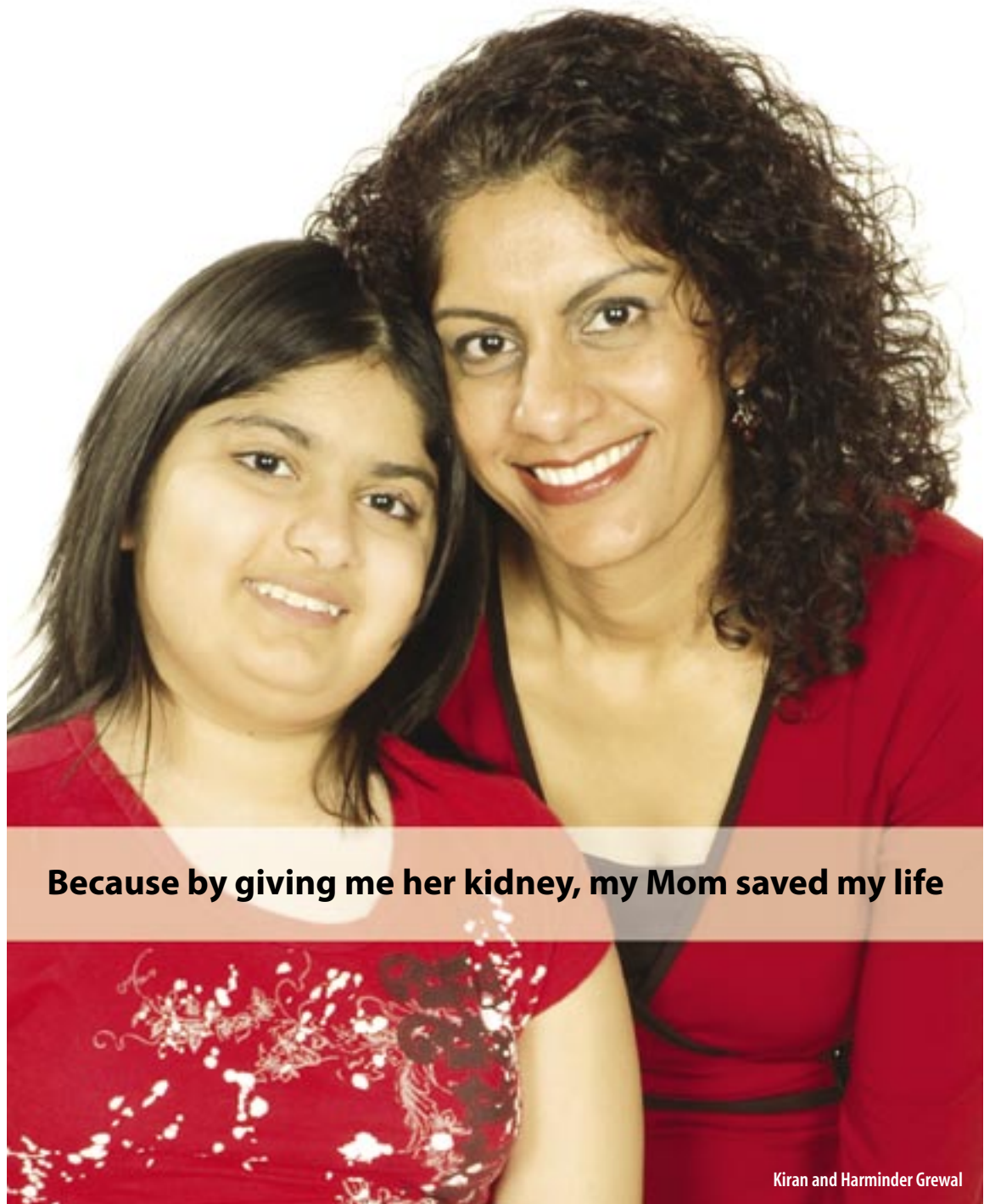




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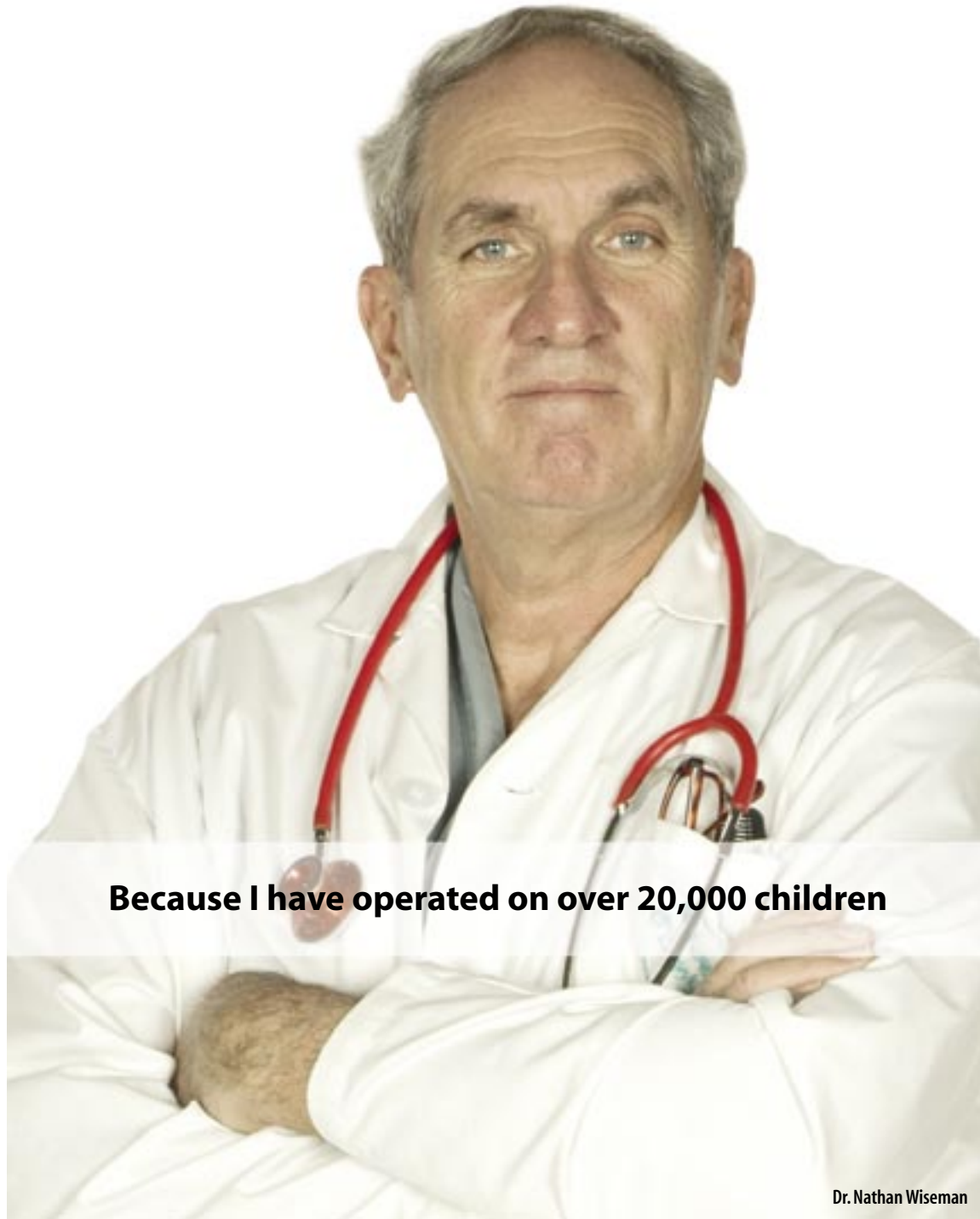
Because by giving me her kidney, my Mom saved my life

Kiran and Harminder Grewal

Because when kids get sick like I did we need really good doctors, medicine, treatment and equipment and programs to make staying in the hospital fun. Because when I was 9 years old I got really sick with Wegner's*, I needed a lot of different types of treatment.

