

BC Children's Hospital Foundation  
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## KIDS ARE NOT JUST LITTLE ADULTS

Our research and treatment programs are shaped by the simple fact that children cannot be treated like adults. Children, for instance, do not have fully developed immune systems. That's why they are far more susceptible to serious infections such as meningitis or pneumonia than adults. And because children have a higher metabolic rate than adults, illnesses take hold faster, making timely care crucial.

The range of ages and sizes of the children who come through our doors also has a significant impact on treatment and the equipment required. Just consider the size difference between a newborn and a teenager – everything from breathing tubes to beds has to be sized to meet the individual patient's needs.

Please help us meet the urgent medical needs of all of BC's children.

*Ava Coonfer was only 10 weeks old when a tumour called hemangioma caused her to develop a blood-filled blister on her eyelid, threatening her vision. At BC Children's Hospital, doctors treated Ava with steroids to reduce swelling and fitted her with glasses at 11 months old. Ava's parents have come to rely on BC Children's for care they couldn't get anywhere else.*



## Vital Statistics

- BC Children's Hospital receives more than **196,000 visits** from over **78,000 sick and injured children** from across the province each year.
- The 24-hour Emergency Department at Children's receives more than **42,000 visits** each year. That's **80 to 140 kids** every day.
- More than **100 children** are newly diagnosed with cancer every year. BC Children's Hospital provides life-saving, anti-cancer therapy for more than **700 kids** each year.
- The Child & Youth Mental Health Program at BC Children's Hospital receives more than **13,000 outpatient visits** each year.
- Our surgeons clocked **12,219 hours** performing specialized surgeries for children and teens in our operating rooms last year.
- Our cardiac surgeons perform approximately **160 open-heart surgeries** each year, 55 per cent of which are performed on patients younger than one year old.
- An average of **690 children** and their families visit BC Children's Hospital for treatment and care every day.



## Helping sick children get better



## ABOUT BC CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

**BC Children's Hospital** is the only full-service acute-care facility in the province dedicated solely to child health. BC Children's treats critically ill and injured children from birth to age 16. Many of the Hospital's specialized services, such as open-heart surgery, and kidney and bone marrow transplants, are not available anywhere else in the province.

**Sunny Hill Health Centre for Children** offers diagnosis and treatment for children with complex developmental and rehabilitation needs. Caregivers help children regain everyday functions such as walking and talking, or to cope with their disabilities. Sunny Hill receives more than 9,000 patient visits a year.

Located at BC Children's Hospital, the **Child & Family Research Institute** is a world-class centre dedicated to finding cures and new treatments for illnesses that affect children and families locally, nationally, and internationally. It is the largest research institute of its kind in western Canada.

*Sharlene and Sanil Deo still get emotional when they think of the 12-hour days they spent with their son Sahil in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit. Sahil weighed just under a kilogram at birth and spent over five months at the Hospital before he was able to go home. Today Sahil only has minor delays in his growth and is progressing well – he has significantly reduced his visits to specialists. To show their appreciation, Sahil and his family help raise funds for BC Children's Hospital.*



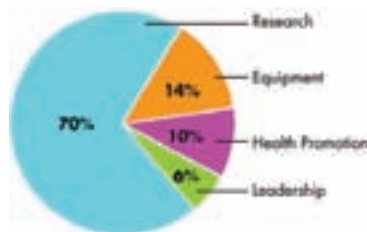
## WORKING TOGETHER TO MAKE BC THE BEST

BC Children's Hospital, Sunny Hill and the Child & Family Research Institute are forwarding the health of children now and providing for their future needs by combining the most specialized – and therefore the best – clinical care with innovative research programs that are helping to develop new medicines and better treatments designed for children.

## HOW WILL MY DONATION HELP CHILDREN?

It may seem surprising, but treating young patients is often more complicated than treating adults. Children, for instance, require 40 per cent more nursing care than adults because their medical and psychological needs are greater. From pediatric research and staffing to specialized facilities and equipment, every element that makes BC Children's Hospital unique requires a significant investment. The generosity of donors helps to ensure every child in BC receives the best health care possible.

Although funding needs at the Hospital change year to year, you can be assured that your gifts to BC Children's Hospital always support the most urgent needs. Currently, undesignated donations are distributed as follows:



## JOIN THE SUNSHINE CLUB

By joining our monthly giving group The Sunshine Club, you can bring hope into the lives of critically ill children every day. Monthly giving is a quick and convenient way to make a significant contribution that will greatly improve the lives of countless children and families.

## LEAVE A LEGACY TO BC'S CHILDREN

Beyond one-time or monthly donations, a legacy gift allows you to make a donation that has a lasting impact. Gifts through wills, life insurance, charitable trusts, registered retirement savings plans, property, stocks, bonds and mutual funds are just some of the ways you can create your legacy gift. These gifts can provide significant tax savings and financial benefits to you, your estate and heirs.

Contact us to find out more.

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*It's been said that Miguel Catarata of Port Hardy is one of BC's sickest kids, having undergone more than 200 surgeries and counting. Miguel was born with his aorta wrapped around his windpipe, restricting his breathing. Doctors have operated on Miguel countless times to keep his trachea open and help him breathe. Miguel's mom, Sally, cannot say enough about the amazing team at Children's Hospital, who save Miguel's life on a regular basis.*



### YES, I would like to help put smiles back where they belong!

This donation is made on behalf of:  An Individual  A Business

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