



JIM PATTISON
CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL
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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 Jim Pattison Children's Hospital Foundation

All parents have a story. It usually begins with the hope that your baby will be healthy. That was ours. It never occurred to either of us that both of our children would require a Pediatric Unit or a children's hospital, but we did!

needs medical attention and surgery.

Today, our two beautiful daughters, Tess and Ella, are healthy and strong. They have continued to thrive and are incredible and caring individuals. They inspire me.

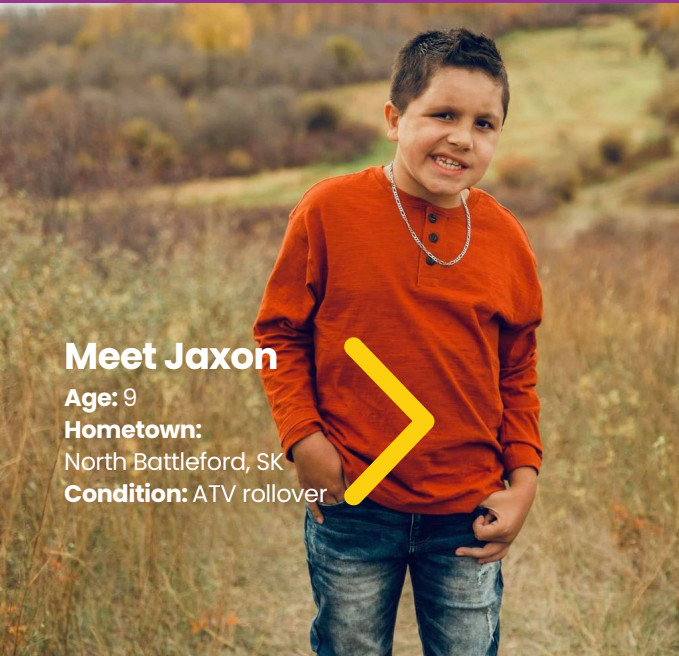
Our first born required surgery, at the time when there was no dedicated children's hospital in Saskatchewan. We traveled, like many other parents do, to Alberta and received surgical treatment there. Our second daughter, upon birth, was whisked away to the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit and we anxiously awaited her condition; a scary and emotional time on both occasions.

I have never forgotten the journey that our family experienced and can state without hesitation, that having a dedicated children's hospital in Saskatchewan is a gift. A gift that donors like you have given to the children and youth of this province. Your generous contributions are felt by the families who stay at the bedside with their child and to the patients who need such important care. A heartfelt thank you.

We never realized prior to becoming parents that a children's hospital would be so valuable, so important, so critical.

Saskatchewan's Jim Pattison Children's Hospital is a beacon of hope and health. I am so very grateful to have a facility that is committed to our maternal and pediatric needs at home, when being with family means the most.

As I write these words, the memories of our own daughters' urgent medical requirements are instant recalls for me. I remember every single detail of those days in hospital with my children. A parent is on high alert when your baby or child

