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SickKids is truly grateful for the continued support of Coast to Coast Against Cancer Foundation in our joint mission to improve the health of children living with and beyond cancer. Coast to Coast Against Cancer Foundation has generously donated over \$4.5M to SickKids Foundation in support of Cancer Research and Care at SickKids.

Through your generosity, over \$500,000 has been donated to the Garron Family Cancer Centre (the GFCC) at SickKids. The GFCC is home to the largest oncology training program in the country and has trained nearly 80 per cent of all practicing paediatric oncology specialists in Canada. Each year SickKids sees approximately 350 oncology patients from across Canada and uses funds from donors like Coast to Coast to make critical investments in research, education, and care, so that more patients can have every opportunity to live longer, healthier lives.

In addition to the support of the Garron Family Cancer Centre, Coast to Coast Against Cancer Foundation has focused its support on the Coast to Coast Cancer Foundation and Jenna's Angels Floor in the Cancer and Cell Biology Floor in the Peter Gilgan Centre for Research and Learning (the Centre) at SickKids.

On the 17th floor of the Centre, funds support state-of-the-art facilities where our SickKids scientists are revolutionizing our understanding of paediatric cancer. Specifically, brain tumours: the second most common form of childhood cancer and the leading cause of cancer-related death in children.

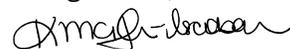
Among these scientists is Dr. Michael Taylor, a principal investigator at the Garron Family Cancer Centre and Garron Family Chair in Childhood Cancer Research. In one of the largest studies of its kind, Dr. Taylor and his lab members are currently undertaking to analyze a repository of medulloblastoma tumour tissue samples, with the goal of finding new pathways for targeting this common form of childhood brain cancer. Today, we understand more than ever how diverse cancers are on a molecular level, where no two patients' tumours are exactly alike.

In 2015, following a previous discovery that established medulloblastoma as a disease of four biologically distinct subgroups, Dr. Taylor and his team were able to uncover a promising new target in a subgroup associated with almost universally poor clinical outcomes. This finding provides clinicians with new dimensions for the treatment of medulloblastoma, with one therapeutic agent already shown to be effective against the identified target.

Without the support of donors like Coast to Coast Against Cancer Foundation, discoveries like this would not be possible. Through your dedication and an empathetic understanding of the challenges families face with a child's cancer diagnosis, Coast to Coast Against Cancer Foundation has established itself as one of our most critical supporters and Canada's leading national charity focused on childhood cancer.

Enclosed is the Garron Family Cancer Centre Factsheet for the past year, as well as the Garron Family Cancer Centre report on the improvements made possible by your support in the fight against childhood cancer.

With gratitude,



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