My mom helped me by giving me her kidney and helping me take my medicine.

**Wegner's granulomatosis is a rare autoimmune disorder that can cause kidney disease*



Because I have operated on over 20,000 children

Dr. Nathan Wiseman

The Children's Hospital Foundation
is a treasured partner and friend
to the pediatric surgeon; helping
us deliver state of the art
surgical care to the infants
and children of Manitoba



Because I can't live without insulin, but hope for a day when I can

Bretton Tyler

Because when I was
2 years old the
hospital found out
I had type 1 diabetes.
Because if I need help
again the hospital
is the best! Because
my diabetes doctors
really care about me.



Because 390 grams is where some babies start life

Sybil Russell

Because more than 500 premature and precious lives are entrusted to our care over the year, and the support from the foundation helps us provide not only the best care, but the ever changing technology and equipment to make babies with an uncertain future, well.



Fiona Webster Mourant, Board President

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President & Executive Director's Message

Imagine a world where children are so protected from deadly disease, that their lives are rarely touched by it. And even when they are, the treatment is so effective that they have the strength to fight – and win. Imagine a world where illness and injury struggle to take hold in an environment that fervently sustains well-being. An environment so focused on prevention that a cure is rarely necessary. At the Children's Hospital Foundation of Manitoba Inc. we imagine that world every day.

During 2006, the Children's Hospital Foundation was able to continue to make a real difference in the lives of sick children here in Manitoba, Northwestern Ontario and Nunavut because of generous support from our community. It was a year of record-breaking support. The Children's Miracle Radiothon, the Children's Hospital Book Market and the 2006 BDO Classic Canadian Open of Curling achieved record revenues, while the Teddy Bears' Picnic celebrated 20 consecutive years of families and bears enjoying a day in the park. Our major golf tournaments also recorded milestones with the 10th anniversary and final year for the Keith Tkachuk Tournament and the 19th Annual Dr. Goodbear Golf Classic raising its highest revenues yet.

These fundraising successes enabled the Children's Hospital Foundation to provide over \$1.1 million in support to the Children's Hospital. Without this funding, there are patient care and clinical programs and equipment that would otherwise not be available. The Foundation was also able to invest over \$2.9 million into pediatric research, helping to advance world-class research that offers hope for countless sick children and their families. The Foundation, working with its partners the Winnipeg Regional Health Authority, Health Sciences Centre and the University of Manitoba, continues to provide support that attracts talented researchers to Manitoba and keeps these valuable resources in the province.

These achievements of the past year allow us to move forward with full force toward accomplishing even more in support of child health. The Foundation Board of Directors have committed to a five-year strategic plan that continues to position child health in our community as a voice that needs to be heard. We will continue to strive to create an environment that brings hope for children and youth to reach their full potential.

The Children's Hospital Foundation can only achieve its goals with your the support. Thank you to all our donors, to our corporate partners and sponsors, to our many volunteers, to the entire team at the Manitoba Institute of Child Health - our research division, and to the team of doctors, nurses and related health care professionals that care for our children.

Thank you for understanding that by contributing to the Children's Hospital Foundation you are helping to ensure a brighter and healthier future...because children need us!



Dr. Malcolm Ogborn, MBBS, FRACP, FRCPC, *Director of Research*
Manitoba Institute of Child Health

