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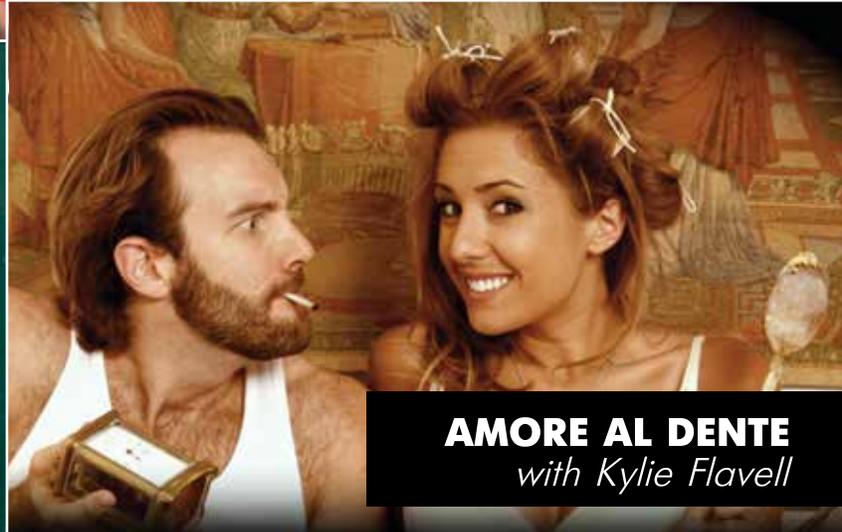
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Dear Friend:

As you may know the Smiles of Innocence Memorial Charity has grown to become one of the leading community based fundraising groups for the Sick Kids Foundation. This is an accomplishment that we are extremely proud of, and none of this would have been possible without the continued dedication and support of our many sponsors, community partners, annual donors, committee members and volunteers. We would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to each of you for making this possible!

Our goal is a world where every child is healthy! Without you we would not be able to continue our fundraising efforts and continue our mission to do what we can to promote awareness and raise funds to conduct research, teach the next generation of health care providers and ensure that latest technology is available for our children. With your continued support we can get this done!

Thank you,

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John Povegliano
Founder & Chair

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DEAR FRIENDS OF SICKKIDS:

Welcome to the Smiles of Innocence Memorial Charity Gala in support of SickKids! On behalf of SickKids Foundation, thank you to the sponsors, organizers, participants, and volunteers who have made this event such a success.

In particular, I want to thank Anna and John Povegliano for their vision and tireless efforts in bringing this event to life.

Tonight, we remember their son Daniel who left us far too soon. In his memory, his parents are building a legacy that will benefit the thousands of children who come to SickKids every year.

SickKids is constantly seeking new ways to better help children facing serious health challenges. The generous support of event's like this one helps speed our advances so we can give more children hope of recovery.

On behalf of all the children and families at SickKids and around the world who will benefit from your contribution, please accept my sincere gratitude for your generous support of the Smiles of Innocence Memorial Charity Gala and SickKids Foundation.

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Daniel Povegliano was only four years old when he died in 1996, suffering every day at the hands of a rare and terrible disease. The pain he endured was more than most people experience in a lifetime, but his ready smile through it all remains an inspiration.

Daniel's STORY



By Anna Povegliano

On May 29, 1992 Daniel Gabriel Povegliano was born in Etobicoke, Ontario. Like most parents, we were thrilled with the arrival of our first child. After an emergency C-section, we were told that there was something wrong with our son. At birth Daniel's colour was not normal. At the hospital he was placed in isolation in fear of a viral infection. The next day he was transferred to the Hospital for SickKids in Toronto. After a perfectly normal pregnancy we never imagined there would be something wrong with our child. We were shocked, distraught and confused. The next two weeks were the longest of our lives.

After a two week stay and numerous tests, Daniel was diagnosed with a rare condition called Mastocytosis. Mastocytosis is a disorder caused by the production of too many mast cells in the body. Mast cells are found in skin, the lining of the stomach, intestine and connective tissue and help the body's immune system defend these tissues from disease. At the time of his diagnosis, it appeared that his involvement was only with his skin. This was good news. Like few others before him, Daniel would grow to be a normal child with a skin condition. His body would release histamine more than normal and he would have severe allergies, but all looked good. We brought our son home for the first time in June of 1992.

Although Daniel appeared to be thriving, we often wondered if he was in pain because he continuously cried in discomfort

**Daniel at age 4...
smiling through all the pain**

especially with bowel movements. The doctors examined him and found nothing. They often pushed this aside as he was our first child and perhaps we were a little naive.

When he was born he weighed 8lbs, 2 oz. By the age of four months Daniel's weight had increased to 12lbs. In October of 1992, at the age of 5 months, Daniel stopped gaining weight. At a follow-up visit at SickKids in December he was admitted to hospital for Failure to Thrive. He spent another two weeks in the Hospital doing more testing and experimenting with many different feeding supplements. Daniel was released on December 23rd, two days before his 1st Christmas. He was sent home with feeding supplements and we were asked to monitor his intake and outtake regularly.

In the new year, it was determined that normal feeding was not enough to sustain Daniel. That January, Daniel underwent surgery to have a feeding tube inserted into his abdomen. With the tube inserted, training for us completed and a regular feeding schedule, we took him home once again. Our stay at home was short-lived. Daniel was rushed back to SickKids as he was not able to keep anything down and was extremely dehydrated. Whatever went in came out one way or another. Daniel was producing and vomiting bile on a regular basis. He was admitted to hospital again.