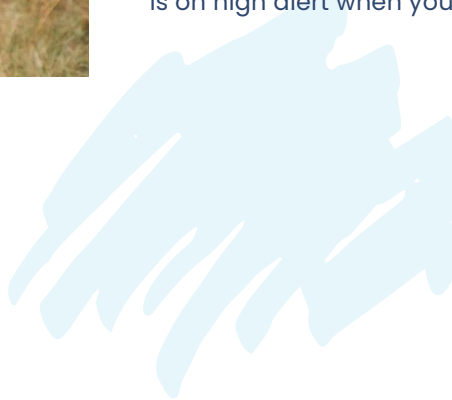


Meet Jaxon

Age: 9
Hometown: North Battleford, SK
Condition: ATV rollover



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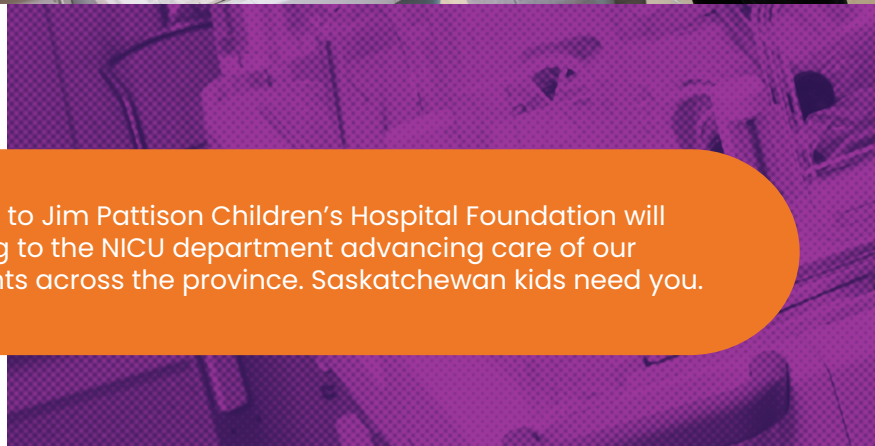
With your donor dollars, Saskatchewan's Jim Pattison Children's Hospital Foundation funded the purchase of the Lumify L 12-4 Transducer, a specialized piece of equipment to better assist medical teams and provide care for newborns in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU), newborns and their families (over *5,400 babies are born at JPCH each year).

“ Instead of wondering if a pneumothorax [collapsed lung] is to blame when a neonate has worsening respiratory status and having to wait for an x-ray that may or may not provide an answer, we now just check for a pneumothorax ourselves with the much more accurate Lumify lung ultrasound transducer, ”

- Adele Riehl, Manager of Nursing in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at JPCH.

Adele and her team have been able to take patient care into their own hands with the funding support from JPCHF. This has led to a reduced length of stay and lessened the mortality risk of our youngest patients.

*Source Saskatchewan Health Authority Reporting Period April 1, 2021 to March 31, 2022.



Make A Donation



Your donations to Jim Pattison Children's Hospital Foundation will provide funding to the NICU department advancing care of our smallest patients across the province. Saskatchewan kids need you.

DRAIDYN'S ROAD TO RECOVERY

What should have been a carefree summer for 16-year-old Draidyn of Laird, Saskatchewan, quickly changed to tragedy during his first ever summer job mowing lawns for his hometown.

Draidyn was cutting grass behind the town arena when he hit a bump, launching him directly in front of the riding mower. Unfortunately, the safety switch was not flipped on so the riding mower continued to move forward, completely trapping Draidyn underneath with the blades running.

As a first responder, Draidyn's mom, Christine, was in the neighboring town of Rosthern when she got the call that there was an accident involving a teen boy and a mower in Laird. Christine asked the terrifying question that no first responder or mother wants to radio back, "Is it my son?!"

When Christine arrived at the scene of the accident, all she could see was her son's head sticking out of the mower as the rest of his body had been engulfed by the machine. **Draidyn was underneath the mower for over an hour, drifting in and out of consciousness.**

After being airlifted to Saskatchewan's Jim Pattison Children's Hospital, Draidyn sustained life threatening injuries that needed immediate attention, with the main focus being his arm. From the elbow down, Draidyn's arm had sustained major damage from the accident. "Do whatever you need to do, just save my son's life," Christine said to the surgeons after their consultation.



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Meet Draidyn

Age: 16
Hometown: Laird, SK
Condition: Lawn Mower Accident

What resulted was a complete amputation of Draidyn's arm from the elbow down. Along with the injuries to his arm, he lost a significant amount of blood and while he was underneath the mower, the blades tore up Draidyn's midsection which he had to undergo another surgery to repair.

In total, Draidyn spent two months at Jim Pattison Children's Hospital. He's undergone multiple surgeries, a blood transfusion, and countless hours of therapy. As Draidyn continues to progress he will receive a prosthetic arm and begin the process of learning his new normal. **Draidyn is looking forward to continuing the life he has always wanted to live thanks to the specialized care he has received at JPCH.**

Recovery for Draidyn is long but as he is a lover of cars, specifically old muscle cars, there's nowhere else he would rather be than behind the wheel and on the open road to recovery. Draidyn is excited to work on his first car, enjoy outdoor activities like fishing with his family, and just being a teen again.

The Important Extras for Kids in Hospital

Saskatchewan's Jim Pattison Children's Hospital Foundation is able to bring joy to children and families receiving specialized care at JPCH. Here are a few highlights:



Child Ambassadors, Mason, Rhodes, Luke, and Benjamin (pictured) cheered on the Saskatchewan Roughriders, in partnership with the Saskatchewan Roughrider Foundation.



Darcy Kuemper, Stanley Cup Champion, made a special visit to JPCH with the Stanley Cup, following all SHA health and safety precautions, surprising medical professionals, children and families with autographs and pictures with the Cup!

