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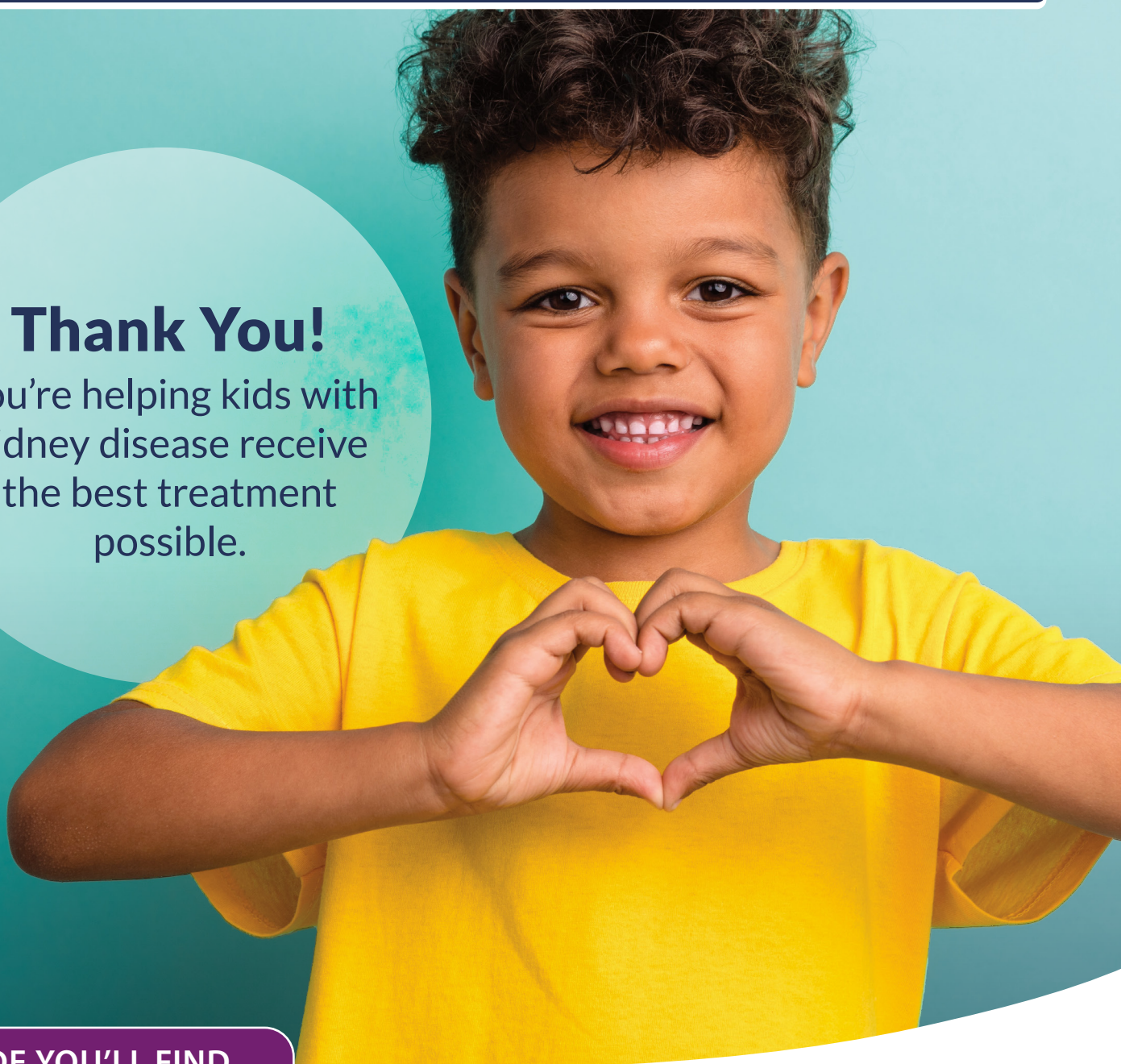
# CHEO Foundation



How you're helping kids and youth in our community live their best lives! Summer 2025

## Thank You!

You're helping kids with kidney disease receive the best treatment possible.



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## Avi says thank you!

You will all be happy to know that Avi has just successfully undergone a kidney transplant!

Thanks to your generosity, CHEO recently purchased **two new dialysis machines!** So many young kidney patients at CHEO have benefited from this life-saving equipment because of you!

