

SCRUBS POWERS SICKKIDS SO SICKKIDS CAN POWER THE WORLD — AND HEAL THE FUTURE

Every year, thousands of children and their families come to Toronto to seek specialized care at SickKids, an institution renowned for complex heart, brain, transplant and cancer surgeries, and other high-risk treatments. For the past 25 years, Scrubs has helped make this all possible, supporting groundbreaking research and care at SickKids. Scrubs helps Toronto connect SickKids to the world and the world to SickKids, one child at a time.

2006

Diabetes Research

Scrubs funds diabetes research. Those foundational studies will inform later discoveries about the connection between the gut microbiome and immune system — leading to improved patient care and treatments that can delay or even prevent the onset of type 1 diabetes.

2006 & 2009

NICU & PICU Support

Scrubs provides funding for new stretchers and beds in our Neonatal Intensive Care Unit and Paediatric Intensive Care Unit — increasing capacity so SickKids can provide focused, round-the-clock care for more tiny babies and children.

2010 & 2014

Operating Suites Redevelopment

Scrubs supports the development of state-of-the-art surgical spaces. With more space for equipment and technology, plus upgraded lighting, patients can receive the best care possible before, during and after surgeries.



HARTLEY'S STORY

When Hartley was just one day old, he was diagnosed with Hirschsprung's disease, a rare nerve disorder of the large intestine. Almost immediately, he was taken into surgery. He needed a stoma, an ostomy bag and a permanent IV. Hartley has since become a regular in the OR, having undergone 16 surgeries before most kids learn to tie their shoes. Today, Hartley and his family are managing the condition.

2013

Peter Gilgan Centre for Research and Learning (PGCRL)

Scrubs helps raise a 21-storey building from the ground — filling it with new equipment, inspiring our researchers and educators, and spurring discoveries and opportunities for learning.

2015-2016

MRI Machine

Scrubs helps fund a new MRI machine for our Diagnostic Imaging Department. The faster, more powerful and quieter machine enables SickKids to diagnose patients more quickly and precisely, with less stress for children and their families.

2019-2022

Cellular Therapy Facility

Scrubs supports a state-of-the-art facility that allows SickKids to deliver advanced, personalized treatments directly on site: harnessing patients' own immune systems to fight cancer and other diseases.



MARKY'S STORY

At age three, Marky was diagnosed with a rare form of acute lymphoblastic leukemia (ALL). In June of 2019, Marky was one of the first patients to undergo CAR T-cell therapy at SickKids. Like a living drug, CAR T-cell therapy is a groundbreaking therapy that harnessed Marky's own cells to fight his leukemia. At the end of the summer of 2019, after a long Hospital admission of more than 100 days, Marky was discharged. Today, he is cancer-free, and grateful to be given another chance at life.

2024-2025

Lab Upgrades

Scrubs supports state-of-the-art neurosurgery and neurodiagnostic lab equipment upgrades at SickKids — leading to shorter wait times, faster diagnoses, newer treatments, more precise surgeries, and brighter futures for kids with conditions like epilepsy, strokes and tumours.

2026

Photon-Counting CT Scanner

This year, Scrubs is supporting the purchase of a new CT scanner delivering faster, higher-resolution scans. This will allow for more precise diagnoses with less radiation exposure. It means our younger patients won't need to lie still as long, requiring less sedation and reducing stress for them and their families.



SHAAN'S STORY

At just a few days old, Shaan was admitted to SickKids after experiencing a seizure. He spent the next few weeks in the neonatal intensive care unit, where he experienced up to 30 seizures a day. He needed round-the-clock care, numerous procedures, and many medications to control the seizures. Using state-of-the-art equipment and sequencing technology, SickKids diagnosed Shaan with an ultra-rare condition called KCNT1-related epilepsy. While there is currently no cure for his condition, doctors offered Shaan an evolving therapy, which reduces the frequency of his seizures and improves quality of life for Shaan and his family.



ELIAS' STORY

The CT scanner helps SickKids provide world-class care for kids like Elias, who has been a SickKids patient since he was a baby. That's when he was diagnosed with a rare congenital heart condition where the pulmonary veins do not connect to the left atrium of Elias' heart. He enjoys playing soccer and swimming, as well as reading and doing math, but the six-year-old has also undergone multiple open-heart surgeries and over 30 procedures. He also recently underwent a lung transplant and is recovering at home.

THANK YOU

For 25 years, Scrubs has supported the highest-priority needs at SickKids, from groundbreaking research and discoveries to cutting-edge lab equipment. Thank you for giving us the flexibility and resources to provide world-class paediatric care here in Toronto and for children everywhere.