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STAND BY ME

A SPECIAL REPORT FOR
CIBC WOOD GUNDY





CELEBRATING **CIBC WOOD GUNDY**

Children's Health Foundation is sincerely grateful to CIBC Wood Gundy's Investment Advisors for your generous support through CIBC Miracle Day and other philanthropic endeavors to ensure better childhoods for children and youth facing serious health issues and hope, relief and support for those who love them.

Over the past three years, your caring and compassionate team has donated an incredible \$165,000 toward our health care partners: Children's Hospital at London Health Sciences Centre and TVCC.

Meeting the mission of Miracle Day, your support has helped children and youth in need. You have made a difference in the lives of young people facing serious health issues, including mental illness, cancer, and heart disease, and life-limiting diagnoses, including physical disabilities, communication disorders, developmental delays and autism spectrum disorders.

In celebration and recognition of your generosity, we are pleased to share an update with you on your impact.



ABOUT CHILDREN'S HEALTH FOUNDATION.

**CHILDREN'S HEALTH FOUNDATION
IS THE FUNDRAISING ARM FOR
THREE OUTSTANDING HEALTH CARE
ORGANIZATIONS:**

Children's Hospital at London Health Sciences Centre annually treats more than 49,000 of the most medically complex and critically ill patients from across Western Ontario.

TVCC is the leading regional rehabilitation centre in Southwestern Ontario, dedicated to positively transforming the lives of more than 11,000 children and youth with disabilities.

Children's Health Research Institute houses 110 scientists and associate scientists who are focused on uncovering the causes, cures and long-term effects of childhood health challenges.

In 2019-20, CHF granted \$7.1 million, with more than \$4.5 million invested in specialized paediatric health care, capital and equipment needs and programs, \$1 million invested in rehabilitative services and \$1.6 million toward innovative research.

Children's Health Foundation launched the Stand By Me Campaign in May to rally our community to support our children during and after COVID-19. Thank you, CIBC Wood Gundy, for your commitment to stand by children facing serious health issues!

Children's Health Foundation has had a long-standing relationship with CIBC Wood Gundy in London with six Investment Advisor teams contributing to our health care partners. We are grateful for Brad Smith's volunteer efforts on our Investment Committee.

YOUR SUPPORT IN ACTION.

CIBC Wood Gundy has helped to ensure that children and their families receive the best possible care and the most possible hope when faced with a life-threatening or life-limiting diagnosis. Your donations have strengthened and transformed the health care experience by funding:



**THERAPEUTIC
PROGRAMS**



**REHABILITATION
CARE**



**MEDICAL
EQUIPMENT**



**MENTAL HEALTH
CARE**

BECAUSE OF YOU...



KATHY*

**Name has been changed*

KATHY IS SEEKING **MENTAL WELLNESS.**

You supported Kathy to receive timely, effective and youth-specific treatment for depression, generalized anxiety and mild post-traumatic stress.*

Kathy grew up in a volatile and unwelcoming home environment. She saw and experienced physical and sexual abuse. Her early experiences took a toll on her and she received a mental health diagnosis in high school. Even with a diagnosis, Kathy struggled to get the support she needed until she found the First Episode Mood and Anxiety Program (FEMAP). FEMAP provides her with psychiatry, nutrition counselling and group therapy. Kathy says the program has given her hope for a brighter future. Thank you for recognizing the importance of mental wellness for our youth in London.



LEO, Age 13

LEO GAINED **CONFIDENCE IN HIMSELF.**

You helped connect Leo to activities and programs that let him shine and build confidence in his own abilities.

Leo was born with a condition that affects all the muscles in his body, including his heart. As a result of his congenital myopathy, he struggles to run, jump, climb the stairs and complete other physical movements. As Leo grew older, he started to realize he was different from other kids. It made him incredibly sad and discouraged about life. With the support of caring donors, like you, TVCC matched him with a mentor, a successful university student living with the same condition as him, and introduced him to programs and activities that made him feel good about himself. Leo's favourite program is the Adapted Fitness Centre, which teaches him exercises that are right for his condition.



