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SickKids Gift Planning Newsletter

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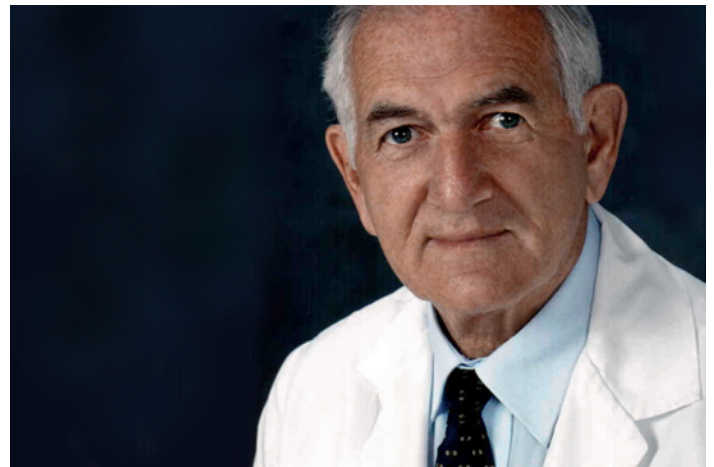
A Doctor's Commitments Never Forgotten

A paediatrician and SickKids donor during his life, Dr. Michael Braudo's impact will live on through the generations of children who will benefit from his legacy.

Born in Johannesburg, Dr. Michael Braudo traveled to Scotland and the United States before settling in Toronto to work at The Hospital for Sick Children (SickKids). It was here he spent 40 years dedicated to paediatrics and committed to his patients, their families and his students. Once his patients grew up, he was often invited to their weddings and given letters of appreciation from parents who were eternally thankful for his work.

Never forgotten by his patients throughout his 40 years of practicing medicine, Dr. Braudo's gravestone reads, "He cared for the children he cared for."

"He was very interested in giving back," explains his niece, Patricia Braudo. As a part of his legacy planning, Dr. Braudo decided to donate his extensive art collection to the McMichael Canadian Art Collection and the Art Gallery of Ontario. But it was his gift to the cardiology unit at SickKids that will save lives.



Dr. Braudo left a gift in his will to SickKids as a way of ensuring his legacy would have an impact on the health of future generations to come. His contribution will go toward establishing a fellowship in the cardiology unit, continuing his legacy for students who wish to follow in his footsteps.

Never forgotten by his patients throughout his 40 years of practicing medicine, his gravestone reads, "He cared for the children he cared for." And through his gift, he will continue to do just that.



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Research on the Cutting Edge

A Message from Dr. Janet Rossant, Chief of Research, SickKids Research Institute

It's a phenomenal time for research at SickKids. Our scientists are generating amazing new findings daily – findings that are more quickly than ever being developed into new treatments and cures for children with a range of illnesses. As I write this, I'm reflecting on three life-changing discoveries that we've made so far this year – about eye cancer, neural cancer and inflammatory bowel disease. Donors to SickKids should take pride in these developments. Their support helps make them possible.

The SickKids Research Institute – already the largest child health research institute in Canada – has big dreams for the future. We know that if we want to solve the problems of children today, we need to bring teams of people together to work on them. That's why I'm excited about our new Research & Learning Tower, scheduled to open in 2013, which will bring together our close to 2,000 research staff under one roof. The collaboration this generates will allow us to address more complex problems than ever before and bring solutions to them much faster. And excellence breeds excellence. With the new Tower, we'll be able to recruit the greatest minds and the best young talent from around the world.

As we sit on the cutting-edge of great things, your support will power us forward to help children and families for future generations.

To learn more about recent research discoveries at SickKids, visit the News section of www.sickkids.ca.

DONATIONS = IMPACT

Because of the generous support of donors like you, SickKids is a world leader in child health. Last year, you helped enable an investment of \$52.5 million, one of the largest investments in children's health care in Canada and one of the largest contributions to a hospital in the country. Together, we achieved these milestones in care and research last year:

- Admitted 14,817 patients and performed 11,340 operations
- Cared for 272,923 children in ambulatory visits; 57,710 of which were emergencies
- Worked on 2,428 funded research projects
- Found a genetic mutation that can predict the severity of bone cancer
- Identified the best surgical procedure for infants with a severe form of congenital heart disease
- Demonstrated that folate deficiency is virtually nonexistent among Canadians
- Discovered a way to prevent diabetes from developing in some children



Throughout her life, Elizabeth has witnessed firsthand the impact of scientific discoveries and the speed in which they can change our lives.

