



2025-2026
Impact Report

Holland Bloorview

Kids Rehabilitation Hospital Foundation

TOGETHER WE DARE

Land Acknowledgement

We acknowledge this sacred land on which we live and work today. This land, Mother Earth, our Earth Mother, is the traditional territory of the Haudenosaunee-speaking nations, including the Huron-Wendat, Seneca and Mohawk. It is also the traditional territory of the Mississaugas of the Credit. The City of Toronto is covered by Treaty 13.

As we reflect on 2025-2026, we are reminded of our commitment to using philanthropy to decolonize healthcare. In the spirit of truth and reconciliation, we are changing the future of pediatric disability care by supporting decolonized research and accelerating disability inclusion and health equity for all children.

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR CEO AND BOARD CHAIR

Every year, kids at Holland Bloorview dare to dream big. They dare to do something they've never done before. And this year, they dared us to join them.

As Canada's hospital for kids with disabilities, we asked ourselves how we can help children and youth achieve those big dreams. And the answer was clear: we need to dare to change the future of disability health care for kids.

Thanks to donors like you, 2025-2026 was an incredible year. With your support, we launched the largest and most ambitious fundraising campaign for pediatric disability in Canadian history.

Together We Dare is raising \$100 million to establish a Centre for Excellence in Childhood Disability to drive global best practices in pediatric disability research and address profound gaps in care. Thanks to Bill and Susanne Holland's generous gift matching challenge, their transformational \$10 million leadership gift inspired our donors to double their impact to \$20 million. And overall, our amazing donor community helped raise \$70 million in our first year of the Together We Dare campaign!

This year was filled with memorable milestones. Holland Bloorview welcomed its new hospital CEO, Bruce Squires, and we are already partnering closely with Bruce to shape the future of pediatric disability health care together with kids and families. Thanks to you, we celebrated the 10th anniversary of Capes for Kids with our biggest fundraising success yet, raising over \$1.2 million! And our annual Evening of Possibility gala was no exception, with a record-breaking \$1.8 million raised. We ended the year unveiling Canada's first accessible digital donor wall to recognize our donor community in a truly innovative and inclusive new way.

We couldn't have celebrated this milestone year without you. Eleven-year-old Together We Dare honorary chair and ambassador, Alex, puts it best: "It's important now more than ever for me to use my voice. To speak up for kids with disabilities like me. I want a world where we can get the care we need without having to worry about what the future holds. I believe it's possible. But I can't do it alone."

We are reminded every day that that no one truly dares alone. We are hopeful for a more inclusive future where kids and youth with disabilities get the care they need, when and where they need it as we scale and spread our impact and continue to fuel the Together We Dare national movement together.

Thank you for daring to show up.



Sandra Hawken
President and CEO
Holland Bloorview Kids
Rehabilitation Hospital
Foundation



Tony Pampena
Chair, Board of Directors
Holland Bloorview Kids
Rehabilitation Hospital
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25-26 HIGHLIGHTS FROM OUR DONOR COMMUNITY

We're grateful to our incredible community of donors who dare to show up for kids and youth with disabilities. Together, we are shaping the future of disability health care for kids everywhere. Here are a few donors committed to establishing Holland Bloorview's Centre for Excellence in Childhood Disability.

[Click here to see the full 2025-2026 list of donors who make our work possible.](#)



Bank of America

Since 2017, Bank of America has donated \$461,000 to Holland Bloorview's Transitions, Recreation and Life Skills programs, helping youth with disabilities gain independence and transition into adulthood. Each year, Bank of America employees volunteer their time to clean Spiral Garden, getting it ready for inclusive and joyful programming.

Alison Bowen

As parents to a former Holland Bloorview client—one who has fond memories of the hospital's therapeutic clowns—Alison and her husband Peter know first-hand the impact donors have. Now as annual donors, Alison and Peter help build a world of possibilities for kids like their son.



