



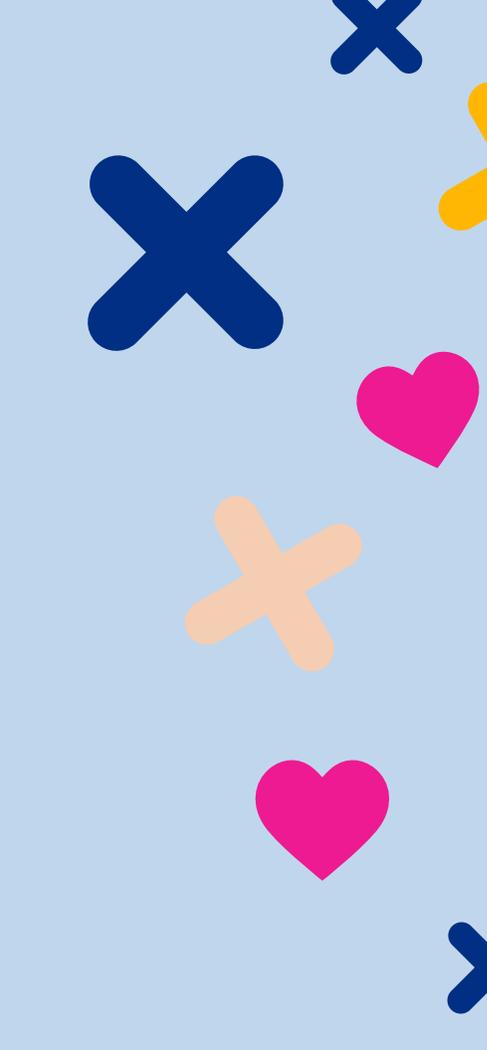
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**“The day Charly
had his
transplant, it
was as if he came
back to life.
Thank you for
supporting his
recovery!”**

— Noémie and Michael,
Charly’s parents
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**Your annual impact report
2022–2023**



This year, you gave much more than a simple donation. You gave families comfort, relief, joy, and hope. Above all, you gave us your trust, an immensely precious and humbling gift.

The following pages offer a glimpse of the many projects that would not have been possible without you. These projects will have an extraordinary impact on children's lives both today and into the future, for your generosity is also helping to shape the course of pediatrics.

There is so much we can do for our children when we work together. Thank you for your support!



—Delphine Brodeur
President and CEO

This year, thanks to you ...



A cross-Canada collaboration

in brain imaging will transform our understanding of the brain and open the door to better care for children from coast to coast, from birth through adolescence.

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Quebec children

will be the first to benefit from the discoveries of five researchers pursuing their work at the CHU Sainte-Justine Research Centre, one of whom is a leading expert in rare liver diseases in children.

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1020 families

in precarious situations due to illness have received valuable support from our Social Services team.

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Délipapilles is improving

to better meet the dietary needs of patients and promote their recovery.

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Brain health

You are the driving force behind a national imaging project

1 in 15 children

has a neurodevelopmental disorder (e.g., ADHD, autism, intellectual disability). Thanks to you, all of these children will benefit from the research advances made possible by this new imaging platform.

This year, your generosity will have made it possible to achieve an important milestone in brain health research: the establishment of a **pan-Canadian brain imaging platform**, developed by CHU Sainte-Justine, Toronto's SickKids hospital, and Alberta Children's Hospital.

By coordinating their efforts and state-of-the-art technologies, these three hospitals will produce the most accurate and comprehensive brain image bank to date. Spanning birth to late adolescence, the database will propel research and care across Canada.

A better understanding of the brain means a better understanding of **neurodevelopmental disorders**, cerebral palsy, epilepsy, sleep, learning, behaviour, the mechanisms behind addiction, and more—**all of which is valuable information for improving the care and support provided to millions of babies, children, and adolescents.** It is because of your generosity that we can provide this tremendous gift to current and future generations.

A photograph of a medical monitor displaying a brain scan. The scan shows a cross-section of the brain with red and white grid lines overlaid. The monitor is part of a medical workstation.

Thanks to you, we were able to secure an additional \$1.05 million in funding from Brain Canada Foundation. Your support for CHU Sainte-Justine's main priorities allowed the hospital to quickly seize this opportunity.

