

## CONTRIBUTOR HIGHLIGHTS

**YES!** I would like to help enrich children's lives.

Mr.  Mrs.  Miss  Dr.  Ms.

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

Prov: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Please accept my gift of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

- I have enclosed a cheque payable to George Jeffrey Children's Foundation  
 Please charge my Credit Card for this donation

Visa  Mastercard

Card # (below): \_\_\_\_\_ Exp: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to make my donation

- In Memory of:  In Honour of:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like an acknowledgement sent to:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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### SAVE ME A SEAT

is an ongoing program where donations of \$1,000 are recognized with a designated seat number on the Save Me A Seat Donor Wall in our Centre's Lobby. Donations can be one time payments or done in monthly or annual installments on a pledge schedule.

I am interested in Save Me A Seat. Please Contact me to confirm my pledge

- One time donation of \$1000  
 Annual Payments over \_\_\_\_\_ years  
 Monthly Contributions of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name to appear on Save Me A Seat Donor Wall: \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for helping us in our mission  
 "Because Our Kids Just Want to Be Kids"

All donations of \$20.00 or greater will receive a tax receipt.  
 Charitable Registration # 85469677RR0001



Thunder Bay in Concert 2013

In the 4 years of this concert, over \$10,000 has been raised to support George Jeffrey Children's Foundation. We are extremely grateful to Robin Smith of CIBC Wood Gundy who is instrumental in sponsoring and organizing the talented musicians from our community that take part each year.



For the past 7 years, in the frosty month of March, a group known as the Doyleville Men's Club host a horseshoe tournament. This dedicated crew play in all weather conditions; snow, rain or even -20F. The George Jeffrey Children's Foundation is the charity they have chosen to support and each year a donation of the proceeds is given in memory of a Doyleville players' loved one. This year we were pleased to receive a \$1,000 donation in memory of Toini Kivisto.

Canada Safeway employees presented a cheque for \$23,455 to four local charities including George Jeffrey Children's Foundation, Children's Centre Thunder Bay, Northern Hearts and Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Foundation. The funds were raised through the 2012 Canada Safeway annual payroll program by the Safeway employees of Northwestern Ontario. The funds will stay within Northwestern Ontario to help support children, individuals and families who require the services from these important organizations.

Our website has a new look. Visit us at [www.georgejeffreyfoundation.com](http://www.georgejeffreyfoundation.com) for updates on Foundation news and events or follow us on

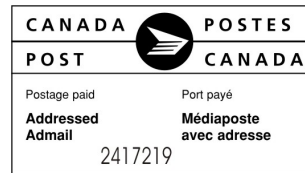
**Plan an Event** The George Jeffrey Children's Foundation welcomes fund-raising and promotional events, sponsored and organized by outside organizations on its behalf. If you would like to plan an event please contact us at (807) 623-6050.

### Donate online

Donations can be made securely online at [www.georgejeffreyfoundation.com](http://www.georgejeffreyfoundation.com). Click on the "Donate Now" button. Donations can be made to the George Jeffrey Children's Foundation via this safe and secure system provided through CanadaHelps.org.

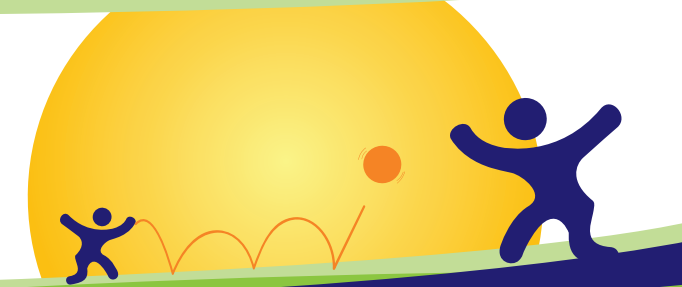


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### Mission Statement

The George Jeffrey Children's Foundation assists in providing the resources to ensure that George Jeffrey Children's Centre is able to fulfill its mission of enriching the lives of children and youth with physical and developmental disabilities living in our Community and Northwestern Ontario.



## MIA'S STORY

Mia may not be able to walk, speak, or feed herself, but this sweet little six year old lights up a room with her smile. Mia has Cerebral Palsy (CP). CP is a term used to describe a collection of disorders caused by abnormal brain development or damage to the brain that occurs around the time of birth or early in life. CP causes problems with muscle tone, movement, balance and coordination. Symptoms and effects range from mild to severe. In some infants, problems are evident soon after birth. In others, diagnosis comes in later infancy or toddlerhood.

Since birth Mia has had several surgeries. Unable to suckle, she underwent surgery and for the first four months a tube that ran from her nose to her stomach was the only way she could receive nourishment. Mia was later diagnosed with CP at the age of one. Mia is in a wheelchair and her limbs are weak requiring ankle braces as well as a hip brace to keep her hips in place. She experiences issues eating, so her food is pureed and she requires assistance to eat. Despite all these obstacles Chantal, Mia's mother, describes her as a ray of sunshine, happy to play and share her toys with her friends and when you get her to smile, it is one of the most beautiful things in the world.



"She can light up a room with her smile"

Mia is in grade one at McKellar Park School and comes to George Jeffrey Children's Centre once a week. At the Centre Mia has a treatment plan that includes speech, occupational and physio therapy. Recently Chantal said she found Mia climbing up on the coffee table in front of the television to watch hockey; Mia is an avid hockey fan. Chantal said with the exceptional care and dedication of the staff at George Jeffrey Children's Centre Mia is continually surprising them.

