



JIM PATTISON
CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL
FOUNDATION

Reasons

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Land Acknowledgement

Jim Pattison Children's Hospital Foundation respectfully acknowledges that we are on Treaty Six Territory 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 in the spirit and recognition of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission Report.



Message from Brynn Boback-Lane

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

Spring is in the air, and with the start of a new season brings the opportunity for inspiration and growth. Our Foundation is continuously inspired by the heartfelt stories of the **over 66,000** children and babies who visit Saskatchewan's Jim Pattison Children's Hospital each year.

Last month I was asked by an acquaintance, "Why do you need to keep fundraising?" Their assumption was that the hospital was built so what else was required? Knowing that they had children in their family, I asked in return, "What do we all do when our kids are sick?"

"Get them whatever they need to get better!"

I smiled and right then he knew what I was going to say. "Well, that is exactly what we try to do at the foundation."

Every single minute, **62** kids enter a Children's Miracle Network and Canada's Children's Hospitals. Each year at Saskatchewan's Jim Pattison Children's Hospital, there are over **20,000** emergency

room visits, approximately **3,700** pediatric surgeries performed annually, and over **5,400** babies born, with almost **1,000** of our smallest patients requiring the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit.

As you can see from these statistics, there are thousands of kids in Saskatchewan who require ongoing enhancements of equipment and technology for their care to stay in the province, keeping them close to home.

There is a constant need for pediatric and maternal care in Saskatchewan that will never stop. Our reasons to continue this important work remains consistent. The children and families of Saskatchewan are our inspiration, as they cross the threshold of Jim Pattison Children's Hospital every single day.

We greatly appreciate generous donors like yourself for making some of the impossible, possible! Your support gives hope and helps heal Saskatchewan kids with Saskatchewan care.

You Made This Possible

Thanks to your generous donor dollars, Saskatchewan's Jim Pattison Children's Hospital Foundation (JPCHF) funded the purchase of a De Soutter Pediatric Pro Saw CSP, a specialized piece of equipment to make cast removal less intimidating.

Jenny Degagne, a pediatric orthopedic nurse and technician at Saskatchewan's Jim Pattison Children's Hospital, says her young patients are often already scared and traumatized after being injured, so having a cast put on or removed is the last thing they want to do.

This specialized cast saw is much smaller and quieter than the previous one, which especially helps kids who may be sensitive to sound, have had frequent casting, or who may be developmentally delayed or on the autism spectrum. Jenny says she is incredibly grateful her team has opportunities to improve care for her patients with granting opportunities from JPCHF.



“ We all work in this hospital because we want to advocate for them, and we want to do what's best for them. It's really nice to be seen and heard when your boots are on the ground and to know that there's somewhere that you can go and get what you need to make things better for your patients. ”

- Jenny Degagne, Pediatric Orthopedic Nurse and Technician at JPCH

Make A Donation



Your donations to Jim Pattison Children's Hospital Foundation will enhance maternal and pediatric health care for kids and moms-to-be all across Saskatchewan.

JACE'S HEALTH CARE COMEBACK

As a healthy multi-sport athlete, 12-year-old Jace never thought he'd have to spend time at Saskatchewan's Jim Pattison Children's Hospital (JPCH).

In October of 2022, Jace started to experience flu-like symptoms before things took a turn. He had a severe case of cellulitis, a bacterial skin infection, which led Jace to Saskatchewan's only Pediatric Intensive Care Unit (PICU) at Jim Pattison Children's Hospital where he was in a coma for five days, and spent most of his recovery at JPCH's pediatric unit.

The seventh grader says it was an extremely tough month.

"There was lots of treatments, oxygen, breathing tubes and wires hooked up to me. It was scary to say the least," Jace said.



Jace says being reunited with his brothers was one of the most emotional moments of his life.

“It makes me feel really good that I had an opportunity like this. The doctors can care for us with all the operations and their equipment. The rooms are made to be very calming and some of the views were great, Jace said.”



Meet Jace

Age: 12

Hometown: Saskatoon, SK

Condition: Severe cellulitis

However, there were also happier moments at JPCH, including being reunited with his brothers and having special visits from the Saskatoon Blades and Saskatoon Blazers. He says he feels fortunate for his experience in hospital.

Thanks to the specialized care he received at JPCH, Jace is fully recovered and back doing everything he loves. He even won a provincial championship with his hockey team this past season – something that feels like a huge comeback after his health scare.



Proud to Collaborate for Saskatchewan Kids

Many children and youth in Saskatchewan are facing complex health challenges. Saskatchewan Health Research Foundation (SHRF), in collaboration with Jim Pattison Children's Hospital Foundation, is supporting researchers, community organizations, policy makers and those working directly with Saskatchewan's youth to identify and implement meaningful solutions that empower children and youth in leading healthy and fulfilling lives.

SHRF is the provincial agency that funds, supports and promotes the impact of health research that matters to Saskatchewan. Jim Pattison Children's Hospital Foundation is a major partner with SHRF to ensure that Saskatchewan's health research community is leading the way with innovative approaches to promoting the health and wellness of our communities and the best-possible patient care. SHRF is proud to address Child and Youth Health by declaring it a strategic 'focus area' of the 2023-24 Solutions Program. Within this program, SHRF and their involved partners fund interdisciplinary research teams as they identify and target creative solutions to complex problems, then bring these solutions into action through Saskatchewan-based health research.



Child & Youth Health *Solutions Focus Area*

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Learn more about SHRF's commitment to Child and Youth Health by visiting www.shrf.ca/cyh



Meet Carys

Age: 16

Hometown: Moose Jaw, SK

Condition: Scoliosis

Caring for Carys

Carys from Moose Jaw, SK is a busy teenager, but a scoliosis diagnosis put her life on pause.

In June 2021, she was referred to Dr. Lauren Allen, a pediatric orthopedic surgeon at Saskatchewan's Jim Pattison Children's Hospital (JPCH), who determined Carys needed spinal fusion surgery to repair the curvature in her spine. Carys missed her last month of grade 10 in June 2022 for the surgery. Two rods, 15 screws and a donor bone graft were placed in Carys' spine.

Her recovery was initially normal, but in August 2022, she started to have excruciating pain in her shoulder. A screw had come loose and was causing the rod to pull away from her spine, which required another surgery. Carys didn't feel as mentally prepared for the second surgery and felt quite anxious going into it. However, her trust in Dr. Allen and the JPCH team put her mind at ease. Through all the mental and physical challenges of the past couple of years, Carys said having a dedicated children's hospital has been so important to her and her healing journey.

“ I've been to a general hospital and it's just not the same at all. It's great knowing that there's somewhere that kids like me and kids all over Saskatchewan can go to get treated and get help, Carys said. ”

Carys continues her surgical care at JPCH and still has some challenges ahead. She recently found out she can never dance again, but she continues to have a positive attitude and works hard to get where she wants to be. The eleventh-grader is very focused on school, and hopes to work in the medical field one day.



Upcoming JPCHF Events

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.



Day of Sunshine

Become a monthly donor during Day of Sunshine and help Saskatchewan kids every month of the year! Your gift will be **matched** thanks to the generosity of Gus and Marlene Millsap.

JUNE 7 & 8, 2023



Roughrider & Children's Hospital Foundations Lottery

Help Saskatchewan kids one ticket at a time.

COMING SOON



Saving little lives everyday with your support.



RBC Race for the Kids

Global, virtual family fun run, supporting kids and youth mental health.

OCT 14 & 15, 2023



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



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