DARCEY, Age 5

DARCEY FEELS **SAFE AND SUPPORTED.**

You have provided emotional support to Darcey and her family as they rely on Children's Hospital for life-sustaining care before and during the global COVID-19 pandemic.

Darcey lives with an ultra rare genetic blood disorder - atypical hemolytic-uremic syndrome. She must visit the hospital every three weeks to receive a life-sustaining infusion. Without the infusion, her blood will clot and her organs may begin shutting down. Darcey's family was very scared to bring her to the hospital after the pandemic started. With your support, Children's Hospital was prepared to provide children, like Darcey, with emotional safety. Children's Hospital's donor-funded, special therapeutic programs, including Child Life, Music Therapy, Art Therapy and Ollie the Therapeutic Clown, improve children's health outcomes by mitigating trauma, reducing stress and anxiety and increasing preparedness.



GABE, Age 17

GABE RECEIVED **TOP-NOTCH CRITICAL CARE.**

You ensured that Gabe received life-saving critical care from expertly trained medical professionals and state-of-the-art equipment when the worst happened.

Gabe became life-threateningly ill when rare complications from a sinus infection caused swelling in his brain. His body was rocked by seizures and he had to be admitted to Children's Hospital's Paediatric Critical Care Unit. Gabe spent more than three months in hospital, undergoing multiple brain surgeries, a medically induced coma and rehabilitation to eat, speak and walk again. His parents and younger brother are thankful every day for the incredible care Gabe received, which you helped make possible by supporting training at the Michael Gunning Simulation Centre and the purchase of important medical equipment for the unit.

IMPACT **BY THE NUMBERS**

CIBC Wood Gundy's generosity, combined with support from other philanthropic leaders, has had a tremendous annual impact.

**425
splints
made**

to increase kids'
movement

**879
critical care
admissions**

**622
adapted
workouts**

**1,000
participants
in sport and
recreation**

**37,000+
emergency
patient visits**

**26,000+
expressive
therapy
sessions**

**3,500
mental health
visits**

**177,000 hours
of client rehabilitation care**

**1,200
quality of life
equipment loans**



TVCC provided rehabilitation care to David to ensure he could walk with ease.



Seth, age 14
Thunder Bay, ON



Children's Hospital's area of service



Service area that Children's Hospital shares with other Ontario children's hospitals



Children's Hospital, LHSC



Thames Valley Children's Centre locations



Darcey, age 5
Hanover, ON



Owen Sound

Hanover

AREA OF IMPACT



Jack, age 10
London, ON



Stratford

Kitchener-Waterloo

Grand Bend

Woodstock

London



Sarnia



Strathroy



Tillsonburg

St. Thomas



Walpole Island



Chatham



Rylee, age 2
Kingsville, ON



Windsor

Kingsville

APPRECIATING YOUR **GENEROSITY**

Please accept our sincere appreciation for both the CIBC Miracle Day initiative and the generosity of CIBC Wood Gundy Investment Advisors who are giving back to our communities by donating their fees and commissions to Children's Health Foundation. Taken together, these gifts are significant and represent smart philanthropy. Specifically, we would like to thank Peter Story, Brad Smith, The O'Neill Team, Calvin Lee, Burnett Okanski Dale Financial Group and Larry Myny.

Going beyond this report, Children's Health Foundation would like to work with you to ensure that CIBC is recognized for the combined impact you are having to improve and save children's lives. We would like to explore with you the opportunity to share CIBC Wood Gundy's community-minded example through a presentation. Additionally, we think that we can develop a story to demonstrate your contribution that can be used both internally and externally.

Our goal would be to make your group and clients feel proud of what CIBC is supporting in the community. We can also foresee that there is a future in this partnership and if we are able to engage more of the Investment Advisor Teams to come together and rally around the critically important work of Children's Health Foundation's partners, we can meet even greater needs and have a more significant impact in Western Ontario.

Respectfully,

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