

AN UPDATE FROM

CHEO Foundation



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

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Thank You!

Kids with cancer
are getting back to
just being kids with
your help!

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THANK YOU for believing in kids these days!

Because you care, more kids with eating disorders are now getting the treatment they need and deserve.

We're so grateful to everyone who recently gave in support of CHEO's research into tailored treatments for kids with eating disorders. Your gift is going to change many lives for the better!

You're also helping dramatically increase the number of young people who can receive help, through the Partial Hospitalization Program (PHP). The program lets families bring their child home to sleep for the evening and come to the hospital for tailored treatments and essential programming during the day.



Before the PHP launched, CHEO had just six inpatient beds for eating disorder patients. The new program allows CHEO to accommodate up to 12 patients. That means the combined program is **helping three times as many children** and youth!

Thank you for helping kids get the tailored treatments they need!



Kids like Easton are getting back to being kids thanks to your support!

Our appreciation goes out to everyone who recently donated in support of childhood cancer research at CHEO.

Your generosity is helping kids like Easton, a sweet five-year-old who has been in active cancer treatment for the past two years. Although he's a trooper, this young Spiderman fan has had to be a true superhero, undergoing monthly bloodwork, regular lumbar punctures and multiple chemotherapy pills.

CHEO researchers like Dr. Berman, Dr. Thacker and Dr. Consolato are working hard to create less invasive, more customized cancer treatments in the future. Your support is being used to help kids like Easton get back to being kids even faster!

Thank you for helping kids in the future avoid the long, painful treatments that Easton has had to experience.

A Heart for Helping: Mitchell Goldenberg

The power to make a difference

For Mitchell Goldenberg, kids and animals are his favorite things “because they’re innocent.” That belief drove him to support both CHEO and Ottawa Humane Society when he moved to Ottawa 12 years ago.

But it was a personal visit to the adult emergency department next to CHEO that changed everything.

He says, “I saw the kids. I saw their suffering, and I knew I didn’t want them to suffer... In my lifetime, I realized I can do something to protect them.”

Mitchell goes on to say, “Everyone can help: whether it’s \$10, \$100, or \$100,000. We all have the power to make a difference because a small amount goes a long way.”

This belief has sustained Mitchell’s monthly giving for over a decade, with each contribution flowing directly to where it’s needed most. “Every penny goes to the kids,” he says simply.



Although Mitchell has been making a generous gift each month for the past 11 years, that wasn’t enough. Mitchell has also chosen to leave a lasting legacy gift to CHEO, to continue helping kids – today and into the future.

With personal experience facing both mental health challenges and cancer, Mitchell understands how support can have an impact.

He says, “I want kids to be well and smiling. They should be out enjoying life, not sick in the hospital.”

Thank you so much for your ongoing support and your legacy of love, Mitchell!

If you’ve already left a legacy gift, or you’re interested in learning more about legacy giving, please contact Megan Doyle Ray at (613) 297-2633.



Mitchell’s care for “the innocent” (like kids and his cat Cali!) prompts him to take action through legacy giving. Will you join him with a legacy gift of your own?





CRITICAL NEED ALERT: Esophagoscopes

When every second matters, can you help save lives with these essential scopes?

When a two-year-old boy swallows a toy, every second matters.

Or when a six-year-old girl's stomach is bleeding but we don't know why, every second matters.

When every second matters for saving lives and getting kids back to their happy, healthy childhoods, we need critical equipment like *esophagoscopes*.

These scopes are used in many life-saving surgical procedures like locating and removing swallowed objects, evaluating damage from swallowed toxins, assessing unexplained stomach bleeding, and so much more.

It's also critical for our surgical teams to have multiple scope sizes available – to fit the many different sizes of our young patients. (Imagine the size of scope needed for a young baby vs. for a teenager!)

We urgently need your help to purchase several new scopes so that every size is ready and waiting when needed. But the cost is \$50,000, so we hope you consider helping us.

Will you give today to help us purchase these essential scopes as soon as possible?

Whether it's a swallowed toy, an ingested toxin, or just parents desperate for answers, you can ensure the best care is always ready when every second counts.

● **Yes! I'll help address this critical equipment need.**
Here's my gift to purchase more life-saving esophagoscopes

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Thank you!



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