

Reasons

Fall Newsletter 2023

Meet Benjamin

Age: 8

Hometown: Regina, SK

Condition: Accident





Land Acknowledgement

Jim Pattison Children's Hospital Foundation respectfully acknowledges that we are located within Treaty 6 Territory and through our mission, serve those within all treaty lands across Saskatchewan and Homeland of the Métis. In gathering, we pay our respect to the First Nations and Métis ancestors of this place and reaffirm our relationship with one another.

Jim Pattison Children's Hospital Foundation is committed to the principles of mutual respect, trust, and collaboration of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission Report.



Message from Brynn Boback-Lane

President & CEO of Saskatchewan's Jim
Pattison Children's Hospital Foundation

Mosaic Child Life Program, the family theatre, and the calmness of the family room where she could gather her thoughts while supporting her daughter through treatment.

With newfound clarity, she spoke of the vital importance of the equipment and, in her own words, said that during her years as a volunteer, she hadn't fully grasped the significance of each machine and instrument in JPCH. Today, as a mother of a sick child whose life was dependent on these very pieces of equipment, her perspective had shifted dramatically.

As we came to the end of our visit, we shared a hug and a few tears. We both knew that this conversation represented everything that she and so many others had worked for. Waving goodbye we both smiled knowing that while the journey was not over, **our paths had crossed for very special reasons.** Her reason was Kira, and mine remains serving Saskatchewan moms-to-be and kids across the province and through the Jim Pattison Children's Hospital - a life-changing hospital that we all built together.

Saskatchewan's Jim Pattison Children's Hospital is sowing the seeds for countless narratives like Kira's and her family. In their hearts, they will always be grateful for those who made this possible. Those people are **you**, our cherished donors.

Your boundless generosity ensures that the highest quality of care continues to be available in our province, and for that, we are profoundly thankful.

With heartfelt gratitude,
Brynn Boback-Lane

Allow me to share a touching story that unfolds in the heart of Jim Pattison Children's Hospital - one that highlights the profound impact of your unwavering support.

Recently, I was drawn to a warm smile and familiar face at JPCH who had helped ignite the spark for the children's hospital over two decades ago. This extraordinary individual had organized countless independent fundraisers and volunteered tirelessly to help make our dream of a dedicated maternal and pediatric hospital a reality in our province.

Though our paths hadn't crossed in years, our reunion was nothing short of heartwarming. As we exchanged greetings and reminisced about the past, emotions welled up within her. She confided that while she had always cherished the work she had done in the past, she had never truly comprehended **the profound impact this hospital would have in her personal world.**

As she spoke of her daughter, Kira, now bravely battling Osteosarcoma (the same bone cancer Terry Fox had), she marveled at the unexpected twist her family's journey had taken. Never had she or her family envisioned that they would need the children's hospital. Today and for months to come, it would be a second home.

Every aspect of Jim Pattison Children's Hospital had become an integral part of her life. She talked of how she noticed the details of the private patient rooms with sleeping space for parents, the chosen colours on the walls, the comforting sense of normalcy found in programming like the

You Made This Possible

Thanks to your generous donations, Saskatchewan's Jim Pattison Children's Hospital Pediatric Transport Team received grant funding to update their equipment and needs!

The Transport Team is the **only Pediatric Critical Care Team in the province** that provides and delivers specialized care to children all across Saskatchewan, like one-year-old Grace from Raymore who was transported after being at JPCH for 14 months.

“ The grant has provided our team the ability to continue to work at our best in the most extreme weather conditions whether that's on an airport tarmac loading a patient onto a plane, or outside a rural hospital preparing to transport the patient and family by road ambulance. This contribution has allowed our team members to devote their full focus to their patients. ”

- Cindy Hamulas, Pediatric
Transport Registered Nurse at
Jim Pattison Children's Hospital



Flying into Retirement: The Remarkable Legacy of JR's Designer Birdhouses and their Impact on Saskatchewan Kids

After 16 years of working with provincial charities, including Saskatchewan's Jim Pattison Children's Hospital Foundation (JPCHF), John Remail of JR's Designer Birdhouses has retired.