Director of Research Report

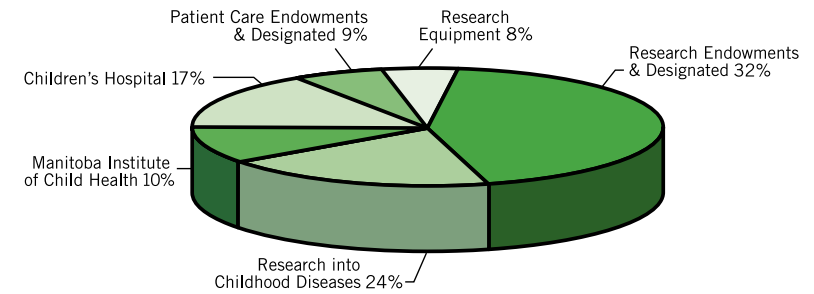
Imagine, in the not too distant future, that a child from the Interlake area of Manitoba is diagnosed with a serious, chronic health problem. Coming to Winnipeg, the child and his parents see a specialist at Children's Hospital who tells them that a researcher at Nova Scotia's Dalhousie University is comparing two approaches to treating this condition to determine the safest and most effective treatment. The child's parents return home and get more information about the Dalhousie Study from the Internet. The family then visits their local rural hospital and along with their family doctor, meets with the researcher at Dalhousie and with the specialist at Winnipeg's Children's Hospital via a three-way video conferencing link. The family decides to join the Dalhousie Study, having regular meetings by video link with doctors in Winnipeg and Nova Scotia, and phone check-ups with a Winnipeg-based research nurse. All this is happening while other children from across Canada who have conditions such as asthma and type 2 diabetes are using the same technology to participate in clinical research led by Manitoba researchers.

This is the essence of the vision that is emerging for a national framework for child health research. A vision, for which much of the leadership has come from right here in Manitoba. In May of 2006, the Manitoba Research Institute of Child Health was selected to host a national meeting to begin developing a national child health research platform that would give each of Canada's 7,000,000 children access to clinical research and research based care. The model would see all sites develop national leadership in specific areas, and then use the framework to do their research and share their expertise across the country. A mere eight months later, the leaders of Canada's child health research institutes found themselves meeting with members of the Federal cabinet to have this concept included in the Government of Canada's financial planning. It is an idea whose time has come – it will happen. The level of support will determine how fast.

The Manitoba Institute of Child Health is at the forefront of these efforts because we are recognized as having the experience to make this happen. Our asthma researchers are internationally feted for creating research that bridges across geography, cultures, and disciplines. Dr. Robert Schroth, who is supported jointly by the Institute and the Canadian Child Health Clinician Scientist Program, not only has achieved great success in his own research in early childhood caries, but has formed key alliances in First Nations communities and with researchers across Canada. Researchers in diabetes and obesity are involved in studies that link us to both the east and west. The Institute is negotiating research projects between the Manitoba Life Sciences sector and researchers in East Africa to develop new treatments for diarrheal disease. Our Clinical Research Unit is attracting national interest as a model to make research opportunities accessible to all clinicians, regardless of research training. The Clinical Research Unit is also receiving kudos from research sponsors for the outstanding accuracy and quality of their work.

This bold vision, however, is also a bold challenge. To have the capacity to participate at the national level, attracting new talented researchers and retaining the best we currently have, the Institute must finish its physical facilities in the John Buhler Research Building and play a stronger role in hiring and supporting research personnel. The Institute is blessed with talented and enthusiastic staff, excellent researchers, the support of the academic community, and of course, the generous support and commitment to research from the Children's Hospital Foundation. I am confident that with the effort and support of all, this challenge can be met and surpassed.

Use of Donated Funds



Because Donor Dollars Are Making A Difference

Donor support to the Children's Hospital Foundation of Manitoba goes a long way. From programs that make a child's stay in the hospital just a little more bearable, to the latest in medical equipment, to life-saving pediatric research with hope for a day when kids don't have to get sick – your donor dollars are hard at work.

Each year the Children's Hospital Foundation of Manitoba provides funding for Programs, Health Promotion and Prevention, and New Initiatives that will enhance health care services for children and adolescents.

PROGRAMS ESPECIALLY FOR KIDS

Annually, the Children's Hospital Foundation funds special programs of the Child Life Department at the Children's Hospital. These initiatives help kids and their families cope with the stress and anxiety associated with illness and a hospital stay.

- Family Information Library and Book Corner for Kids **\$74,423**
- CHTV (Children's Hospital Television) **\$94,280**
- Music and Humor Therapy **\$103,208**

FAMILY SUPPORT PROGRAM **\$21,037**

The Family Support Program matches families with a child who is receiving care within Children's Hospital and its affiliated clinics with a "buddy," a parent whose own child has been in a similar situation. This trained parent is available to offer peer-support, helping the family to develop the coping skills necessary to deal with ongoing health concerns of their child. This program is an expansion of the Neonatal Family Support Program currently offered to parents of children in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit.

