Kids helping kids…

Manitoba schools joined in supporting children with special needs by enthusiastically participating in SSCY’s unique “Design a Smile” campaign. Made possible by a generous gift from Enns Brothers, the program required school teams and individuals from K-12 to design an artistic smile.

Imaginations were working hard, and students produced smiles made of food items, recycled material, equipment and machinery and the kids themselves!

Creative, whimsical, thought provoking – their many smiles filled the specially designated website. Friends and families voted to determine which schools would receive a special pizza lunch provided by Boston Pizza. The three most popular smiles were created by: St. Paul’s Collegiate, Elie; St. Ignatius School, Winnipeg and Mennonite Brethren Collegiate Institute in Winnipeg. These young people are helping us create a kid-friendly place for children and youth with special needs.

Thank you for your amazing support!

MANITOBA SCHOOLS RALLY TO SUPPORT SPECIALIZED SERVICES FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

If you drive past the old Christie’s Biscuits building at 1155 Notre Dame Avenue, you will see how the new SSCY Centre is shaping up.

The graceful but functional protective canopy has been installed on the front of the building and the parking areas are complete. Inside, on the main floor and mezzanine level, steel stud framing is well underway. Our Manitoba Hydro Powersmart lighting submission has been approved, and electrical is 30% complete. High ductwork mechanical is 99% complete, and one-third of overall mechanical work is complete. The phased-in moving plan and furniture planning has begun at a preliminary level. Construction of Discovery Park, the outdoor therapy and play area, will commence this spring once weather permits.
The SSCY volunteer Campaign Cabinet has done an amazing job in raising $4.3 million to help children with special needs.

They are hardworking and courageous. They are thoughtful and committed. They are helping to build a strong, sustainable community around our children with special needs. We are grateful to them — the work they do is of such value to those who will benefit from it that it is literally priceless.

“Never doubt that a small, group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.” – Margaret Mead

SSCY Campaign Cabinet

Bob Adkins, Co-Chair, Thompson Dorfman Sweatman LLP
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Nancy Adkins, Special Education Resource Teacher, Winnipeg School Div., (retired)
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Barb Tisdale, Case Coordinator, WRHA (retired)
James Wilson, Treaty Commissioner of Manitoba

BUY A SMILE TILE

Don’t miss this opportunity to help children with special needs. Purchase a Smile Tile for yourself or someone you love.

Have those hard-to-buy-for people on your list? Give them a Smile Tile. It’s a great way to celebrate birthdays, anniversaries, Bar and Bat Mitzvahs, retirements, promotions, graduations and any special occasion.

Buy a tile for $125, $250, $1,000 or $2,500. Help a child and get a tax receipt too!

These colourful ceramic tiles are etched with a saying and/or names of your choice. From their proud display in the new SSCY Centre, Smile Tiles create a lasting legacy of support for children with special needs.

BUY YOUR TILE TODAY!

Visit our website www.togetherisbetter.ca or call Nicole LaTourelle at 204-799-7670.
THANK YOU TO OUR GENEROUS DONORS...

Gerry & Barbara Price

We are pleased to acknowledge Gerry and Barbara Price for their recent $50,000 gift to support the new SSCY Centre for children with special needs and disabilities. Their donation will benefit thousands of children receiving specialized services at this unique facility.

“Barb and I are pleased to be supporting this worthy cause given that children with special needs carry an enormous burden in their day-to-day lives and anything we can do to lessen their burden is certainly something we must all strive to do.”

Gerry and Barbara’s gift will be dedicated to Innovation Place, a vital component in the rehabilitation of children and youth with special needs who may be living with cerebral palsy, limb deformities, scoliosis or spinal bifida. They may be autistic or have FASD. Innovation Place is the neighbourhood where skilled professionals work to turn disabilities into possibilities. They play a significant role in enabling children and youth with special needs to live more comfortably and often with more freedom.

Gerry is also a member of the SSCY Centre campaign cabinet and has been instrumental in raising a total of $4.3 million for children and youth with special needs.