In February, he had emergency surgery after he started bleeding rectally. At this point, we were told that it could go either way. If his insides had gone gangrenous, there would be nothing they could do. We waited and prayed for Daniel. During surgery it was determined that Daniel had a kink in his bowel. It was also noted that he had many lesions in his stomach and intestine. After surgery, Daniel would not take anything orally. It was like he had forgotten how to eat. The feeding tube was not working because he could not absorb the nutrients and everything that went in would find its way back out.

Daniel would go on to spend the next 10 months in the hospital. The Hospital for SickKids became our primary residence. During this time, Daniel had many complications. He caught anything that was lingering in the hospital and it was always the worst possible case. His blood levels were never normal. They were either too low or too high. Every week there was something new. In May of 1993, we celebrated his 1st birthday at SickKids and we will never forget the wonderful nursing staff. They brought him gifts, a cake and decorated his room. They made it memorable for the entire family.

In the fall, while we were still in the hospital, it was decided that Daniel would have to be fed intravenously as his body was still unable to absorb nutrients. Daniel had surgery to install a Central Line. A catheter was placed into the internal jugular vein in the neck with access to his chest.

We were trained on the proper care and maintenance of this line to avoid infection. This was extremely important because there are limited access points in the body, and once an access point has been used, it cannot be not be used again. Daniel was placed on Total Parenteral Nutrition (TPN) and fed intravenously at home for the remainder of his short life.

Because of the severity of his condition, lack of information and the constant pain and discomfort Daniel felt, the doctors at the hospital would treat his symptoms. As a result, he was on many medications and received some sort of prescription every hour.



Daniel as an infant...there were few signs of what was to come



Mom & Dad provide a moment of special cheer for Daniel, celebrating his first birthday with cake and gifts at SickKids.

His schedule was regimented, but we did not give up on our son. We did whatever it took to provide him with the necessities of life. Although his body was receiving the nutrients it needed, Daniel was still not thriving. He did not speak, eat or walk. He was a child with numerous disabilities. It appeared that the mast cells that originally were believed to have infiltrated only his skin had made it into every major organ in his little body.

All things considered, Daniel appeared to be doing well at home. He was a happy little boy who loved his family. He always had a smile and made sounds of happiness when his parents and grandparents were with him. Daniel had had his first seizure on May 9th, 1993, my first Mother's Day, but now his seizures were getting worse. He sometimes had seizures that would last 45 minutes. After each seizure he was drained and would sleep for hours. In April of 1996, after one of his seizures, Daniel did not wake up and was placed on life support in the NICU for 10 days. When Daniel finally woke up it was obvious that he had regressed.

Later that summer, it was decided that Daniel's tonsils and adenoids had to be removed. This was a simple procedure and he was scheduled for day surgery on September 20th. After the surgery and numerous hours in recovery, we took Daniel home. At home later that evening, he was struggling. We called 911 and Daniel was transported to the local hospital. Because his case was so complicated, they transferred him immediately down to SickKids.

On September 25th, 1996, Daniel died in my arms, surrounded by the love, affection, determination, and understanding he had always known. Daniel is a child of hope. He has taught us so many things and we are proud to be his family. In just four short years, Daniel had endured more pain and suffering than most people experience in a lifetime. He was surrounded by love each and every day of his life, and we believe that was the only reason he managed to stay with us as long as he did.



Thank You for Your Support

Smiles of Innocence would like to thank you for your contributions and your time. Without you, we would not be able to continue our mission to help sick kids.

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Want to do more?

If you've ever wondered, "Is there more I can do?", the answer is Yes. Smiles of Innocence would be honoured to have you create and manage your own fundraising event in support of Smiles of Innocence and the SickKids Foundation.

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Now is your chance. Organize an event and help support Smiles of Innocence and the SickKids Foundation.

SOI fundraisers: 1997-2015

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- ◆ Demetre's Auto Service Customer Appreciation Day
- ◆ Designs by Naomi (50% proceed sale of SOI designer tanks)
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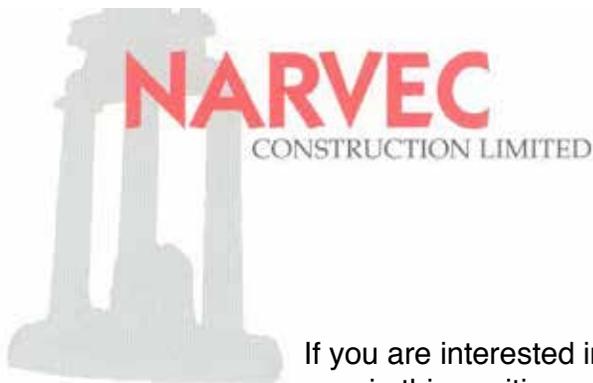
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Held on July 10th of this year, the event sold out quickly with 144 people participating in golfing, dining and the spa facilities. As in previous years, participants were hosted by Master of Ceremonies extraordinaire Barb DiGiulio.

Through the hard work and dedication of a number of individuals, the year to date monies raised from these events have topped \$285,000.00! A heart-felt thank you should be extended to those participants, sponsors and volunteers who continually help to make this event a success.