Other program funding included:

- Code Blue Cart for Nursing Education **\$3,000**
- Neonatal Intensive Care Clinical Dietician **\$10,000**
- Building Connections: The Maestro Project **\$18,750**

HEALTH PROMOTION AND PREVENTION

Happy, healthy children who never have to be in the hospital – that is our ultimate dream. By funding health promotion and prevention programs, we strive to keep children out of the hospital and at home, where kids can just be kids.

Parental Attachment Video **\$20,000**

This video is designed as a teaching tool that will help increase a parent/caregiver's knowledge of an infant's development and needs. Shown from the baby's perspective, the video depicts different situations where an infant is expressing a need and a parent is responding effectively. The purpose of the video is to develop and enhance a parent/caregiver's ability to understand a baby's feelings, allowing them to read and respond sensitively to the baby.

Other health promotion and prevention funding included:

- "Give Your Baby a Good Head Start" Promotional Campaign **\$980**
- IMPACT (The Injury Prevention Centre of the Children's Hospital) **\$30,000**
- Updating HSC Handbook of Pediatric Enteral and Parenteral Nutrition **\$31,874**

NEW INITIATIVES

By providing seed dollars for new treatments and ways of improving care, we are continuing to ensure kids have access to the highest standards of care possible.

Child and Adolescent Cancer Survivor Program **\$19,730**

Over the past 50 years, innovations in pediatric cancer treatments have led to more and more children surviving cancer. This is wonderful news, however evidence has shown that there can be lasting effects of common treatments for pediatric cancer. Child cancer survivors can experience learning difficulties beginning between 18 to 36 months after their treatment. This project provides enhanced occupational therapy and educational resources for children and adolescents living with lasting effects of cancer treatments, helping to improve their quality of life.

Implementation of a Rapid Response Team (RRT) **\$20,328**

Saving kids lives. The Rapid Response Team is a group of medical professionals whose job is just that. They specialize in Pediatric Intensive Care and can be called upon 24/7 by any member of the health care team to bring their critical care expertise to a child's bedside. The benefits of this initiative are clear – kids who are in physical distress can be recognized and stabilized earlier, they go on to experience fewer complications and spend less time in the hospital.

Other new initiative funding included: **\$55,300**

- Canadian Neonatal Network **\$55,300**
- Enhancing Performance, Function and Communication in the Child with Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder **\$65,189**
- Building Blocks of Parent/Child Attachment Clinic **\$100,000**

Because Research is Providing Hope for the Future

Research is the key to saving lives and making sick children well again. The Children's Hospital Foundation offers hope to children and their families by funding research efforts that could one day lead to medical breakthroughs and cures for childhood illness. At the Foundation's research division, the Manitoba Institute of Child Health, 140 scientists and support staff are working tirelessly, exploring areas such as asthma, kidney disease, genetics, nutrition, and neurosciences. Their important work done right here in Manitoba connects them with researchers from across the globe. Together they have a common goal – to improve the health of children everywhere.

OPERATING GRANTS

Each year the Foundation awards a number of research grants based on scientific excellence and relevance to child health. The grant requests are reviewed by experts in their respective fields and by the Foundation's Institute Research Committee. Grant recipients in 2006 include:

DR. TOM BLYDT-HANSEN

Non-Invasive Biomarkers of Acute Rejection in Pediatric Renal Transplantation

Grant Amount: \$20,000

Acute rejection is a potentially devastating complication after kidney transplantation in children and can result in the loss of the transplant. Today, the only way to confirm the kidney rejection is by performing a biopsy, which is an invasive surgical procedure that can result in increased pain and prolonged recovery times. The goal of this research project is to develop an effective and reliable non-invasive urine test that will detect acute rejection in children with kidney transplants.

