



## Four Seasons Ball

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### Four Seasons Ball Boosts Pediatric Care in Regina's Hospitals

**June 24, 2019, Regina, SK** – Children's health care in Regina was the big winner Saturday night, as hundreds of people packed the Conexus Arts Centre for the sold out Hospitals of Regina Foundation Four Seasons Ball, proudly presented by GMS. The event raised \$477,000 for Regina's Pediatric Services, making lives better for children across southern Saskatchewan.

"It's humbling and inspiring to see the level of community support for this event each year," said Hospitals of Regina President and CEO Dino Sophocleous. "Our sponsors, donors, supporters and volunteers deserve all the credit for making the Four Seasons Ball the premier black-tie charity fundraiser in Saskatchewan. More importantly, the Ball is helping build a world-class pediatric care program for our children, right here at home."

Proceeds from the event help children like Kingsley Taylor, whose story was featured at this year's Ball. When Kingsley was born, his bowels and liver were on the outside of his body in a membrane sac. He was rushed to Regina's neonatal intensive care unit (NICU), where he was placed in a plastic bag from his toes to his chest to protect his exposed organs. See Kingsley's inspiring video story at <http://bit.ly/2Y92SgY>.

The capacity crowd enjoyed a magnificent six-course gourmet dinner and spectacular performances, including a hilarious set from one of stand-up comedy's all-time greats, Sinbad.

"Presenting the Four Seasons Ball is a highlight of our partnership with the Hospitals of Regina Foundation," says John Salmond, GMS President and CEO. "In addition to our sponsorship, GMS staff volunteer for event set-up and hosting duties during the Ball. It's a pleasure for our team to help the Foundation build a world-class pediatric health care program for children across southern Saskatchewan."

Every year, more than 9,000 children seek help in Regina's hospitals. In 2018, Regina's pediatric inpatient unit provided medical care to 1,931 children in critical need. The pediatric outpatient unit had an additional 4,159 visits by children who needed a wide variety of services including clinics for surgery, neurology, asthma and cardiology. Regina's Rawlco Centre for Mother Baby Care is home to one of the most family-centred NICUs in western Canada, and sees about 500 vulnerable babies every year. Another 2,500 children came to Wascana Rehabilitation Centre for more than 19,000 pediatric visits last year.

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