The Teammates for Kids Child Life Zone held many activities over the summer including Camp Week where kids in hospital made mason jar lanterns, participated in a camp scavenger hunt, bingo, and more!



The "Teammates for Kids" Child Life Zone at Jim Pattison Children's Hospital provides opportunities for young patients and their families to improve their mental health by normalizing the hospital experience through The Mosaic Child Life Program which includes:

- Music Therapy
- Art Therapy
- Literacy
- Medical Education
- Nutrition Programs
- Family Theatre

None of this would be possible without your valued generosity to Jim Pattison Children's Hospital Foundation.

Grace, the PICU Princess

11 days. Those few days equal the only time Grace spent at home with her family when their world completely upended.

Grace was born on January 27, 2022. She spent her first 12 days in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) and four more days in the Pediatric Inpatients Unit in Regina. Grace was then able to leave the hospital with her mom and dad and return home to the family farm in Raymore, Saskatchewan.



Upon arriving home, Grace's mom Amanda and dad Paul realized something was seriously wrong with their daughter. **"It sounded like she was working so hard just to breathe. Every breath seemed like a struggle for Grace,"** said Amanda. Amanda and Paul packed up the car and drove straight back to Regina.

Meet Grace

Age: 7 months
Hometown: Raymore, SK
Condition: Klippel-Feil Syndrome Type 4

Upon arriving and being assessed, the decision was made to transport Grace to Saskatchewan's Jim Pattison Children's Hospital (JPCH) via air ambulance, a decision that Amanda originally did not want. "I didn't want to go, I resisted every way I could. I just wanted to be home with my family, I didn't want to get on that plane," Amanda said about the experience.

But eventually, Amanda and Grace did get on that plane and it's a decision that saved Grace's life. It was at JPCH that Grace was diagnosed with a rare disease called Klippel-Feil Syndrome Type 4. Grace is one of 15 documented cases of this disease in the world and the only known case ever in Canada.

Klippel-Feil Syndrome Type 4 is known as a fusion of bones within the spine, bone abnormalities, and low muscle tone.

Amanda credits the work done by Dr. Naidoo and team at JPCH for keeping Grace alive. "Dr. Naidoo worked extra hours just to do research on Grace's condition to ensure that the best care possible was available for her. We wouldn't be here if it wasn't for the work she did," said Amanda.

In the months Grace has spent within the walls of JPCH, she has undergone five surgeries and even more complications, but that hasn't stopped Grace from fighting.

Just like in Grace's fight, there have been good and bad days for Paul and Amanda too. With a condition so rare there is not much




information for their family on life expectancy for Grace or what her future will look like, has been a struggle for Amanda. "Not knowing what it'll be like once we leave JPCH is the hardest part about this," she said.

Grace has been residing at Jim Pattison Children's Hospital since February 24, 2022 and although they will be discharged soon, it won't mark the end of their time at Saskatchewan's only dedicated children's hospital. Although their family is closer to other major city centers, it's the specialized care that JPCH delivers that Amanda and Grace will be making the two hour trip from Raymore to Saskatoon to receive future treatments.

“Everyone at JPCH has taken such great care of Grace, they're like family to us now. I couldn't possibly think of Grace receiving care from anyone else but the medical staff at JPCH moving forward, it doesn't matter that it's far away, it's worth it for my daughter.”

-Amanda, Grace's mom


Upcoming JPCHF Events



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

The heartfelt and inspirational broadcast provides a glimpse into life within the walls of JPCH, featuring stories from Saskatchewan children, families and medical staff.

NOV 2022



Share the Love Valentine's Day Campaign

Send an e-card or Valentine's activity to kids and families spending the holiday in hospital.

JAN - FEB 14, 2023



Jim Pattison Children's Hospital Foundation 50/50 Presented by Knights of Columbus Saskatoon #1517

Buy a ticket to help Saskatchewan kids with a chance to win half the jackpot.

SPRING 2023



Making Spirits Bright

Share from eight meaningful gifts this holiday season that will leave a lasting impact for children in hospital.

NOV - DEC 31, 2022



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 pediatric and maternal health care.

MAY 5, 2023

Saving little lives everyday with your support.



Meet Ridwan

Age: 15

Hometown: Yorkton, SK

Condition: Blood Clot



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