DR. SHYAMALA DAKSHINAMURTI

Hypoxic Pulmonary Smooth Muscle Dysfunction in Neonatal Pulmonary Hypertension

Grant Amount: \$44,520

Insufficient levels of oxygen during birth can affect the lungs of otherwise healthy newborns – the result is a potentially lethal disease called pulmonary hypertension. This study examines the blood vessels in the lungs and will help provide specific treatments for muscle spasms and obstructive growth in newborns' lung blood vessels. This research will help extend the window of opportunity for successful therapy of pulmonary hypertension.

DR. PABLO FORTE

Role of L-Arginine/Nitric Oxide Pathway in Pediatric Essential Hypertension

Grant Amount: \$40,385

Some children have higher blood pressure than others, a condition called essential hypertension. Hypertension in children is a major risk factor for heart disease and stroke in adulthood. Our bodies produce several substances that keep our blood pressure under control, one of those being nitric oxide. This study examines nitric oxide production in children and will help scientists develop strategies for early prevention of cardiovascular complications in young adults.

DR. JON MCGAVOCK

Low Cardiorespiratory Fitness, Skeletal Muscle Steatosis and Insulin Resistance in Adolescents with Type 2 Diabetes

Grant Amount: \$50,000 Establishment Grant

The current estimates on obesity are startling – one in every four children is considered overweight, and childhood obesity has increased 300 per cent in the last two decades. Childhood obesity is a risk factor for chronic diseases like type 2 diabetes, high blood pressure, and heart disease. This project looks to discover new markers for diabetes in youth as well as study the role of physical activity in managing diabetes risk in youth.

DR. JAYSON STOFFMAN

The Association Between SHP-2 Mutations and Platelet Function in Noonan Syndrome

Grant Amount: \$45,000

Noonan syndrome is a genetic disorder that is often passed from parent to child. Recently, an abnormality in a gene was found to be the cause of the disease in nearly half of all the cases of Noonan syndrome. Some patients with the disease have an increased tendency to bleed because of an abnormality in the cells responsible for blood clotting. This study aims to provide scientists with a better understanding of the genetic link between the causes of the disease and abnormalities in blood clotting. Ultimately, this will help predict a patient's risk of bleeding, ensuring that they receive appropriate care.

OTHER GRANT RECIPIENTS INCLUDED:

Dr. Judy Anderson | *A Novel Formulation for Nitric Oxide Delivery to Skeletal Muscle* | **\$40,000**

Dr. David Eisenstat | *Genetic regulation of Neuronal Differentiation and Migration by DLX Genes Relevant to Neurodevelopmental Disorders* | **\$45,000**

Dr. Joanne Embree | *Characterization of Pediatric Multi-Drug Resistant Streptococcus Pneumoniae* | **\$37,013**

Dr. Louise Giles | *Antenatal Nutritional Supplementation of Antioxidants Modulates Postnatal Lung Injury* | **\$45,000**

Dr. Cheryl Greenberg | *Genetic Risk Factors for CPT-1 Deficiency in the Inuit* | **\$45,000**

Dr. Newman Lloyd Stephens | *Airway Smooth Muscle Relaxation: Modulation by Development of Mechanical Plasticity* | **\$40,000**

Dr. Xi Yang | *Host Immune Response to Chlamydia Infection: Molecular and Cellular Basis*
Two Year Matching Grant Amount \$18,588

Dr. Kiem Oen | *Biologically Based Outcome Predictors in Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis*
Four Year Matching Grant Amount \$10,000

POST DOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP AWARDS

In 2006, post-doctoral fellowship awards valued at \$35,000 were given to the following individuals:

Dr. Natalie Bjorklund	Dr. Santhosh Thomas
Dr. Baher Nashed Kilada	Dr. Apollinaire Tsopmo
Dr. Rebecca Mollard	Dr. Surong Zhang
Dr. Juliet Packiasamy	

GRADUATE STUDENTSHIP AWARDS

Graduate studentships are awarded to individuals enrolled in Master's or Ph.D. level degree programs. Priority is given to students in the early stages of their studies. In 2006, twelve students received these awards valued at \$17,850 each.