**Your ongoing support means we can purchase new equipment when it's needed – thank you!**



## The research you're funding directly saves the lives of children in your community—every day.

**How you're helping create better outcomes  
for kids with kidney disease.**

You may remember reading Avi's story this past fall. A fiery and fabulous 10-year-old, Avi spent four mornings a week on kidney dialysis instead of playing ball with her friends on the school playground. Avi's kidneys failed due to complications from polycystic kidney disease.



Dr. Myette studies a disease called Nephrotic Syndrome, which affects around 2 in every 10,000 children in Canada. While considered rare, we currently care for hundreds of children here at CHEO.

Your amazing support of the CHEO Research Institute facilitates the work of dedicated doctors and researchers like Dr. Robert Myette, CHEO Foundation Research Chair in Pediatric Kidney Disease.

This Research Chair position is funded by generous and kind friends like you!

Dr. Myette's research is aimed at better understanding and treating kidney disease in children.

With your help, the work currently being done in the Myette lab aims to better understand who responds to certain types of medications. This will help us become more

precise in our treatment approach for kids with kidney disease.

This is just one of the many research projects conducted every day at CHEO Research Institute. Research is essential to improve treatments and outcomes for kids these days!

**Your generosity advances critical research for kids each and every day.  
Thank you so much!**



# You're giving a lifeline to children and families. We are so grateful to John, Neville and YOU! ❤️

**John gives monthly to help families going through tough times.** John has been making a *monthly* gift to CHEO since 1997! He gives because “*children are our future*”.

Now retired with two adult daughters, John is an avid gardener and loves to paint. He first started giving after visiting CHEO's emergency department with his daughter, who had a minor bellyache. When he saw what other families were going through, it was a real eye opener for him. John decided he wanted to do whatever he could to help.

And help he does! CHEO relies on the consistent gifts we receive each month from friends like John to plan ahead and meet unexpected needs when they arise. Our deepest thanks to each and



every one of our monthly supporters. **We truly appreciate you.**

If you're interested in joining our loyal group of monthly supporters, please visit [cheofoundation.com/monthly](https://cheofoundation.com/monthly) or contact Ashley at (613) 402-8938. She'll be happy to give you more information or help you start a monthly gift!



**Neville is giving the gift of a lifetime – a gift in his Will.**

Neville's mother taught him two important lessons: the power of education and the need to support children's charities. Coupled with a deep belief in the family-centred care at CHEO, it's no surprise how Neville chose to honour his mom.

First, Neville established two endowment funds with CHEO Foundation – one directed to nursing education in the NICU and the other to resources for oncology families. He's also chosen to leave a gift in his Will directed towards those funds.

Neville says, “*I love the concept of helping CHEO families in perpetuity. I believe in helping future generations of children by supporting the education of nurses.*”

An only child with no children of his own, Neville has chosen to direct his entire estate to charitable gifts. He says, “*This is my way of helping and supporting the next generation!*”

Our deep thanks go to you, Neville, and to everyone who has chosen to leave a legacy gift to CHEO.

*If you've already left a gift in your Will, or you'd like more information on doing so, please reach out to Megan Doyle Ray at (613) 297-2633.*

# Will you help us train the next generation of medical professionals?

We need one new simulation doll for CHEO's SIM lab.

Have you ever wondered how doctors and nurses safely gain real-life practice with medical procedures on young children and babies?

One way is by using a state-of-the-art simulation (SIM) lab, equipped with a simulation doll like the one you see here, that can mimic pediatric patients.

While it might look like a child's toy, this doll has a lot more going on than meets the eye!

At a cost of around \$78,000, it is well-equipped to showcase many real-life emergency symptoms and vital signs.

The doll's chest moves, its eyes blink, it can have seizures, cry, or show symptoms of not getting enough oxygen as its lips turn blue.

As a leading teaching hospital, CHEO depends on the SIM lab to safely teach and train healthcare professionals, as well as patient families. More than 1,700 people have used the lab to date!

This lab isn't just for practicing emergency situations. CHEO staff also use the lab to test out new equipment and develop new safety procedures.

We need to add a new simulation doll to meet the need for more training. Will you help?



You can help make CHEO's SIM lab the best it can be. Your gift will help purchase a new simulation doll for increased training and everyday use.

☐ **YES**, I want kids these days to get the very best, safest, treatment possible. I'll help you purchase a new sim doll to train CHEO healthcare professionals.

You can scan the QR code here, visit [cheofoundation.com/simdoll](https://cheofoundation.com/simdoll), or send back the reply form included with this newsletter today. **Thank you!**



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