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Salex Raises \$36,000 for Smiles of Innocence, in Support of SickKids



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This year's event, held on June 24, marked the 10th anniversary of Salex's *Night at the Races*. The evening kicked off with a cocktail mix and mingle, before continuing on to dinner and horseracing. Guests purchased raffle tickets and participated in a live auction. Throughout the evening, Salex Partners Nick Puopolo, Paul Hudson and George Katinas

acted as MCs and guests had a chance to win one of many amazing prizes generously donated by Salex manufacturers.

With more than 170 attendees, *Night at the Races 2015* raised \$12,000, with Salex and its Principals matching the funds to bring the grand total to an incredible \$36,000. Working with Smiles of Innocence, in support of SickKids, the success of this year's event will contribute to the purchase of five Extra Corporeal Membrane Oxygenation (ECMO) heaters for the Hospital, a total value of \$77,000, which provide much needed cardiac and respiratory support for children in intensive care.

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Salex has been a generous supporter of the SickKids Foundation for over a decade, raising \$250,000 to-date for the Hospital for Sick Children. For more information, visit salex.ca or follow Salex on Twitter [@SalexLUC](https://twitter.com/SalexLUC).



ITALIAN CULTURE & TRADITIONS



Fashion

Elegance is in the Italian blood, and most Italians would unhesitatingly give up comfort in order to achieve it. Italy is a nation that cherishes outward appearances, so it is no wonder that some of the world's best sartorial artists are from Italy.

Starting from one of the pioneers of modern fashion, Elsa Schiaparelli, to the modern czar of extravagant opulence, Roberto Cavalli, Italian fashion has had it all. Italian men and women have had some of the best fashion visionaries watching over what they wear; be it clothes, perfume, shoes, jewelry or hair, for almost all of the last century.

The privileged Italians have had names like Brioni and Zegna look after their work wear, and the house of Valentino to call upon when they needed clothes for that real special occasion. Armani has been at hand, letting Italians know that they can be subdued yet elegant, as has the house of Versace which has given a new meaning to glamor. Diesel is a world conqueror in a category all its own, and the likes of Prada, Missoni, Ferragamo, Ferre, Bottega Veneta, Damiani and Bvlgari are discussed in hushed tones of awe in fashion circles across the world.

And for the everyday lives of stylish Italians, there has been the eponymous Zara, and countless other names strewn across Italian cities that continue to take pride in making men and women beautiful.

Fashion is almost a national passion, and to see the latest trends one need only glance around the various piazzas, restaurants and streets. Interestingly, these are trends worn to show off the best of the wearer, and imperceptibly conceal any flaws: individual Italians for the most part follow trends that suit them. Besides, few fashion conscious Italians would go for something trendy that is not also durable, classic and genuine.

For Italians, it is not about clothes at all. Italian fashion is actually all about an attitude; an attitude of custom-made, fluid, sophistication.



Italian Religion

Almost all Italians are baptized but perhaps only 40% are practicing Catholics. About 85% of Italian Religion is accounted for by the Catholic faith. The remainder of Italian religion is made up of Muslims, Protestants, Jehovah's witnesses, Jews and Buddhists. Freedom of worship is written into the Italian Constitution.

The Roman Pantheon was the first building in Italy (and perhaps in the whole world?) dedicated to the people of Rome to freely practice their religion/spirituality.



Italian Cuisine

Italian cuisine has influenced food culture around the world and is viewed as a form of art by many. Wine, cheese and pasta are important part of Italian meals.

For Italians, food isn't just nourishment, it is life. "Family gatherings are frequent and often centered around food and the extended networks of families.

No one area of Italy eats the same things as the next. Each region has its own spin on "Italian food," according to CNN. For example, most of the foods that Americans view as Italian, such as spaghetti and pizza, come from central Italy. In the North of Italy, fish, potatoes, rice, sausages, pork and different types of cheeses are the most common ingredients. Pasta dishes with tomatoes are popular, as are many kinds of stuffed pasta, polenta and risotto. In the South, dishes are dominated by tomatoes, either served fresh or cooked into sauce, and also includes capers, peppers, olives and olive oil, garlic, artichokes, eggplant and ricotta cheese.



The country is also famous for its gelato, or traditional ice-cream often known as Italian ice cream abroad and also boasts an assortment of desserts. The Christmas cakes pandoro and panettone are popular in the North however, they have also become popular desserts in other parts of Italy and abroad. Tiramisu is a very popular and iconic Italian dessert from Veneto which has become famous worldwide. Other Italian cakes and sweets include cannoli, the cassata siciliana, fruit-shaped marzipans and panna cotta.

Music

Music writing began in Italy. Therefore, Italian words are used to tell us how music is played. Consequently, all countries have adopted technical terms in their Italian form — a demonstration of the crucial role played by Italy, and in particular Florence, in the history of music.

From folk to classical, music has always played an important role in Italian culture. Having given birth to opera, for example, Italy provides many of the very foundations of the classical music tradition. Some of the instruments that are often associated with classical music, including the piano and violin,[21] were invented in Italy, and many of the existing classical music forms can trace their roots back to innovations of 16th- and 17th-century Italian music (such as the symphony, concerto, and sonata). The Neapolitan song, canzone Napoletana, and the cantautori singer-songwriter traditions are also popular domestic styles that form an important part of the Italian music industry, alongside imported genres like jazz, rock and hip hop. Italian folk music is an important part of the country's musical heritage. The folkdance to the music of the Tarantella, which dates back to the Middle Ages, is said to be the most well-known song and dance of all the Italian folkdancing music. An essential part of the traditional Italian wedding, the Tarantella varies according to the part of Italy and can be heard, if not danced to, in restaurants and pizzerias throughout the country.