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTSHIP AWARDS

These awards provide promising undergraduate students with a summer work experience in a medical research environment at the Manitoba Institute of Child Health. In 2006, sixteen students received awards valued at \$4,500 each.

Because We Can't Do It Without the Support of the Community

Each year Manitobans from all walks of life contribute to the success of the Children's Hospital Foundation by supporting the Foundation's fundraising efforts and by volunteering their time. Here are just a few highlights from 2006:

BDO CLASSIC CANADIAN OPEN

January 5 to 8, 2006 | Amount Raised: **\$51,000**

BRANDON CHILDREN'S MIRACLE RADIOTHON

April 6 and 7, 2006 | Amount Raised: **\$30,000**

20TH ANNUAL TEDDY BEARS' PICNIC

May 28, 2006 | Amount Raised: **\$48,000**

19TH ANNUAL DR. GOODBEAR GOLF CLASSIC

June 8, 2006 | Amount Raised: **\$220,000**

THOMPSON CHILDREN'S MIRACLE RADIOTHON

November 17 and 18, 2006

Amount Raised: **\$16,000**

WINNIPEG CHILDREN'S MIRACLE RADIOTHON



Radio listeners opened their hearts and showed their support at the Hot 103 and QX 104 Children's Miracle Radiathon on April 19-21, 2006 by contributing an astounding \$500,000 for kids.

CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL BOOK MARKET



Thanks to the effort of many dedicated, long-time volunteers and the loyal support of book buyers, the Children's Hospital Book Market, sponsored by Dufresne, celebrated book sales reaching a record-breaking \$255,000 in 2006.

THE KEITH TKACHUK GOLF CLASSIC



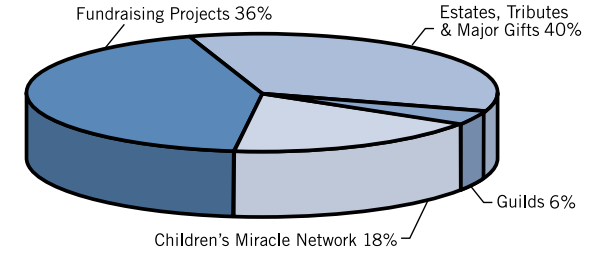
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The Keith Tkachuk Golf Classic on June 13, 2006 celebrated its tenth and final tournament by reaching the \$1 million milestone in funds raised. Thank you to the Tkachuk Family for ten wonderful years.

THE GUILD COUNCIL OF THE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

The five guilds of Children's Hospital - the Annie A. Bond Guild, Chown Guild, McKinnon Guild, St. Agnes Guild, St. John's Guild - along with the Peter Pan Club and Nurses Alumnae contributed over \$71,000 to the Children's Hospital and Foundation through various fundraising efforts in 2006. The dedicated volunteers of these groups continue to go above and beyond in their efforts, showing their true kindness and compassion for children.

Source of Donated Funds



CHILDREN'S MIRACLE NETWORK (CMN) NATIONAL SPONSORS

Children's Miracle Network has grown dramatically since its founding in 1983, from a televised fundraiser in a small studio to one of the world's leading children's charities working to save and improve the lives of millions of children each year. Since then Children's Miracle Network has grown to 170 members with 12 Foundations and 14 Hospitals in Canada. The Children's Hospital Foundation of Manitoba is a proud member of the Children's Miracle Network, through which we have engaged the support of many invaluable national sponsors who raise funds that stay right here in Manitoba supporting the special health care needs of our children. In 2006, Children's Miracle Network sponsors raised \$1.5 million for the Children's Hospital Foundation of Manitoba.

\$500,000 + CHILDREN'S MIRACLE RADIOTHON

\$300,000 +



\$200,000 +



\$100,000 +



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\$50,000 +



\$20,000 +



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Because Corporate Support is Essential and Every Dollar Counts

The Children's Hospital Foundation gratefully acknowledges the generosity of many contributors who have supported the work of the Foundation. We appreciate every gift received and recognize the following major gifts made between January 1 and December 31, 2006.

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