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## Scotia Foundation Stories – Sean

Sean was born with Arthrogryposis, also called arthrogryposis multiplex congenita which is a term used to describe a variety of conditions involving multiple joint contractures (or stiffness). A contracture is a condition where the range of motion of a joint is limited. It may be unable to fully or partially extend or bend. **“I have no elbows and no knees. My arms can’t bend, my knees can’t bend. When I was a baby, the Princess Elizabeth Centre in Woodbrook gave my mom the option to break my legs and put me in a wheelchair for the rest of my life or get some surgery done so that I would have the ability to walk independently. I would say, my mom made a very good decision to go with surgery. Without help from the Princess Elizabeth Centre, I definitely don’t know what my life would have been like.”** – Sean, former patient.

For 68 years, the Princess Elizabeth Home for Handicapped Children (PEHHC) has provided continuous support via surgical treatment rehabilitation, therapy and education for children from lower income households with the goal of ensuring they can lead productive lives. Although he has faced challenges in his life, Sean continues to live by the Princess Elizabeth Centre’s Motto: **It is the ability and not the disability that counts.**

The Scotia Foundation donated \$1M toward the construction of the NEW Orthopaedic Wing at the PEHHC, guaranteeing that more children will gain access to the care they need. The new Orthopaedic Wing will help to improve efficiency and the quality of patient care with surgical wards, an operating theatre and a clinic, all under one roof.

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