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Meet Ireland – your **Champion Child**

All Courtney and Will Gault wanted to do was tell their baby girl that they loved her.

But before they even left the hospital, newborn screening revealed that Ireland had hearing loss in one ear.

Over the next few months, additional tests revealed the hearing loss was profound — and in both ears.

Of course, Ireland's devoted parents were shocked, and concerned about how their daughter would be able to navigate the world.

Fortunately, Ireland turned out to be a great candidate for cochlear implants, which are surgically implanted devices that give patients the ability to hear the world around them.

"It was a scary experience, because they're working quite close to her brain and nerves," describes Courtney. *"But the Children's Hospital gave our daughter the ultimate gift of hearing."*

Her husband, Will, remembers how grateful they were that Ireland was being cared for at Manitoba Children's Hospital.

"You're letting go of your baby and trusting the process. We're so grateful that she was able to receive this miraculous surgery in such a warm and welcoming environment."

At just 10 months old, Ireland made history the day of her surgery — being the youngest person in Manitoba to have bilateral cochlear implant surgery.

Soon after, she heard her parents' voices for the first time.

Ireland's successful surgery has made it possible for children just like her to receive cochlear implants before their first birthdays.

Ireland's cochlear implants allowed her to develop speech and language skills alongside her peers, and each day Ireland gets to enjoy the sounds around her is a gift. Music. Singing. Laughter. Her parents saying, *"I love you."*

Today, Ireland is a kind and energetic girl who loves gymnastics, singing, birds and her younger sister Taylor. She's also your 2026 Champion Child.

Ireland and her family will always be grateful to supporters like you — whose gifts support experts in child health research to develop the new technology, equipment and treatments like the kind that helped her.

"We're so incredibly thankful for the research that's done. It has changed our daughter's life. This is the miracle surgery that's giving her the quality of life that we dreamed for her."



Helping Manitoba's Kids **Breathe Easier**

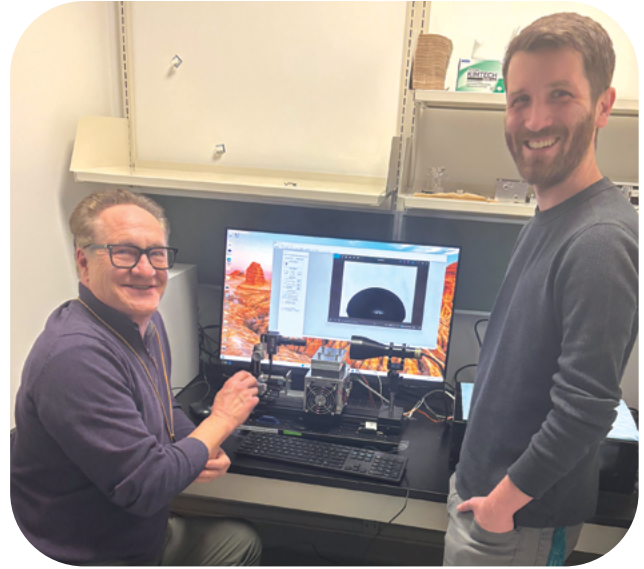
One in eight kids are affected by lung diseases and one in ten struggle with asthma. Dr. Andrew Halayko and Dr. Christopher Pascoe are working to change that. For over 20 years, their team at the Children's Hospital Research Institute of Manitoba (CHRIM) has been uncovering why children develop conditions like asthma — and how to stop it before it starts.

Because behind every statistic is a child struggling to breathe, a parent rushing to Emergency, a school day missed.

Researchers know why these numbers keep rising: wildfire smoke, industrial pollution, poor air quality linked to climate change, and vaping, which is increasingly affecting young lungs.

With your support, Dr. Halayko and Dr. Pascoe lead the Biology of Breathing team — 15 researchers dedicated to understanding and preventing lung disease in children. They are now building AirSAFE, a state-of-the-art research hub where they can safely recreate the real-world air conditions Manitoba children are exposed to every day, and measure the damage it does to young lungs.

That research is already making a difference. New asthma therapies are reducing children's reliance on steroids. New tools are improving care for premature infants and lowering their



Dr. Andrew Halayko & Dr. Christopher Pascoe

risk of chronic lung disease. And findings from AirSAFE are helping to shape health policy across the country.

Donations from friends like you have played a critical role in supporting this research — and the difference to children's health is life-changing.

With every discovery, the children of Manitoba can breathe more easily — and so can their parents.

You Helped Them Heal. Now Help Them Thrive for Generations

Every child in Manitoba deserves the very best care — today and for generations to come. By leaving a gift in your Will to the Children's Hospital Foundation of Manitoba, you help make that future possible. It's a meaningful and lasting way to show how much you care.

