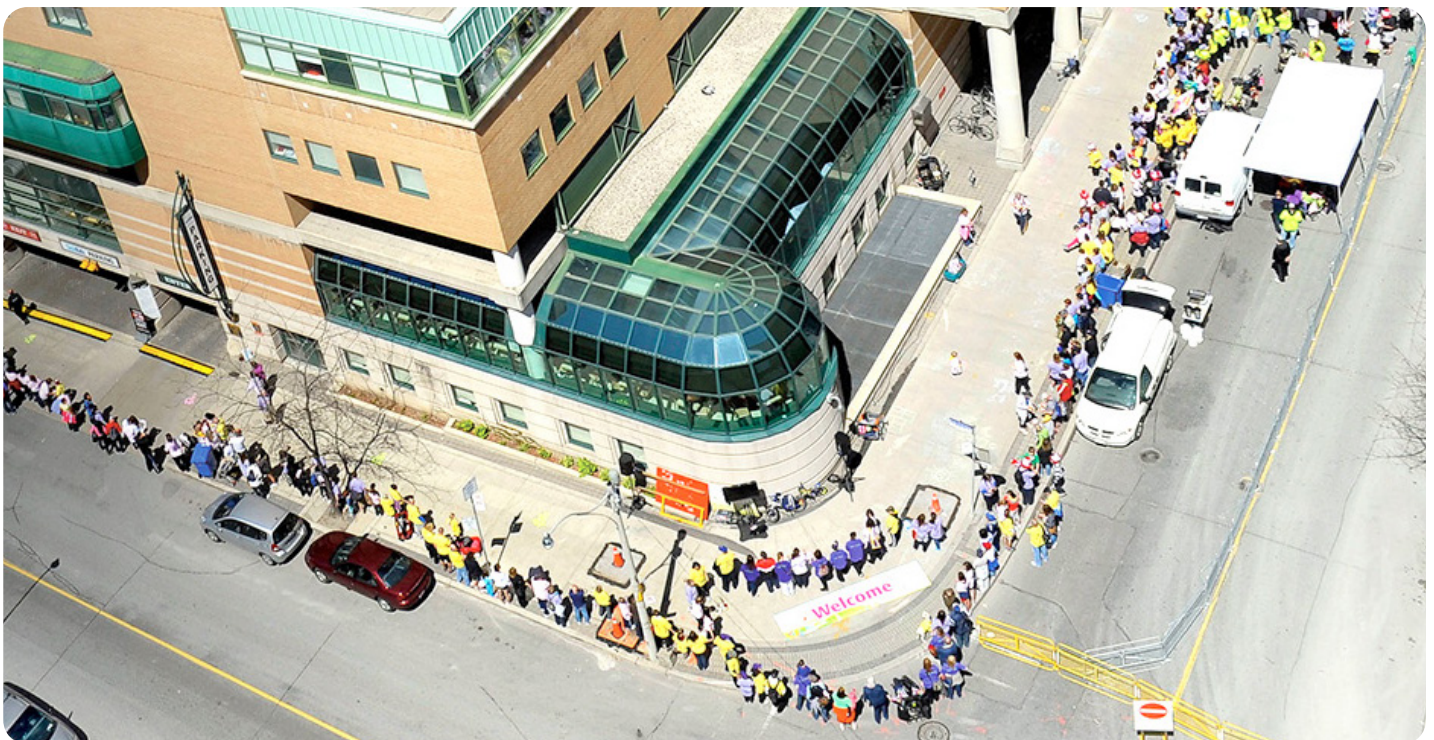
FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

- a. Establishing an unrestricted fund to support SickKids Foundation's highest priority needs with a minimum gift of \$50,000* payable over five years, or a designated fund in an area that is meaningful to you with a minimum gift of \$100,000* payable over five years.
- b. Making a gift through a vehicle of your choice, including a cash gift, gift of securities, or a gift in your will.
- c. Giving immediately or as part of your estate planning.
- d. Funding the endowment personally or with the support of friends, family, or your place of work.

We can work with you to identify potential areas of interest at SickKids where your gift can have a lasting impact.

Contact us at: **416.813.8271** or gift.planning@sickkidsfoundation.com.

**Endowment will start to disburse funds once the minimum has been reached.*



JOIN US IN OUR QUEST TO HEAL THE FUTURE