This exceptional project would not have been possible without your trust.



Social services

You have lent a hand to 1020 families in need

When a child falls ill, it is not only their body but also their entire family that feels the strain. Sheer worry can take a huge toll on parents, who may have to deal with everything from missed work days and frequent trips to the hospital to struggles with their mental health.

Once again this year, you, along with various other partners, have supported our Social Services team in its mission to **help the families of sick kids cope with day-to-day challenges.**

- **\$198,868** went toward ensuring their refrigerators were stocked upon their return from the hospital
- **\$117,164** went toward facilitating their numerous trips to Sainte-Justine (gas, parking, etc.)
- **\$19,030** went toward helping parents who stayed by their child's bedside get a good night's sleep



Our whole family was well taken care of. I was so grateful when the social worker offered this incredible assistance. It's really a great way to take care of parents. Thank you!

– Catherine Dion, mother to Emmanuelle

Emmanuelle spent over a month at Sainte-Justine due to a rare, life-threatening autoimmune disease.



Research

You are accelerating the development of future care options

Research is essential to understanding the origin of certain diseases and continuously improving the quality of care, and the best research requires the best scientists in the world. Your donations played a big part in allowing us to recruit and set up labs for five of the brightest minds in their fields. Since these individuals are conducting their research at Sainte-Justine, Quebec families will be the first to benefit from their findings.

Thanks to you, they're one step closer to their goals for ensuring a healthier future for children and teens:

Dr. Ana Blanchard • Better prevent infections in children with cystic fibrosis

Dr. Selçuk Güven • Provide better support to children with language disorders

Dr. Despoina Manousaki • Identify the genetic determinants of diabetes

Pr. Eilif B. Muller • Understand the learning mechanisms in the neocortex

Dr. Alexandra Cambier • Better treat and prevent certain rare kidney diseases

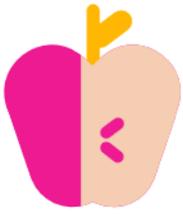
You're helping protect children's kidneys

Berger's disease is a type of kidney disorder. It can sometimes occur in childhood, in which case it hinders kidney development. Within 20 years of onset, 30% of children with this disease require a kidney transplant. **With your support, Dr. Alexandra Cambier will strive to change these children's futures.**



Treating illnesses earlier and more effectively will not only improve children's quality of life, but also allow them to live longer.

Dr. Alexandra Cambier
PEDIATRIC NEPHROLOGIST



Before Délipapilles, 25% of patients' food trays would come back to the kitchen untouched. Since the introduction of this à la carte service, which emphasizes fresh and healthy local fare, the satisfaction rate has soared above 90%.

Food services

You're helping transform mealtimes for children

With the help of donors like you, the Délipapilles catering service revolutionized patient nutrition at Sainte-Justine a few years ago. Instead of set meals served at set times, kids can now order what they want, when they want it, allowing them to focus on what matters most: their recovery.

Délipapilles has **slashed food waste while vastly improving the satisfaction rate among families**. In light of this success, the Food Services team thought up a new project to further enhance their program: the creation of **a modern and easy-to-use digital ordering app**. With the help of your donations, the app was launched earlier this year.

A road to recovery paved in grilled cheese

The day after his liver transplant, during which 2 kilos of fluid were removed from his belly, 18-month-old Charly finally regained his appetite. Ever since, he's only wanted to eat one thing: Délipapilles grilled cheese—sometimes as many as eight per day! Thanks to the flexibility of the catering service, Charly can enjoy his favourite sandwiches at his convenience (i.e., between medical checkups) and as soon as he gets hungry.

With the new app you helped fund, other kids like Charly will also be able to have the meals they want, at convenient times in their schedule.



Thanks to you:

- Families will receive **better support** from dietary technicians, who will have fewer phone orders to manage.
- The **menu will be updated in real time**, as temporarily unavailable items will be removed from the app. This will further reduce food waste and **boost the satisfaction rate** among young patients, who will always get their first choice.
- Fewer paper menus will be produced, which will benefit future generations by **shrinking the hospital's ecological footprint**.

Thanks to you, children are better taken care of every day. On behalf of all the families you've supported and those who will benefit from your generosity in the years to come, thank you!

**THANK
YOU** 