John and his wife, Sonja, worked tirelessly over the years, creating thousands of beautiful birdhouses that are sold with proceeds going to various community Foundations. Their excellent craftsmanship skills and unique style made each of their creations a special addition to any home.

These birdhouse donations have added up in a big way to support Saskatchewan kids and families in hospital. Since 2009, nearly \$250,000 has been raised for JPCHF!

“ It's wonderful to have a hobby with a purpose that you really enjoy. ”
- John

Jim Pattison Children's Hospital Foundation is so grateful for the many years of support and wish John and Sonja all the best in retirement.



Make A Donation



Your donations to Jim Pattison Children's Hospital Foundation provide enhancements of lifesaving equipment, innovative research and vital programming at the hospital and across Saskatchewan for children and families.

From Heart to Halo: Christina's Courageous Journey

Throughout her maternal journey, it was determined by Christina's mom's medical team that it was certain her baby would be born with a heart defect, and was confirmed when her baby girl, Christina, was born in February 2013.

At just three months old Christina had her first two surgeries, including an open heart surgery to repair her heart. Nine months later, her mother discovered another major health concern in her daughter. Christina's back had formed into a curve, a sure sign of scoliosis. Due to her pre-existing heart condition, Christina was not eligible to be put in a back brace as so many other scoliosis patients do. The hope would be that in time, the curvature in her back would decrease or at the very least not progress any further.

Fast forward to July 2022. There had been no real progression in Christina's spine so her medical team deemed that she was fit to be placed in a halo gravity traction. This device is placed on children with a more than 80-degree curve in their spine and assists scoliosis patients by gently pulling at their soft tissue to help straighten the spine.

Christina was admitted to **Saskatchewan's Jim Pattison Children's Hospital's Pediatric Inpatients Unit for two months** while the halo gravity traction worked on correcting her spine.

After hours spent inside the operating room with her medical team, Christina entered the recovery room as a whole new child, one with a spine that was almost completely straight as the halo gravity traction was proven to show significant improvement compared to a regular back brace.

In the days after her surgery to remove the halo gravity traction, Christina shocked her entire medical team with the progress she had made. In a matter of hours Christina



Meet Christina

Age: 11
Hometown: Saskatoon, SK
Condition: Heart defect and scoliosis

was back to her normal self. She could be seen sprinting up and down the halls of the Pediatric Inpatients Unit, goofing around with her brother David, and singing and dancing as if nothing ever happened.

Today, Christina is living life to the absolute fullest. Her personality, outlook on life and positivity has not wavered through her medical journey. Christina was known around JPCH for her boisterous voice, energy that couldn't and shouldn't be contained, and an infectious smile that could brighten even the hardest of days. Christina has had two major surgeries on two of the most vital areas of the human body, the heart and the spine, but none of who she is today would be possible if it weren't for the exceptional medical care she received from her team at JPCH along the way.

Thank YOU to our Dedicated Donors!

Jim Pattison Children's Hospital Foundation would like to thank you, our amazing donors, for your contributions supporting our province's children and moms-to-be.



Wayne and Debra Grund

Thank you to Wayne and Debra Grund and their family for your generous contribution of **\$1 million** to Saskatchewan's Jim Pattison Children's Hospital Foundation in support of **provincial child and youth mental health initiatives**.

JPCHF is proud to enter into strong provincial partnerships with those who will help advance mental health resources which directly impact Saskatchewan kids. We are very grateful for the incredible generosity of our donors who have made the decision to enter into an arena of health care that is specific to children and youth mental health needs. The Grund family's support will make a vital difference in the lives of our children.