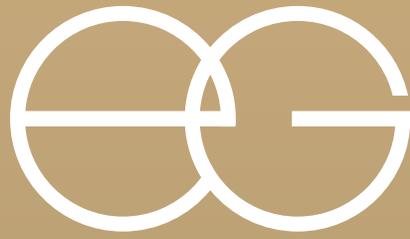
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KATIE



Condition: Pulmonary Hypertension

Age when diagnosed: 16 years old

Katie Sutherland, now 23, was diagnosed with Pulmonary Hypertension at age 16.

June 24, 2015

Last June, Katie celebrated a milestone that seemed almost impossible a few years ago – she graduated from Western University. And this year, she achieved another milestone – completing the Child Life Program at McMaster University to pursue her dream of working as a Child Life Specialist.

At the age of 16, Katie was diagnosed with pulmonary hypertension, a rare lung disorder that constricts veins and arteries in the lungs. In a few short months, Katie went from being active and healthy to desperately ill and unable to breathe. She required a double lung transplant, and in the absence of a donor, her family was told to say their goodbyes.

Miraculously, doctors at SickKids were able to keep Katie alive using an artificial lung, something which had never been used on a child before. Katie's blood circulated externally through a small white box, called a Novalung, and became her life support while she waited for lungs to become available. After a wait of 30 days, a donor was found and Katie had a successful double lung transplant in August 2008.

"After I was told I would need a transplant, I never imagined that I would return to a normal life; a life where I would breathe easy, return to school and eventually attend University," said Katie. "Graduation and walking across the stage at Western was a surreal moment where I reflected on how far I had come, and how far I

KATIE'S SECOND CHANCE AT LIFE

might go after receiving a second chance at life."

Katie decided to use that second chance to pursue a career in something that she had become very familiar with during her time as a patient at SickKids – a Child Life Specialist.

"I decided to study Child Life because I wanted to use my experiences as a patient to help other children who are in similar situations," said Katie.

Through the Child Life Program at McMaster, Katie learned about the profession in the classroom and through two 8-week internships in hospital, where she was able to be part of the clinical side of Child Life. She said the program was the busiest eight months of school that she has ever had, but was well worth it.

Katie's ultimate goal is to one day work as a Child Life Specialist at SickKids, providing the warmth and support that she encountered while here as a patient.

"Whether it was by supporting me through a medical procedure, teaching me how to swallow pills or checking in on my emotional well-being, I always felt supported by each Child Life Specialist I encountered."

One particular memory that stands out for Katie was her 16th birthday celebration in the Intensive Care Unit (ICU). She had been in the ICU for a number of weeks on an artificial lung and was unable to move. Her Child Life Specialist organized a party for her and invited her family, doctors, nurses and other staff from around the hospital to come and celebrate. Katie's hospital

bed was moved to another room, which may not sound like much, but for her was a wonderful moment as she had been in the same spot, unable to get out of bed, for a long time.

"I will never forget all of the energy and planning that was put into that day, or the positive impact it had on my well-being," said Katie.

Katie is looking forward to what the future holds for her and hopes to be able to make an impact using the life lessons that she has learned along the way.

"One lesson I learned after being diagnosed with a terminal lung disease and receiving a double lung transplant is that, while we cannot control the outcome of life events, we can control the way we choose to think and respond to them. I have come to believe that the way one looks at a situation is just as important as the situation itself."

She sees this as having an important connection to her future career.

"Child Life Specialists can make a remarkable difference in the way that patients experience and view their health journey," said Katie. "The Child Life profession has the power to create a positive hospital experience for patients and their families, and I want to be a part of that."

“ I feel like working in the hospital and giving back is my calling” —Katie

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Condition: Vasculitis

Age when diagnosed: 13 years old

SICKKIDS KID GEORGIA EXCITED TO BEGIN A NEW CHAPTER

June 26, 2015

This September, Georgia will begin a new chapter in her life as a university student. It is a chapter that she didn't think she would get to experience, and she says that she has SickKids to thank for that.

Georgia became a SickKids patient at the age of 13 when she began experiencing joint pain, unexplained fevers, mouth sores and nodules after a bout with the flu. When her local hospital was unable to diagnose her, she was referred to the Rheumatology Clinic at SickKids. After a biopsy was performed, Georgia was diagnosed with vasculitis, which is an inflammation of the blood vessels.

Georgia's condition is a challenging and complex one and involves the care of a variety of clinics including haematology, dermatology, neurosurgery and ear, nose and throat. She also receives intravenous immunoglobulin treatments every month.

"My illness would be a lot harder to manage if it weren't for my team at SickKids," said Georgia. "Dr. Laxer and his team have gone the extra mile for me. They have never given up on me and have left no stone unturned when it comes to treating me."