Together at the Table

Together at the Table was a transformational dinner event courtesy of Barberian's Steak House. At this event, our community came together to raise \$1.7 million in just one evening – rising to the matching gift challenge set by Bill and Susanne Holland. In support of Together We Dare, Bill and Susanne's \$10 million gift inspired our community to double their impact and daring generosity. Thanks to the participants of Together at the Table and other key donors in our community, we doubled Bill and Susanne's gift and raised \$20 million.



Marvin Mendoza

Marvin Mendoza took our Ready, Set, Dare challenge seriously. Inspired by this accessible DIY fundraiser, Marvin dared himself to run 26 marathons in a year, in what he calls Project 26. With every crossed finished line, he moved one step closer to his goal, raising funds for Holland Bloorview.





**DARE TO SHAPE THE
FUTURE OF DISABILITY
HEALTH CARE FOR KIDS.**

YEAR BY THE NUMBERS



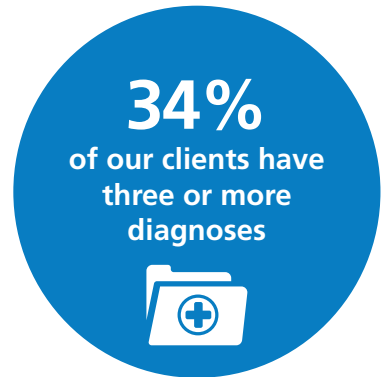
452
inpatient visits

64,700
outpatient visits

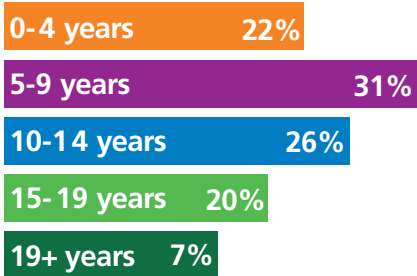


40 days
average length
of inpatient stay

excluding long-stay clients,
respite care and sleep studies



Ages of clients



Top languages spoken by families
(excluding English)
**Spanish, Mandarin Chinese, Arabic,
Tamil, Dari, Bengali, Urdu**

9.9%
of clients required
interpreter services

3,295 clients accessed
Inclusion programs



1,013
clients accessed
Music therapy
programs



158
clients accessed
Robotics



108
clients accessed
Respite



256
clients accessed
Art programs



880
clients accessed
Inpatient Therapeutic
Recreation



STORIES OF IMPACT

Sheriauna dares you to stop looking away

The orthotics and prosthetics team at Holland Bloorview is daring to create a new standard of excellence for kids and youth like 18-year-old Sheriauna. Holland Bloorview's major innovations in digital technology, like 3D scanning and printing, means faster turnaround times, fewer appointments, and more affordability to help kids get the care they need. As a Paralympic athlete, dancer, actor and Together We Dare Honorary Chair, Sheriauna has worked with her prosthetist Neil for over half her life. When sprinting came with challenges, like explosive starts, balance, and precision, Neil added a wrist insert piece for Sheriauna's starting blocks, helping weight stay even so she could launch faster.

The power of inclusive communication

At the heart of Dr. Tom Chau's work is one simple idea: every child has something to say. Through cutting-edge technology such as the PRISM Lab's brain computer interface (BCI), kids with limited speech and movement use the power of their brains to do everyday kid activities, like play a song, paint, use a bubble machine, move a wheelchair and communicate. Since 2019, the research-integrated clinics at Holland Bloorview have been using BCI technology. Today over 200 kids access the clinic, spreading and scaling the powerful combination of research and clinical care. Holland Bloorview is also leading other centres across Ontario to launch BCI programs so more kids can show the world who they are.



