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Dear Friends:

On behalf of Sick Kids Foundation my greetings and thanks to the volunteers, participants, and sponsors of the Toronto Cathay Lions Club 30th Anniversary Charity Gala. I congratulate the Toronto Cathay Lions Club on a wonderful 30 years of community support and especially your commitment to Sick Kids.

Sick Kids is a Hospital that not only treats children's disorders but that also searches unceasingly for better treatments and, ultimately, cures. Childhood cancer is a dramatic example of the impact of this dual role in healing and research.

During the 30 years of your history Sick Kids has made incredible advances in curing cancer in children. Sick Kids researchers have discovered the causes of many children's cancers, and with our clinicians developed more and more powerful therapies. The impact of this work is astounding. Thirty years ago cancer for a child meant almost certain death. Today the vast majority – 77 percent – of children can expect to live. For some cancers, the cure rate is over 90 percent. Cancer, for kids, is no longer the threat it once was.

Such successes at Sick Kids are made possible by the generosity of our community of donors. Without a community that believes in us and supports generously what we seek to do we could not succeed. Thanks to the Toronto Cathay Lions Club, and to you, a child with cancer has a very good chance of a full and productive life. That is a great gift to children, their families and to Canada.

We are so grateful that you care.



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