Georgia's illness provided many bumps in the road and took away a sense of normalcy for her. Appointments, procedures and hospital stays disrupted her school routine and im-

pacted the time she could spend with friends. She also had to stop playing sports, which had been a huge part of her life before she got sick. Despite all the limitations thrown her way, Georgia was determined to not let this get her down. She became focused on school work, which she found not only helped to take her mind off how sick she was feeling but also acted as a type of therapy. Her school work gave her something to strive for and gave her a sense of achievement and accomplishment, something that was hard to find in other areas of her life because she was so unwell.

"The past few years have been far from easy and most of the time I wanted nothing more than to just be a regular teen," Georgia said. "If it weren't for the rheumatology team and the world class treatment I've received, I can confidently say that I wouldn't have had the chance to graduate from high school this month with the remainder of my class. Thanks to my SickKids experience, this coming fall I will be going to university to start my nursing degree."

It is through her experience at SickKids that Georgia's ambition to become a nurse was sparked.

"I never really knew what I wanted to do 'when I grew up' before I got sick. And then I began interacting with nurses all the time at SickKids. It made me realize just how much of an impact a nurse can have on a



hospital experience."

It was her 16th birthday, which she spent in hospital, that made her realize just how special it can be to be a nurse at SickKids. The nurses on 4C wrote her a card, gave her a bag of gifts and invited a group of her ten closest girlfriends to come and surprise her. They turned a tough day for Georgia into one of her favourite memories.

"My nurses became part of my family," said Georgia. "They not only took interest in me medically, but also as a whole person. They have watched me grow up through my teen years and have taught me a lot of valuable lessons about how to be a good self-advocate and be pro-active about my medical care. It would be an honour for me to help deliver that level of care to other kids one day."

Georgia is excited for this next chapter in her life. High school was a struggle for her and she sees her acceptance to university as being a fresh start. She is also extremely excited to be studying something that she has such a personal connection to.

“ My dream is to one day work as a nurse at SickKids, so that I can give other children like me the chance to experience the unmatched care and compassion I have received.” —Georgia

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GILLIAN

Condition: Adolescent Idiopathic Scoliosis

Age when diagnosed: 12 years old

In 2009, at the age of 12, Gillian was diagnosed with adolescent idiopathic scoliosis after her doctor noticed a curve developing in her spine.

GILLIAN'S JOURNEY WITH SCOLIOSIS

August 18, 2015

This past April, Gillian celebrated her 18th birthday. For her, it not only meant turning another year older, it also signified the end of a long recovery and an opportunity to thank her friends and family for being there for her.

In 2009, at the age of 12, Gillian was diagnosed with adolescent idiopathic scoliosis after her doctor noticed a curve developing in her spine. Gillian was instructed to wear a brace to help halt the progression of the curve.

"The first year in my brace was definitely the hardest," said Gillian. "Not only was I trying to fit in with my peers at a new school, but I was trying to adjust to this contraption which made daily activities feel like running a marathon."

Gillian's back brace became an extension of her for almost five years. For 23 hours each day, the back brace went everywhere with her.

"Many times throughout my journey, I would have moments where I felt self-conscious in my brace and would sometimes be too embarrassed to even attend school," said Gillian. "My friends would often stay up all night with me on the phone, reminding me that my brace does not determine who I am as a person."

Despite her bracing efforts, Gillian's scoliosis continued to increase dramatically. Activities became more challenging, she often felt shortness of breath and the chronic pain she felt made it more and more difficult to live a full life.

"When my doctor at SickKids told me that surgery was necessary, it actually came as a relief," said Gillian. "For the first time, there was an end in sight and hopefully, one that did not include constant pain."

SickKids had been a part of Gillian's life for many years as she spent much of her youth at orthotic and orthopaedic appointments. However, when she found out she needed surgery, a little sense of fear and uncertainty crept up. But after a tour of 5A and meeting all of the nurses, her nerves were calmed.

In March of 2014, Gillian underwent spinal fusion surgery. She doesn't recall much from her surgery, but she does remember the warmth and support she received from the nurses afterward.

"When I would call for them at 3 a.m., tears running down my face, they were there and



willing to sit with me until I felt better. They were always trying to make me laugh and were so encouraging throughout my recovery."

Recovery for Gillian meant a lot of walking. She progressed from a slow shuffle where every movement caused her pain to an increase in her distance and pace until she was walking for hours. And the entire time, SickKids staff were there, cheering her on as she achieved new milestones in the distance she traveled each day.

It has been more than a year without her brace as her constant companion but she still continues to cherish the small things that she is now able to achieve.

"Being able to climb a set of stairs without getting out of breath, riding a bike on a warm summer night, even being able to feel the wind through my shirt and on my skin ... these are all things that continue to impact me and make me emotional."

This summer, Gillian will be volunteering at SickKids. She will also be giving back to other girls diagnosed with scoliosis through a support group called Curvy Girls. In 2012, she joined the group while living with scoliosis. She now helps to co-lead the Toronto area chapter of Curvy Girls, which meets monthly to help girls overcome their diagnosis.

“ I would like to get into social work and apply my skills and experiences to help other children and their families cope with a scoliosis diagnosis.” —Gillian



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A year after their son's death from systemic mastocytosis, the Poveglianos' compassion for others and a desire to do something in Daniel's memory prompted them to form the Smiles of Innocence Memorial Charity in support of SickKids Foundation. Their efforts to date have raised \$3 million. The money is used for several purposes:

- **The Daniel Povegliano Endowment Fund:**

The purpose of the Daniel Povegliano Endowment Fund is to support The Hospital for SickKids "highest priority needs" as determined annually by SickKids Foundation in consultation with the hospital's executive committee. The Endowment provides flexible funding for important needs of the hospital, such as support for research, clinical scientists, staff education and training, or equipment. See the panel alongside for how an Endowment Fund works.