Nathaniel, client, using Brain Computer Interface (BCI) to paint

Madeline, Jeffrey and Ivan dare you to challenge what you think you know about the workplace

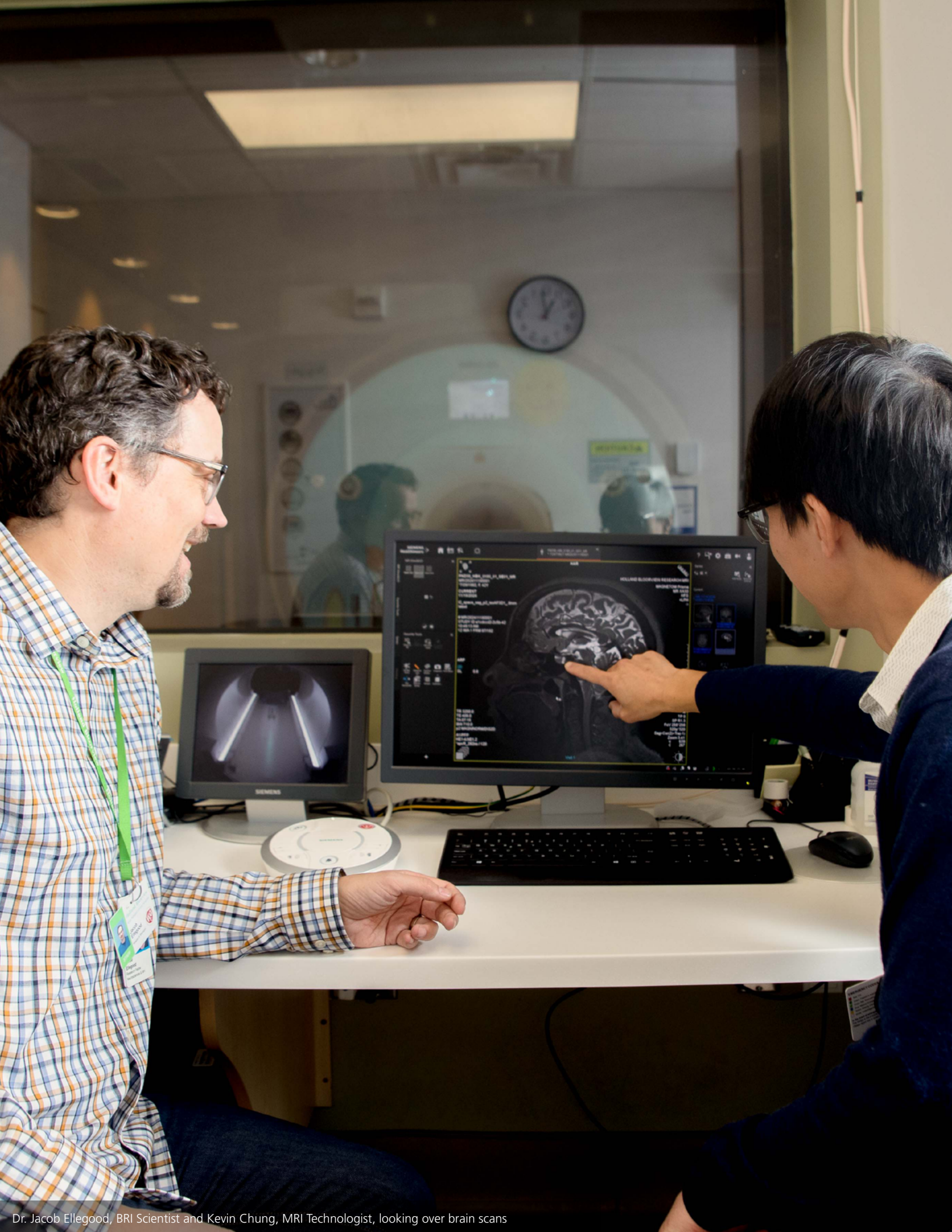
From volunteering to student placements, Holland Bloorview is committed to connecting youth with disabilities to early career opportunities. Through Youth@Work, which introduces youth to areas of interest through two-week work experiences, and Ready to Work, a summer-long placement program with employer partners, the Employment Pathways programs help youth with disabilities find work environments where they thrive. In partnership with donors and other organizations, Holland Bloorview is spreading best practices and models for youth employment inclusion across the province, to promote access to meaningful work experiences for youth like Madeline, Jeffrey and Ivan.

