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**Children's**  
HEALTH FOUNDATION

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**THANK YOU!**

*A Special Update For The*  
**J.P. BICKELL FOUNDATION**



*Charlotte was born at 23 weeks gestation, she needed 116 days in the NICU. You helped equip our team with resources to save babies, like Charlotte.*



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# THANK YOU FOR **STANDING BY OUR KIDS**

Children's Health Foundation is sincerely grateful for the J.P. Bickell Foundation's past support of Children's Hospital in London, Ontario, totaling \$84,000.

COVID has made many of us stop and think about how uncertain things can be in this world. It has also made us more mindful of all our blessings and how we should articulate them. So, we wanted to send you an update, to make you aware of the impact your generous past support has had, particularly on the most fragile patients cared for at Children's Hospital – those in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit – and the people who love them.

In the period spanning 2013 - 2019, you made several grants to ensure fragile babies receive the best possible care for the best possible future. In 2011, you also helped to establish the Paediatric Palliative Care Program to bring comfort to children in their final days.

Our hospital is the third largest children's hospital in Canada and has one of the busiest Neonatal Intensive Care Units (NICUs) in the country. We serve a vast geographical region that spans west from London to Windsor, east to Kitchener/Waterloo and as far north as Thunder Bay. Our health care professionals are caring for a growing number of infants, with about 1,000 premature and critically ill patients supported last year alone. These fragile infants often need specialized care for a whole host of complications. They may spend weeks or even months in hospital. State-of-the-art equipment is critical to their care. Children's Hospital relies on philanthropy to be able to purchase 90 per cent of its medical equipment.

**We are thankful to the J.P. Bickell Foundation for helping equip our team with the resources to save young lives.**

# CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

## NEONATAL INTENSIVE CARE UNIT (NICU):



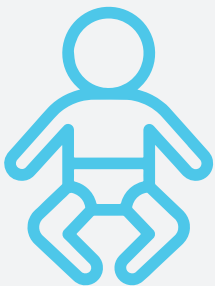
**1 IN 10**

babies is born premature



**900 TO 1,000**

babies receive intensive care  
at our hospital each year



Some babies weigh as little as  
**A POUND OF BUTTER**





# YOUR GENEROSITY IN ACTION.



Through three separate grants to Children's Health Foundation, the J.P. Bickell Foundation has helped to purchase three types of state-of-the-art equipment for our NICU. The photo above illustrates how health professionals use this essential technology to save and protect our babies.

1

Your gift of \$22,000 in 2019 helped to purchase six **B. Braun Syringe pumps**, which are critical to the safe infusion of fluids, blood and medications. With this advanced technology, health professionals have been able to deliver precise dosages, protecting the safety of tiny patients. When treating an infant who weighs no more than a pound, proper dosing means the difference between life and death.

2

Your gift of \$32,000 in 2015 helped to purchase a Hamilton ventilator. More than 50 percent of babies in the NICU need some level of breathing support. The Hamilton ventilator is specifically developed for neonates and designed to provide effective, consistent, safe and lung-protective ventilation for even the smallest pre-term babies.

3

In 2013, your gift of \$15,000 helped to purchase a **Giraffe Omnibed**, an advanced, developmentally-supportive "microenvironment" that mimics a mother's womb. These beds are essential for very sick babies to grow strong and healthy.

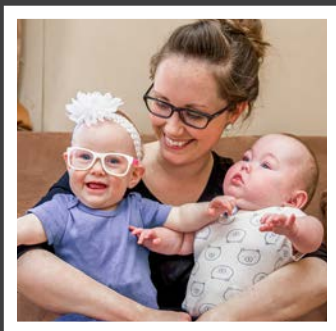


Our babies, Calvin and Katharina, were born about three months early. They faced many complications and required intensive care.

We prayed to God every day – every hour at times – not only for our babies’ lives, but for the nurses and doctors and surgeons who were caring for their every need.

Not only did we have the expertise and compassion of the medical staff, but our babies benefited so much from the specialized NICU equipment that donors, like the J.P. Bickell Foundation, help to purchase.

**You made such a difference for our twins. Thank you.**



*Charlotte Hughes, Grateful Parent*

See Calvin and Katharina’s Journey...

**CLICK HERE TO WATCH**







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On behalf of everyone at Children's Health Foundation, Children's Hospital and the many families we care for, thank you for your incredible generosity.

The J.P. Bickell Foundation's steadfast support has made a positive and measurable impact on thousands of children and families. As the global pandemic continues to affect our care delivery, we are sincerely grateful to have kind individuals like you standing by our health professionals, patients and families.

If any members of the foundation would like a virtual meeting with key staff members in the NICU or to view the new equipment, please let us know and we would be happy to arrange.

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