- **Smiles of Innocence has also supported SickKids with the purchase of:**

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How an Endowment Fund works

An endowment fund can be established to support a specific area of research, hospital program, the purchase of equipment, or designated to the highest priority needs at SickKids. The endowment fund is permanently invested and professionally managed by SickKids Foundation. Only the income is spent once the endowment has reached a minimum size.

Although each endowment fund is unique, all endowments share one common element: they have been created by donors who hope to improve the lives of children.

SOI IS WARMING HEARTS - LITERALLY

This year with the tremendous success of events like the Salex Night at the Races and Narvec/Cortina Kitchens Annual Golf Tournament, Smiles of Innocence has committed to purchase five ECMO heaters .

About ECMO: a Life-Saving Support System

In intensive care, Extracorporeal Membrane Oxygenation (commonly abbreviated to ECMO) is a life support system to provide both cardiac and respiratory support to patients whose heart and lungs are so severely damaged that they can no longer serve their function. This machine is sometimes used for patients who are awaiting transplant to give them a bit more time in hopes that an organ is found or it is used to help repair the heart/lungs by giving them a rest and letting the machine do the work. The child has to be on 24/7 monitoring and the ECMO therapy is started in the Operating Room by a surgeon. Through this machine, the child's blood circulates outside of the body and the "artificial lungs" oxygenate the blood.

SickKids has used ECMO systems for over 25 years to support more than 650 children. In February 1989, SickKids placed a patient on ECMO support for the first time. The patient had ingested lamp oil and developed Hydrocarbon Pneumonitis. From this point, the SickKids Extracorporeal Life Support (ECLS) program has continued to grow and support children with various conditions. In an effort to meet the demands of the program, SickKids started an ECMO Specialists Training program in 1990. This program ensures the sustainability of the use of ECMO and the care it provides at SickKids.

Arhum, SickKids cardiac patient



ECMO Heaters

The ECMO heater warms the blood circulating through the machine in order to maintain the patient's body temperature. As blood circulates through the machine it is exposed to a large surface area, causing significant heat loss—children on ECMO therefore require direct warming of the blood in order to maintain body temperature. A drop in body temperature can be very dangerous for their already fragile bodies.

The gift from Smiles of Innocence has allowed SickKids to purchase five ECMO heaters to ensure our ECMO machines are able to function properly.

Arhum's Story

When Arhum's mother, Asma, was pregnant with Arhum, she developed gestational diabetes. Asma received a more detailed ultrasound at the 37th week to examine her baby more carefully. The ultrasound showed that there was a problem with her daughter's heart and she was referred to SickKids for further testing and to help prepare for Arhum's birth.

During labour, Arhum's heart rate suddenly dropped and an emergency c-section was performed to take Arhum to SickKids' Critical Care Unit (CCU).

At three days old, Arhum underwent open heart surgery. Within 24 hours, she had to be resuscitated three times and was placed on an ECMO machine to keep the oxygenated blood flowing into her body. She had minor bleeding in her brain and began demonstrating symptoms of kidney failure, so she was placed on dialysis. Arhum's only hope of survival was a heart transplant, and the ECMO kept her alive while she waited for a heart.

Only a day later, at 3:20 a.m., Asma was woken up by a phone call from her cardiologist—a heart was available. Arhum's chest remained open for the week that followed the transplant until the swelling subsided. Two months later, she was able to go home for the first time. Arhum has faced some complications from the transplant, but she remains a happy child, spending her time writing songs and playing games.

