

# Together we can

## Pediatric Program



The new pediatric unit at KGH

The Pediatric Program in Kingston is one of five academic health sciences centre programs specializing in pediatrics in Ontario. As a referral centre offering specialized care in pediatrics, KGH and Hotel Dieu Hospital provide a range of specialties similar to those available at stand-alone children's hospitals in Ontario. The Pediatric Program is able to meet the care needs of the majority of the children who arrive at Kingston's hospitals, and receive numerous referrals from other community hospitals and specialized children's hospitals each year.

Using a family-centered approach, the Pediatric Program provides age-appropriate inpatient and ambulatory care to children from birth to age 18. Inpatient services are provided at KGH in the pediatric unit, pediatric enhanced care unit, intensive care unit and the neonatal intensive care unit.

The majority of ambulatory (outpatient) care is provided through the Children's Outpatient Centre and the Child Development Centre at Hotel Dieu Hospital, while outpatient oncology is provided through the Cancer Centre at KGH.

### Redevelopment



The relocation and redesign of the pediatric inpatient unit at KGH will ensure that young patients have a care environment designed for their unique needs throughout the care cycle. Children deserve to be cared for in a comfortable environment that addresses their emotional, physical and developmental needs.

The expansion and relocation of the unit – which expects an increase in

admissions from 1,300 to 1,575 by 2015 – will provide children with a more child-friendly care experience.

Originally designed for adult rehabilitation, many of the rooms are ward-style, with three or four beds to a room, making it very difficult for parents to be involved in their child's care and for the care team to accommodate the differences in age, gender and level of illness of children. It also doesn't provide the added level of security appropriate for ensuring the safety of the youngest patients.

The new unit will be located on a brand new floor to be built on the Kidd Wing at KGH. The new unit will include private rooms, a large playroom, and designated pediatric intensive care beds to help ensure critically ill children do not have to be sent out of region for care when the expertise is already in Kingston.



## Naming Opportunities

- Unit: \$2.6 million or \$3.75 million
- Suite: \$700,000 - \$1 million
- Waiting rooms: \$100,000 - \$150,000
- Patient rooms: \$50,000 - \$100,000
- Treatment/Exam rooms: \$50,000 - \$75,000

Government doesn't pay for all of our hospitals' equipment, research and education needs. That's why local support for our hospitals is critical if we want our community to have the very best health care services.

## Equipment

Gifts for equipment to children's programs help save lives. For example, some infants are born with health problems that require immediate action using highly specialized equipment. The quick actions of health care staff and access to a special type of ventilator called an oscillator – a piece of life-saving equipment not available in all hospitals – can save an infant's life.

## Education

From understanding the needs of children with ADHD to having the latest information on pain assessment

and management of infants, nurses in the Pediatric Program require continuing education to provide the very best patient care. A fund to provide relief time for nursing education, for example, will enable the Program to retain on-call nursing staff to care for patients when full-time team members are at a conference.

## Research

The Pediatric Program contributes to international pediatric research in cancer, neurosciences and epidemiology. The clinicians are members of leading pediatric research groups across Canada, including the Maternal Infant Child/Youth Research Network and Pediatric Emergency Research Canada, to name just two. Research in the department has led to improved patient care and treatment here at home and abroad. For example, Dr. Michael Flavin's most recent research findings have the distinction of being the seventh most read article this year in the prestigious *Journal of Pediatrics*. Dr. Flavin and his research partners found that infants with respiratory distress who are given higher concentrations of hypertonic saline recover faster and are sent home

earlier than those who received a regular dose of the medication. Other research areas include:

- ethical decision-making for the pediatric population
- use of alternative therapies in children with chronic diseases
- risk/prevention of diabetes
- childhood infectious diseases
- new cancer therapies
- childhood injuries
- autism
- behaviour problems related to poor sleep quality
- acquired brain injuries
- mechanisms of brain damage triggered by fetal inflammatory responses
- child health priorities and education in developing countries
- pediatric food allergies

## Opportunities for giving

- Unrestricted gifts to help the program  
No minimum
- Patient care equipment (list available)  
\$1,000 - \$175,000
- Send a nurse to a conference or training session  
\$500 - \$3,000
- Support on-site training session for clinical staff