“During COVID-19 we saw first hand how the children and youth of Saskatchewan were struggling. Mental health issues among children and youth have always been there, the pandemic just brought attention to the desperate need for someone to do something... that is when we decided that someone was us! We are fortunate and thankful to have the opportunity to support pediatric mental health initiatives in Saskatchewan through Jim Pattison Children's Hospital Foundation.”
- Wayne and Debra Grund

Hoffman Elite Enterprises Ltd

Hoffman Elite Enterprises Ltd (H.E.E.L.) dedicates a portion of proceeds generated by their two exceptional gold Hydrovac units to Saskatchewan's Jim Pattison Children's Hospital's pediatric oncology unit. Thanks to their personal contributions and generous partners, **H.E.E.L. has raised over \$48,500 which is making a profound impact in the lives of children battling cancer.** Your commitment to this cause is truly commendable.



Synergy 8 Drive For Kids Campaign

Thank you to Synergy 8 Community Builders, the Saskatoon Tribal Council, generous donors, sponsors, and volunteers for a successful Drive For Kids campaign. This incredible group raised \$500,000 from this event and Jim Pattison Children's Hospital Foundation was proud to match this generosity with a \$500,000 gift from the 'Harvest For Kids' Health program, inspired by Gene Pidwerbesky and family, helping reach the campaign's goal of **\$1 million dollars to purchase Saskatchewan's first Portable Pediatric MRI!** This vital piece of equipment will help transform health care provincially for kids' health and well-being regardless of postal code.

Blaze a Trail for Kids in Hospital

Right from the beginning of his life, Blaze has had to overcome many physical challenges, but he hasn't let anything dampen his positive spirit.

His 'be strong, never give up' attitude has helped him through six different surgeries for bilateral club feet, strabismus, a tethered spine, and a bike accident that had him sent by air ambulance to Saskatchewan's Jim Pattison Children's Hospital (JPCH). In August of 2022, Blaze was run over by a utility trailer, breaking his humerus and femur. His optimistic attitude towards the endless challenges he has faced, along with the incredible care he has received at JPCH, has drastically improved his recovery.

Meet Blaze

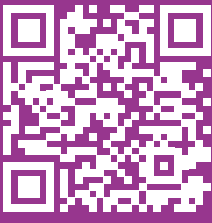
Age: 9
Hometown: Carlyle, SK
Condition: Bilateral club feet, strabismus, tethered spine



“A children's hospital is **vital** in our province. Without it, I am not sure where Blaze would have been sent. He got the specialized care he needed close to home, in a fantastic facility with a stellar team.”

- Carole-Lyn, Blaze's mom

JPCHF is proud to have Blaze as our ambassador for this year's Roughrider & Children's Hospital Foundations Lottery, Championed by The Mosaic Company. Blaze is an inspiration to Saskatchewan's sick kids and Rider Nation!



Buy tickets before the final deadline on **October 27, 2023** and support kids like Blaze!

JPCHF Upcoming Events Saving Little Lives Every Day with your Support

Your participation and support of the following initiatives help Saskatchewan children, moms-to-be, and families one gift, one ticket, and one dollar at a time.




Roughrider & Children's Hospital Foundations Lottery, Championed by Mosaic

Help Saskatchewan kids one ticket at a time. Buy tickets today at riderschildrenslottery.ca.

Final Deadline to Buy: OCT 27, 2023

SLGA Lottery License # LR23-0030



Jim Pattison Children's Hospital Radiothon presented by CIBC Wood Gundy

Listen live across Saskatchewan for real, heartwarming stories of local families who benefit from your support.

NOV 7 & 8, 2023




Making Spirits Bright

This holiday season, choose from eight meaningful gifts that will leave a lasting impact for children in hospital. Your gifts matched up to \$50,000 thanks to Thrive Wealth Management.

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NOV - DEC 31, 2023



Jim Pattison Children's Hospital Jeans & Jewels Gala presented by Mosaic

Purchase a ticket to enjoy a night of amazing entertainment, food, live auction, and more supporting provincial pediatric and maternal health care.

MAY 3, 2024



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