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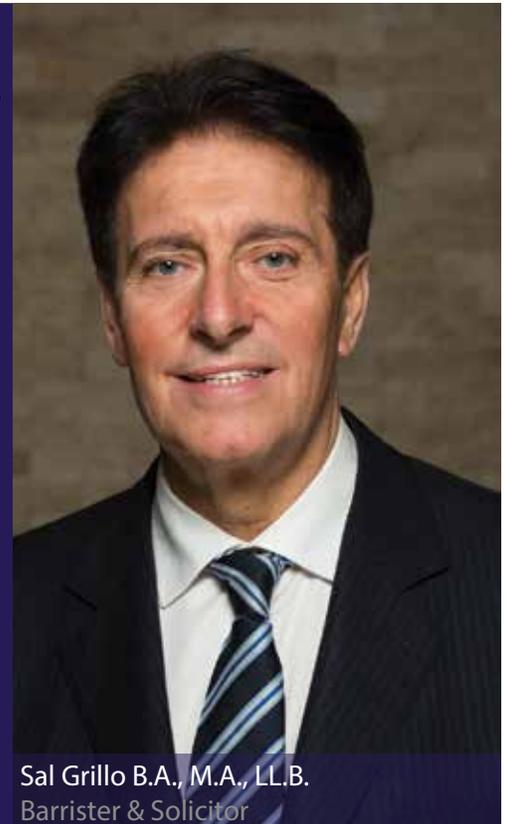
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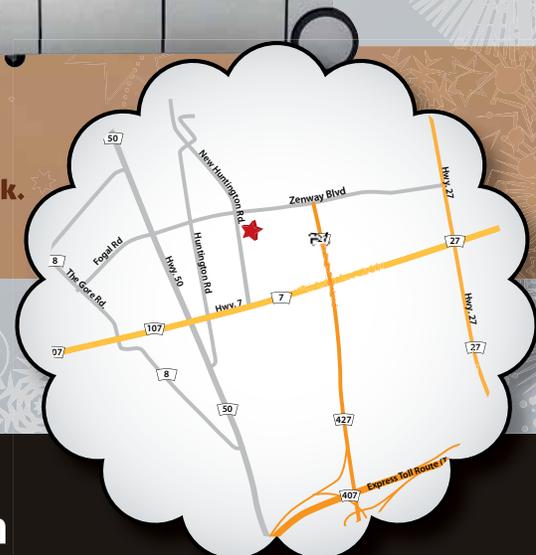
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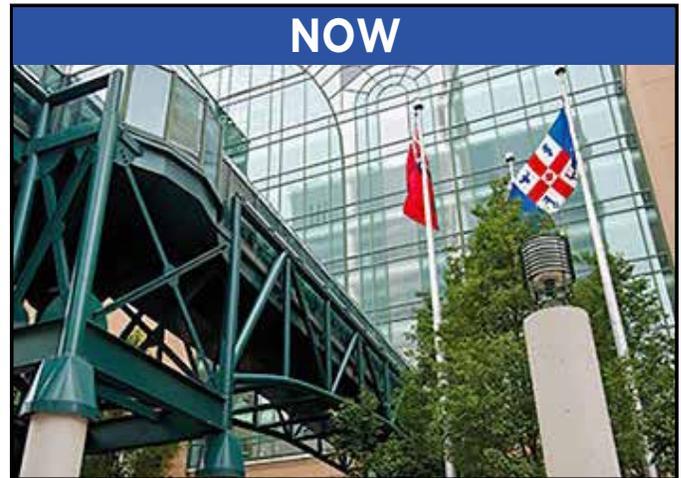
How SickKids has evolved from Then and Now

2015 marks the 140th anniversary of SickKids. In its first year, the Hospital admitted 44 patients and had six inpatient beds. Today, SickKids is one of the world's largest and most respected child health-care centres, treating more than 100,000 patients a year while driving research advances and providing training to the next generation of health-care leaders.

THE HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN



THEN - In 1875, SickKids first opened its doors at 31 Avenue Street.

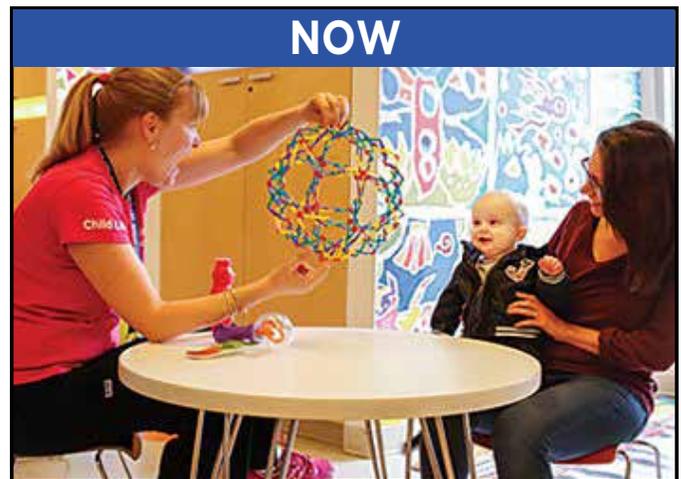


NOW - After several moves, SickKids moved to its current location, 555 University Avenue, in 1951. The Slaight Family Atrium opened in 1993 as the new patient care wing.

FAMILY-CENTRED CARE



THEN - Families sit in the outpatient waiting room in the College St. building in 1916.



NOW - The waiting room has evolved into a place where we practice family-centred care.

NEONATAL INTENSIVE CARE UNIT (NICU)

THEN



THEN - Nurses care for SickKids' smallest patients in the Babies Ward in 1915.

NOW



NOW - Parents are encouraged to play an active role in caring for their babies in the NICU, where nurses provide one-to-one care 24 hours a day for critically ill infants.

EDUCATION FOR PATIENTS

THEN



THEN - Patients who miss school due to hospitalization continue their studies at SickKids circa 1902. The first school program at SickKids was introduced in 1892.

NOW



NOW - Today, teachers bring school to the bedside to help patients keep up with their studies.

COMBATting MALNUTRITION

THEN



THEN - Pablum, the first ready-to-use vitamin and mineral enriched baby cereal, was invented at SickKids in 1930. Proceeds from Pablum sales later supported the creation of the SickKids Research Institute

NOW



NOW - In 1997, Dr. Stanley Zlotkin created Sprinkles, a micronutrient powder developed to address iron-deficiency anaemia in babies and young children in developing countries.

THEN AND NOW

RESEARCH

THEN



THEN - Working at the research bench in the Bacteriology lab in 1915.

NOW



NOW - In the state-of-the-art labs in the Peter Gilgan Centre for Research and Learning, which opened in 2013, our researchers collaborate to bring innovative discoveries from the bench to the bedside, resulting in important child health advances.

