

Gratitude REPORT

Summer 2025



TOTAL RAISED:

\$517,820



DRIVEN BY GENEROSITY

Getting to an appointment shouldn't be a barrier to care, but for many families, it is. With generous support from donors like you and the proceeds from the Fort William Rotary House Lottery, our Taxi Initiative continues to make a meaningful difference for families.

This special fund covers the cost of taxi rides for clients who need support getting to and from appointments. It's one more way we help remove the obstacles that stand between a child and the care they need.

In 2024, demand for this service grew significantly. The number of taxi rides more than **DOUBLED**, reaching 750. In total, approximately **\$32,500** was used to provide free, safe, and reliable transportation.

That's 750 times a child didn't have to miss therapy, a parent didn't have to worry about getting across town, and a family could continue their care journey without interruption.

This growing demand is a clear reminder of how important this support is, and it's only possible because of partners like the Fort William Rotary Club and donors like you.



3,262

UNIQUE INDIVIDUALS SERVED



1,962

COMMUNITY BASED SERVICES



1,173

SCHOOL-BASED SERVICES



743

RURAL SERVICES

CLIENT VISITS



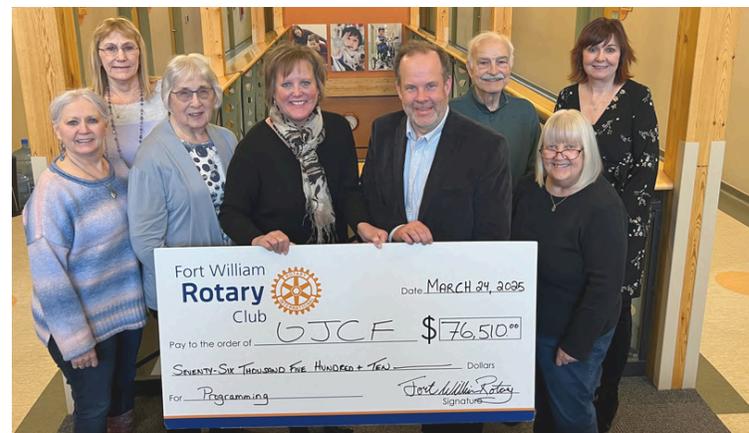
21,059

FACE-TO-FACE



7,615

REMOTE



Pictured (L to R): Mary Ann Breton; Dawn Sebesta; Cynthia Judge; Cindy Levanto; Glenn Craig; Sante Sottile; Irene Sottile; Laurie Etter



MESSAGE FROM THE CEOs
Cindy Levanto, Foundation CEO
Tina Bennett, Centre CEO

As we reflect on the 2024–2025 fiscal year, our hearts are full of gratitude for our generous community, dedicated partners, and each of you who support George Jeffrey Children’s Foundation, the fundraising arm of George Jeffrey Children’s Centre.

Each day at the Centre, we witness children achieving incredible milestones—first steps, first words, new levels of independence. These powerful moments happen because of our passionate clinicians and because of you—our donors, sponsors, and volunteers—who believe in our mission and help children reach their greatest potential.

Your support ensures that children and youth with physical, developmental, and communication needs receive the life-changing therapy and services they deserve.

We are proud of the work being done at George Jeffrey Children’s Centre and proud to be part of a community that cares so deeply. We are truly grateful for your kindness. It creates hope, builds possibilities, and shapes brighter futures for children and their families across Northwestern Ontario.



MESSAGE FROM THE FOUNDATION PRESIDENT
Michael Duncan

I’m proud to reflect on the past year and the incredible generosity we’ve seen from our community. With the support of donors, staff, volunteers, and partners, the Foundation raised **\$517,829** this past year.

The Foundation remains dedicated to its role — providing critical funding and resources to support the work of George Jeffrey Children’s Centre. That commitment guides every decision we make and every initiative we take on. We are proud to be part of something that helps create opportunities, opens doors, and helps children reach their greatest potential.



Thank you from our

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Foundation staff: Krysta Piaskowski, Stephen Margarit, and Cindy Levanto

I want to extend my sincere thanks to our Foundation CEO and staff, our Board of Directors, and the many volunteers who bring their time and energy to this important work.

And to our donors, thank you. Your belief in our mission and your continued support make everything we do possible. We look forward to continuing this important work together.





CSL Environmental & Geotechnical LTD. was our Spring Campaign Matching Partner



The Foundation received a portion of the funds raised through the 2024 Parade of Lights



Trans-West was our Matching Gift Partner for our Week of Giving



Boston Pizza donated proceeds from their Kids Card fundraiser



Fat Guys Auto Parts donated funds from the 2024 Fat Guys Car Show



Some of your donations at work...

\$3,200

Sensory Items & Growth Development Equipment

\$5,400

Food & Snack Cupboard

\$4,500

Client Family Holiday Party & Food Hampers

\$7,170

Speech/Language Supplies

\$2,750

Wilderness Discovery Camping Experience

\$9,500

Anti-Ableism Staff Training



A LEGACY OF GIVING

Sylvia Kayzer



For more than 20 years, Sylvia Kayzer has been a generous supporter of George Jeffrey Children's Foundation, making over 80 donations — many given in memory of loved ones.

As a former teacher, Sylvia saw firsthand the impact George Jeffrey Children's Centre had on the lives of her students. That lasting impression continues to inspire her support today.

Giving in memory or in honour is a meaningful way to pay tribute to someone special. These gifts not only reflect the donor's values, but also carry deep significance for the families whose loved ones are remembered.

We're deeply grateful to Sylvia for her continued generosity and the thoughtful way she gives back to her community.

A MULTI-SENSORY EXPERIENCE

Located at the Centre's south site, our Snoezelen® room is a multi-sensory environment that offers children a range of engaging experiences. The word Snoezelen comes from two Dutch words meaning to explore and to relax — exactly what this space is meant to encourage.

With soft lights, gentle sounds, and sensory tools to touch and interact with, the space helps children feel calm, focused, and in control.



In the photo above, a child is enjoying the therapy ball pit, a favourite for many clients. The feeling of being surrounded by the balls can simulate the sensation of being suspended and supported in space. It's both a fun and soothing activity.

This unique environment plays an important role in care, and it's only possible because of donors like you.

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Mastercard

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and/or

My gift is... In memory of _____

Card #: _____

Expiry Date: ____/____/____ CW: _____

Signature: _____

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