83 youth participated in the Employment Pathways program.



Dare to challenge what you think you know

There are one million children and youth with disabilities in Canada—and yet there are only 159 developmental pediatricians in the country, with 23% planning to retire in the next five years. Through our teaching and learning programs, Holland Bloorview is filling urgent gaps in care by training the next generation of healthcare professionals to become outstanding clinicians, advocates, innovators and teachers in childhood disability. But with 23% of children with disabilities encountering healthcare professionals who are not familiar with their condition, it's clearer than ever before that more needs to be done.



Dr. Jacob Ellegood, BRI Scientist and Kevin Chung, MRI Technologist, looking over brain scans

Using imaging to understand autism

Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) may be the fastest-growing developmental disability in the world, but it remains persistently difficult to diagnose, manage or treat. It presents differently in different children, so there's no way to predict which potential intervention might work for which child. Bloorview Research Institute neuroscientist Dr. Jacob Ellegood is working to change that, thanks to a gift from a longtime donor, the Lillian Meighen and Don Wright Foundation. Dr. Ellegood's research involves using Holland Bloorview's child-friendly, accessible MRI to scan and study the brains of children and youth with ASD and other neurodevelopmental disorders to understand their biology and ultimately develop personalized care tailored to each child.



Alex, Holland Bloorview client ambassador

Research

by the numbers

40 Scientists and Investigators

5 Hospital-University Endowed Chairs

3 Canada Research Chairs

Alex dares you to pay attention

Five years after becoming one of the first children in Ontario to get selective dorsal rhizotomy, a one-of-a-kind joint program between Holland Bloorview and SickKids, Alex swims, rides his bike and plays basketball with far less discomfort in his legs. But it hasn't always been a smooth journey. The 11-year-old lives two hours away from Toronto. There aren't many affordable physiotherapists in his community—let alone many who are trained to work with kids with disabilities. Alex dares to speak up so kids with disabilities get the care they need, no matter where they live.

Beyond medical care: Alleviating financial strain for families

When he's not cooking macaroni and cheese, Hunter loves to help people and greet everyone he meets at Holland Bloorview. Hunter and his mom, Tammy, stayed at Holland Bloorview for several months while the hospital helped them find a place to live. While receiving care at the hospital, including physiotherapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy, Hunter and Tammy also accessed the hospital's Family Support Fund. Through the fund, which is made possible by donors, families receive financial support for equipment, medication, recreational activities and respite services.



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families
accessed the
Family Support
Fund

Identifying care gaps using a social determinants of health lens

The best care is about more than medicine. It's about understanding what families carry. For families who experience bias and discrimination, non-health factors like income, race, geography, and education can play a significant role in their child's health outcomes. That's why Holland Bloorview is redefining care and accelerating disability inclusion and equity. Using a social determinants of health lens, the hospital's screening tool helps identify where families might need additional, non-medical support, such as legal aid, income supplements, and more. It also helps identify where families might be falling through the care gaps.

Rehan dares you to speak up

Rehan, who started coming to Holland Bloorview when he was two-years-old, was born with cerebral palsy and later diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder and a learning disability. At Holland Bloorview, therapists helped Rehan learn everyday skills, like holding a knife and fork and zipping up a sweater. For Rehan, Holland Bloorview is more than a place for care. Through art and music camp, swimming and sports, his creativity soared. In robotics class, Rehan learned how to problem-solve, build robots and make friends for the first time. Disability inclusion is near to Rehan's heart, which is why he dares to speak up as a Together We Dare Honorary Chair.