CHILD LIFE

THEN



THEN - SickKids has a long history of caring for the whole child. Programming that engages patients is as important as the medical care they receive. In 1921, basket weaving was one such activity.

NOW



NOW - Child Life Specialists focus on the social and emotional impact of illness and hospitalization. The program strives to promote a positive hospital experience for children.

IMAGING

THEN



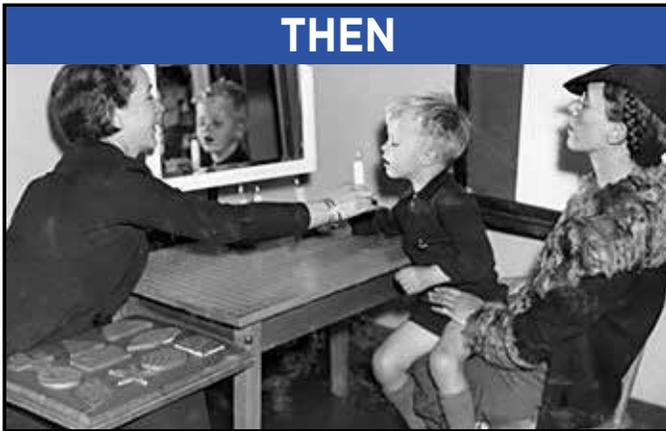
THEN - X-rays were examined on light boxes.

NOW



NOW - SickKids employs a wide range of technologies for use in diagnosis and treatment planning, including MRI.

INNOVATIVE TREATMENTS



THEN

THEN - A child undergoes speech therapy. Treatment of speech and hearing disorders has a long history at SickKids.



NOW

NOW - Cochlear implants help to improve hearing in children and adults with severe to profound hearing impairments. The SickKids Cochlear Implant Program is internationally recognized as a leading clinical and research centre.

LEARNING



THEN

THEN - Nursing students attend a lecture at SickKids circa 1959.



NOW

NOW - Nurse training has evolved to take on a more hands-on approach. Nursing students in the SickKids-Ghana Paediatric Nurse Training Programme use simulation exercises to practice their skills.



ITALIAN Inventions

- Late 1600's • Violin • Andrea Amati
- 1708 • Eau de Cologne • Giovanni Maria Farina
- 1709 • Piano • Bartolomeo Cristofori
- 1800's • Battery • Alessandro Volta

INVENTIONS

- 1844 • Telephone • Manzetti
- 1903 • The Espresso Machine • Luigi Bezzera
- 1903 • Ice Cream Cone • Italo Marciony
- 1930 • DAT3 Helicopter • Corradino D'Ascanio
- 1948 • Jacuzzi • Roy Jacuzzi



COLLABORATION BUILDS A BETTER WORLD.

SickKids initiatives around the globe build capacity to treat and manage complex health problems. For too many kids around the world, lifesaving treatments and care for chronic illnesses are not easily accessible. SickKids is working to change that through collaborative programs to improve the health of children worldwide through the advancement of health professional education, the enhancement of clinical practice, and the implementation of research in Africa, the Caribbean and the Middle East. In 2010, SickKids was awarded a contract with Hamad Medical Corporation (HMC), the principal public health-care provider for the state of Qatar.

Five-and-a-half years later, as that project nears its completion, we are proud of what we have achieved together, transforming children's health care in Qatar by developing child health research capacity, providing interdisciplinary education to physicians, nurses, and other clinical staff, and enhancing paediatric clinical programs. The achievements have been exceptional. The partnership has created a multidisciplinary clinic, providing a "one-stop shop" for patients with complex health problems. We have trained over 1,000 clinical staff at HMC in appropriate pain management for children in hospital. The way in which childhood rehabilitation services are delivered has been transformed, with more integrated, family-centred, child-focused and play-based early intervention services. All children diagnosed with cancer in Qatar are now treated in accordance with internationally recognized protocols, which have reduced the variability of treatment by different clinicians, and ensured patients receive care within the window of time set for treatment by Qatar's Supreme Council of Health.

Countries across the Caribbean do not have a system in place to support optimal management of paediatric cancer. The SickKids-Caribbean Initiative addresses gaps in care, research and education to advance the local diagnosis and management of paediatric cancer and blood disorders, working in partnership with six Caribbean countries - Barbados, Jamaica, St. Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Trinidad and Tobago, and The Bahamas. Through the generosity of our donors and partners, this initiative has raised \$8 million; opened five telemedicine rooms across the Caribbean, connecting doctors there with doctors at SickKids and around the world; trained Jamaica's first two paediatric oncologists; set up a nursing training program; and established a local hospital-based oncology database.

For many children in Ghana, preventable diseases will take their life before the age of five. SickKids has already made tremendous progress since the pilot launch of the SickKids-Ghana Paediatric Nurse Training Programme in 2011. There are now 223 paediatric nurses in 10 regions of Ghana. SickKids is now working with local partners in Ghana to train 1,500 specialized paediatric nurses to build health-system capacity and improve patient outcomes. SickKids was recently granted \$9,465,000 for our global work from Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development Canada over the next five years and SickKids Foundation is committed to raising \$3,450,000. This project is a best-case example of using education and knowledge exchange to build sustainable capacity and health systems improvement. This will ensure the work we do here at SickKids will impact children everywhere.



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