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# Caring Connections

An update for Friends Supporters

## ANNUAL CAMPAIGN supports sick kids at The Moncton Hospital & new technology for kidney cancer patients

Children with multiple and complex health needs can spend a lot of time in the hospital. So can their families.

With the help of the community, we hope to create a **NEW Complex Care Suite** in the Paediatric Department at The Moncton Hospital (TMH) for them.

The goal is to provide a convenient, accessible, family-friendly space for kids living with chronic or life-limiting illnesses who need special, intense treatment or require long-term or end-of-life (palliative) care.

Many of these young patients need constant medical attention or monitoring, and/or are dependent on mechanical ventilators or other medical devices.



**In photo: Maizie Rae Judson, a frequent in-patient on the Pediatric Unit at TMH.**

The Complex Care Suite will be separate from the rest of the busy unit, allowing more privacy. It will have a kitchen area, as well as a seating and overnight sleeping area for 3-6 people (siblings, parents, relatives) so the child can always have a loved one near.

"It will enhance the quality of time spent together, whether it be playing cards, sharing a snack, or watching a show together. Parents and other loved ones will be able to stay by their child's side, sleep, shower and eat there without ever having to leave them alone, which is often a big concern and worry for the families." – **Peggy Wheaton, Director, Child Life Program**

The campaign also plans to purchase an advanced ultrasound machine and probe – **the first in NB**- displaying outstanding 3-D images of the kidneys on a high-resolution monitor during laparoscopic or minimally invasive surgery.



**Kidney cancer rates are rising at an alarming rate in Canada, a trend that's expected to continue globally in the coming years.**

"This technology will allow us to very quickly identify where exactly the tumour is located, in the kidney. It is safer because we don't risk cutting where it is unnecessary, and we don't have to remove as much of the kidney to get a good margin." – **Dr. Troy Sitland, Urologist**

It's also going to be useful for liver and pancreas surgery, making it a critical tool in the recruitment of hepatobiliary surgeons at the hospital.