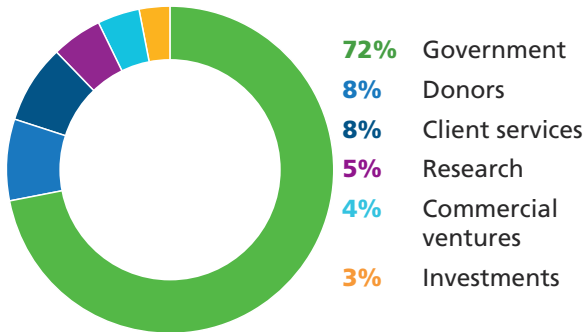
Rehan, Holland Bloorview client ambassador, using a VR headset



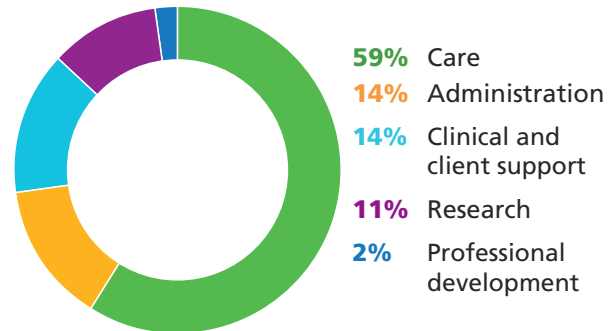
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Where do hospital funds come from?

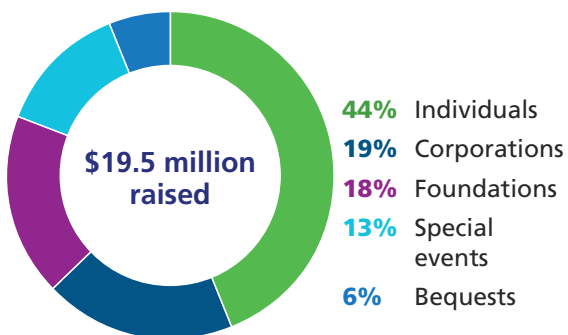


How do we spend hospital funds?

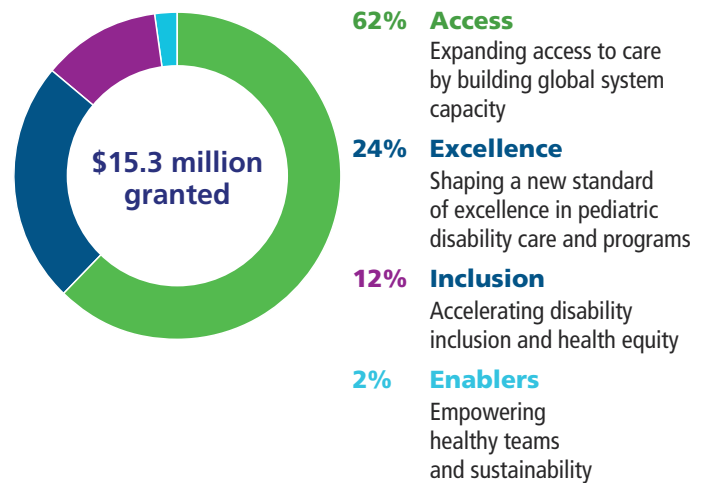


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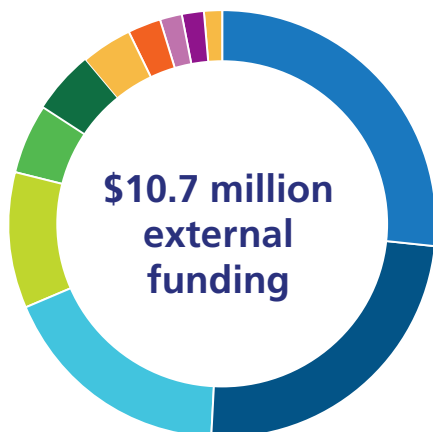
How do we grant foundation funds?



View Holland Bloorview and the Foundation's full 2025-2026 financial statements on our website.

Bloorview Research Institute

Where do research funds come from?



- 30% Tri council
- 23.1% Provincial
- 16.9% Donation
- 9.9% Federal
- 5.1% Indirect
- 4.5% National Association/Foundation
- 3.8% Scientist awards
- 2.3% Studentship
- 1.7% International
- 1.4% Industry
- 1.3% Subgrants collaboration
- 0% Other peer-reviewed
- 0% Royalties/other revenue



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