### Would Your Family Like to be Involved?

Every child is unique, as is their journey with George Jeffrey Children's Centre. We would love to hear your story: whether you are a client, a parent, a caregiver, a friend or just know someone who is connected to GJCC, please share your experiences.

Would you and your family like to attend upcoming special announcements at George Jeffrey Children's Foundation?

The Foundation hosts press events where government/ministry officials, donors and other special guests make announcements that affect George Jeffrey Children's Centre. The media is routinely invited to attend the functions to assist in keeping the community informed of the important work that GJCC does.

We like to include as many families as possible at these announcements. If you would like to be added to a list of families willing to be contacted when special events are planned, please contact the Foundation office at 623-6050 or email [foundation@georgejeffrey.com](mailto:foundation@georgejeffrey.com).

## Lifetime Resident Extends Extraordinary Generosity

Ordinary people show extraordinary generosity by leaving a legacy gift to a charity in their wills. This is especially true of long-time Thunder Bay resident Annie (Werbicka) Childs. Annie, who passed away recently in her 93rd year, bequeathed \$100,000 to George Jeffrey Children's Foundation to assist children dealing with physical and developmental disabilities.

We may not know the exact reasons for Annie making the provisions in her will but Stan Dromisky, a neighbour and friend, had a couple of theories. "Annie was a lady with unique artistic abilities; she was very strong-willed, a hard worker, resourceful and a fiercely independent lady. Annie didn't have the best childhood, but she knew the value of a dollar and was always mindful of her humble beginnings. Hence her gifts in her will reflect her gratitude to those who helped along her life's journey."



Annie (Werbicka) Childs

"Annie's generosity will assist so many children at the Centre in their journey to reach their best potential says Mary Anne Comuzzi, Executive Director of the George Jeffrey Children's Foundation. "I only wish we could have known and thanked her while she was still alive. We are extremely grateful; her generosity will touch many children's lives"

The life of Annie (Werbicka) Childs exemplifies how a person of very modest means can make a big difference. Annie's gift is a reflection of her love for life, her commitment to community and her concern for others. Her memory will live on, and continue to support today and future generations of children with developmental and physical disabilities who receive services at George Jeffrey Children's Centre.

A Lasting Legacy Wall is located in the lobby of George Jeffrey Children's Centre

### LASTING LEGACY

~Making a difference in our community today and for future generations~

Anton Dirse  
 Harry Crockett  
 Patricia Wolniarski  
 Eugene Whalen  
 Donald B. & Alma MacDonald  
 Captain Robert (Bob) Lloyd  
 Mae Pupeza  
 Anne Pelto  
 Annie Werbicka Childs

Thelma James  
 Mary Elizabeth Beca  
 George Martinson  
 Hilda Hall  
 Eugene Oliarnyk  
 Ada Carrel  
 Mary Paglaro  
 Joseph "Hank" Bowen

With their legacy gift, these individuals continue to support today and future generations of children and youth dealing with physical and developmental disabilities.

## FORM ARCHITECTURE ENGINEERING



Moose Medic, Ian McEachern (FORM), Paramedic Ryan Ross

## 10th Annual Soap Box Races-New Partnership

George Jeffrey Children's Foundation is proud to announce, Superior North Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Paramedics have stepped up their community involvement this year and a new partnership has been struck. The **10th Annual Superior North EMS Paramedics Soapbox Races In Support of George Jeffrey Children's Centre will run June 8th & 9th at Waverly Park Hill.** We are equally grateful that **FORM Architecture Engineering** has come on board for the 3rd year as the Lead Sponsor for the upcoming races. In the past 9 years of this event, important funds have been raised to support the works of George Jeffrey Children's Centre.

### Vehicles Available for Use - Drivers Needed!

During this event, children race soapbox cars down Waverly Park Hill. There are single cars as well as two-person cars allowing children with special needs or younger children the opportunity to take part riding down the hill while being chauffeured by a parent or guardian. We are once again offering adults a chance to participate in the fun during the "Thrill of the Hill" Adult races on Sunday. **NEW this year race participants have the opportunity to secure Porter Airline tickets. The Top Pledge Earner will be awarded the Porter package.**

To reserve a soapbox spot, sponsor a driver or want more information call 625-6051.

### FILL THE HILL CHALLENGE



This year we are challenging everyone to help FILL THE HILL with Racing Flags. Each flag is \$100 with proceeds supporting George Jeffrey Children's Centre. Challenge your friends, family, coworkers and classmates today. Call 625-6051 to secure your flag



### WE ARE HOSTING 2 RAFFLES!

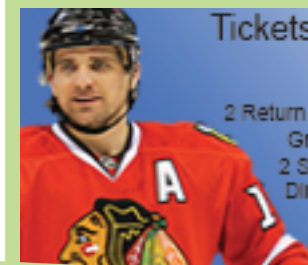
Tickets are available at the Centre, George's Market, Sasi Spring Water or by calling 623-6050



Planes, Trains & Automobiles in support of George Jeffrey Children's Centre

Grand Prize - A Trip for TWO to any scheduled Westjet Destination

Tickets are \$3.00 each or 2/\$5.00  
 Draw Date: June 27, 2013



### Tickets are available NOW for the **MNP** Patrick Sharp Hockey Raffle

2 Return Flights T.Bay to Chicago 2 Chicago Blackhawks Home Game Tickets  
 Ground Transportation by Echo Limousine 2 Nights Westin Hotel  
 2 Signed Blackhawks Jerseys Visit to morning skate on game day  
 Dinner for 2 at the Signature Room at the 95th Restaurant (\$300)  
 Tickets are \$5 each & available at the Centre  
 The winning ticket will be drawn August 9th



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