Doug Harvey & Jan Shute

Giving back to the community and providing support to improve the lives of others is both a philosophy and a way of life for Doug Harvey and his partner Jan Shute. They have played a significant role in contributing to the well-being of those served by many Manitoba charities. We are thrilled to welcome them to the SSCY family. Their generous gift will benefit children with special needs throughout Manitoba.

Bob Adkins, Co-Chair of the SSCY Centre campaign said “Doug and Jan’s gift is important because it helps provide enhancements to create the environment that makes raising a child with special needs just a little easier. We are grateful for their generosity.”

Doug and Jan’s gift will support Discovery Park, a delightful venue for horticultural therapy, summer camps and ordinary, every-day play for our children.

Ken & Judy Murray

Warm, generous and humble are three words that come to mind when thinking of Ken and Judy Murray. Their quiet generosity has helped many Manitoba charities and the children and families using the SSCY Centre are the most recent beneficiaries.

Ken and Judy’s gift will provide support for the Audiology Booth in Speech and Hearing Junction. SSCY audiologists diagnose hearing impairment and monitor hearing status in children from newborns to 18 years. There are 10,000 visits annually to our Audiology department which offers comprehensive hearing testing to diagnose a hearing loss, pairing the latest technology with a warm, friendly environment.

Judy has been a very active and productive member of the SSCY Centre campaign cabinet. She has inspired and motivated all of us and with her help, we have secured $4.3 million for children and youth with special needs.

Thank you Ken and Judy! With your help, we will give these families the facility they need to help them meet the challenges they face every day.

We are most grateful to every one of our donors for sharing our goal of saving precious time for families with children and youth with special needs and making their lives just a little easier.
THANK YOU FROM OUR AMBASSADOR

Evan and his family really appreciate how our community is stepping up to support the new SSCY Centre. Evan has been using SSCY services since he was born and will continue to do so in the future. He and his family are anxiously awaiting its opening because it will make their journey a little easier.

These children need a place that reimagines what a special needs clinic can be – a place of help and healing sure, but even more… a place where kids can be kids and families can be families.

We are now in the final stages of this campaign and are working hard to meet our $5 million goal. Won’t you help to close the gap and play a positive role in the life outcomes of these very special children? Evan will be very grateful.

For more information, contact Nicole LaTourelle at 204-799-7670.

MAKE A DONATION

You Can Help our Children with Special Needs!

Every child deserves a healthy and fulfilling place in the world. Kids with disabilities are no different than other children, but because they live with disabilities, their paths are more challenging.

You can help make that journey a little less difficult. Make a gift today. Here’s how:

GIVE ONLINE
Visit www.togetherisbetter.ca, hit “Buy a Smile” or “Donate Now” and then “Make an online donation now.” This will take to The Winnipeg Foundation secure site where you can make your gift directly to the SSCY Centre.

Cumulative gifts of $5,000 or more will also be recognized on the donor wall in the new SSCY Centre.

BUY A SMILE TILE
Visit www.togetherisbetter.ca, click on “How to Donate” and the rest is simple! Choose from four different Smile Tiles.

PHONE IT IN
Send your cheque or money order (payable to SSCY Fund at The Winnipeg Foundation) with your name, address, phone number or email address to: SSCY Campaign Fund, 633 Wellington Cres., Winnipeg, MB R3M 0A8

AUTOMATIC CREDIT CARD OR BANK WITHDRAWALS
Regular withdrawals can be set up on a monthly, quarterly or annual basis. Contact Nicole LaTourelle, Campaign Director at info@togetherisbetter.ca or 204-799-7670 for details.

GIVE SECURITIES AND DON’T PAY TAX ON CAPITAL GAINS
If you would like to make a gift of securities, please contact Nicole LaTourelle, Campaign Director at info@togetherisbetter.ca or 204-799-7670.

NAMING OPPORTUNITIES IN THE SSCY CENTRE
Starting at $25,000: Golden opportunities for you to support these special children – from a state-of-the-art virtual reality therapy system to prosthetics and orthotics production equipment! From a welding room to toy storage; from therapy rooms to activities of daily living; this is an extraordinary chance for you to make a difference in thousands of children’s lives.

Contact Nicole LaTourelle, Campaign Director at 204-799-7670 or info@togetherisbetter.ca to explore these opportunities.

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