To discuss how you can make an impact for the kids of tomorrow, please contact **Lindsay Rayter** at lrayer@goodbear.ca or 204-797-4387.



Maxy and Nico



“If there is heaven on earth, it’s right here in Canada”

Lovemeet Singh moved his family from India to Winnipeg in 2018, with one goal: building a brighter future for his kids. Lovemeet came first, and was joined eight months later by his wife and children, Yashwinder and Manreet.

Lovemeet first worked a variety of jobs, before opening his own cabinetry business.

But in early 2026, Yashwinder needed urgent care. Twice he became sick overnight, and twice his family rushed him to Children’s Hospital Emergency Department.

Each time, our teams ran tests, cared for him, and monitored him closely until he improved. Yashwinder felt so comfortable and cared for at Children’s that anytime he feels sick now he says, “Take me to the hospital. I feel safe there.”

As they left to return home, Lovemeet noticed a sign talking about the importance of donations from the community in order to keep up the hospital’s excellent patient care.

Moved by the care his son had received,

Lovemeet went home and made a generous donation in gratitude.

“I’m able to donate because of my business success,” he explains. “That feels very special and meaningful.”

Lovemeet is part of the Sikh community, where giving is both a religious practice and a personal responsibility. Like many members of the community, Lovemeet finds meaning in sharing contributions openly so others know they are helping build the country they now call home.

He is deeply thankful to Canada and the people who made their family welcome.

“This country accepted us, so I wanted to give something back. If there is heaven on earth, it’s right here in Canada.”

Young brothers with **big hearts**

When Maxy was only two years old, he got very sick and ended up in Children’s Hospital.

He had a condition similar to toxic shock syndrome and a serious bacterial infection, all stemming from a simple scrape on his knee.

Nine years later, and Maxy’s family has never forgotten the excellent care he received at Children’s Hospital. They turned to their love of gardening for inspiration on how to give back.

Maxy and his brother Nico sold tomato plants in the spring and corn

in the fall. They have kept part of the money for their education funds, and donated the rest to Children’s Hospital Foundation of Manitoba.

The boys say that the best part of this project is when people say, “You boys have such big hearts — you’re doing something really great!”

We know that sometimes the biggest of hearts are found in the smallest of people.

Their story is a reminder that the spirit of giving has no age limit, and that every contribution, no matter the size, makes a real difference for children and families at Children’s Hospital. Maxy and Nico, thank you for inspiring all of us.



Together we make anything possible

Inside Children's Hospital, something beautiful is coming — vibrant, joyful art created by talented artists chosen to bring comfort, wonder and hope to children and families during extended stays.

Recently, Children's Hospital Foundation of Manitoba invited artists to create artwork for CK5, the childhood cancer, blood disorders and transplants ward, knowing how powerful art can be in healing spaces.

Fifteen inpatient rooms and adjacent spaces will soon be transformed with colourful and meaningful artwork.

Each piece will convey the message "Let's Make Anything Possible," radiating the spirit that no dream is too big, and every day holds the potential for wonder.

Our kids will be captivated by images of nature, imagination and the simple joy of childhood.

Please enjoy the following small selection, and learn more about these talented artists.



Watchful One — *Shelley Enemark*

Winnipeg-based painter Shelley Enemark has exhibited at St. Norbert Art Centre, participated in the Winnipeg Fine Art Fair, and sold work through platforms including the Square Foot Show. Her paintings explore contrast and expressive brushwork, with a focus on warmth, optimism and contemporary flair.



Zaagate (Sun) — *Storm Angeconeb*

Storm Angeconeb is an Anishinaabekwe artist and proud member of Lac Seul First Nation, Treaty Three Territory, born and

raised in Winnipeg. Now based in Red Lake, Ontario, her work weaves in cultural knowledge and teachings passed down through generations. Self-taught in Adobe Illustrator over seven years, she works across painting, digital art and beadwork.



Dream Big, Little One — *Lisa Whitehouse*

Born and raised in Winnipeg, Lisa Whitehouse grew up exploring the outdoors and developed a deep love for animals that drives her art today. Her

vibrant, bold style captures the energy and joy of wildlife and pets. As the artist behind Whitehouse Art, she shares her work globally through art shows, licensing and her website.

Upcoming Events



Teddy Bears' Picnic

Date: Sunday, September 27, 2026

Location: Assiniboine Park



Ice Crystal Gala

Date: Saturday, November 7, 2026

Location: RBC Convention Centre

Plan your day
at the picnic, and
purchase gala tickets at
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