A Passion for Healthier Children

Elizabeth has had a connection with SickKids her entire life. In 1949, she came to SickKids and was diagnosed with polio. After her recovery, SickKids always remained in the back of her mind as a place of hope and healing. While her daughter would eventually be a patient at SickKids to have her tonsils removed, it was Elizabeth's experience at SickKids with her newborn son that would change her life forever.

The pain of losing a child was never lost on her. Nor was the importance of the work undertaken by SickKids.

Elizabeth gave birth to her first child in 1970. It was an exciting time because Elizabeth had been diagnosed with lupus at the age of 25, and it had been difficult for her to carry a child to term. Immediately after the delivery however, Elizabeth's son was rushed to SickKids due to a congenital defect in his diaphragm and he underwent an emergency operation. Despite the best efforts of his doctors, the operation was unsuccessful. Confined to her bed, Elizabeth never got the chance to see her son before he passed away the next day.

The pain of losing a child was never lost on her. Nor was the importance of the work undertaken by SickKids where she knew the staff had done everything possible to save her son's life. As a dedicated volunteer at SickKids for over five years, Elizabeth has planned to leave a gift in her will to SickKids in memory of her son. Her particular passion is research into treating children with birth defects in utero. Elizabeth knows that without the support of donations, all of this would be impossible. Her hope is that future generations of children may benefit from the care of the dedicated staff at SickKids and the world-renowned research the Hospital continues to undertake to advance treatments and care for its patients.

RRSP AND RRIIS – A TAX SMART LEGACY OPTION

You may already know that retirement funds are among the most heavily taxed assets you own. But did you know that with some planning, you can make a meaningful gift to a cause that you care about and reduce the taxes owing by your estate? By simply naming **The Hospital for Sick Children Foundation** as the beneficiary of all or a portion of your RRSP/RRIF, you will:

- make a significant gift to child health at SickKids
- receive a tax receipt for the value of the RRSP/RRIF donated
- offset taxes owing by your estate
- preserve other estate assets for other beneficiaries
- reduce probate fees (as asset lies outside the estate)
- retain the asset for personal use during your lifetime.

Please contact us to learn more about this "tax smart" legacy option.

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An Invitation from the Gift Planning Team



We often receive phone calls from lawyers preparing wills on behalf of clients wishing to include SickKids as a beneficiary. We are always delighted to respond promptly and provide whatever information is required when we receive these calls.

While we understand that many donors would rather connect with SickKids through a lawyer, a recent call from a donor – “Judy” – reinforced for us how valuable a direct call can be.

Judy had been updating her will through her lawyer and had decided to include SickKids as one of the beneficiaries. Passionate about children, Judy was motivated to invest in the future of paediatric health care and she felt SickKids was the right place to leave a gift. The more she reflected on the impact she hoped it would have, the more she wanted to connect personally with us.

Judy had initial concerns about contacting us because she valued her privacy and didn't want to be publicly recognized or acknowledged. Ultimately, her desire to speak with us to share her motivation for the gift overcame any hesitation she had. After speaking with us, Judy was reassured that she was using the proper language in her will to enable her goals to be achieved. She will still remain anonymous to the public and we now know her preferences for any future contact with us.

We invite you to speak with us if you are considering including SickKids in your will. It is our privilege to help you create a meaningful legacy that includes SickKids. Your generosity inspires us and the children we serve.

Thank you for your support,

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BEQUEST INFORMATION

SickKids Foundation is the Hospital's parallel charity, which raises money, performs estate administration and manages endowments of behalf of The Hospital for Sick Children (SickKids).

Do your estate plans include SickKids Foundation? Let us know! If you plan to make a bequest, the name you should include in your will is:

“The Hospital for Sick Children Foundation”

PRIVACY

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ABOUT PLANNING FOR KIDS

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or call 416.813.8271.



ABOUT THE COVER PHOTO

The Therapeutic Clown program at SickKids uses spontaneous humour and gentle play to minimize stress for children in the Hospital. Sometimes, they perform in the Hospital's Reading Room.