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SickKids and Scotiabank working to help children fight cancer.

The SickKids-Caribbean Initiative (SCI), funded in part by Scotiabank, continues to improve access to health services for children in six Caribbean countries who are diagnosed with cancer and blood disorders.

As telemedicine partner and key supporter of the programme for many years, Scotiabank has seen firsthand the importance of the programme, which connects health-care professionals in six countries in the Caribbean with specialists at The Hospital for Sick Children (SickKids) in Canada, in order to provide life-saving treatment for their young patients.

Since the launch of SCI, a total of seven telemedicine facilities have been completed across the region, with Barbados currently benefiting through the Queen Elizabeth Hospital in Bridgetown. To date, SCI has also:

- provided training for more than 40 oncology and haematology professionals in the Caribbean;
- facilitated over 500 telemedicine consultations with SickKids for sick patients in the Caribbean; and,
- provided critical support through diagnostic screening and research.

Scotiabank has also supported the establishment of hospital-based paediatric oncology patient registries in each of the six SCI partner countries, to help track patient outcomes and leverage this data to implement quality improvements for life-saving cancer care for children.

"Prior to the launch of this initiative in 2013, young people in the Caribbean diagnosed with cancer and blood disorders faced major systemic challenges as there were few specialized diagnostic services, minimal data on treatment efficacy, and few health-care professionals with specialized training in the region. SickKids recognized the opportunity to make a difference and we remain grateful to corporate leaders like Scotiabank for their continued support, as the first financial institution to donate CAD \$1 million to the program and for the additional CAD \$1 million gift to support Phase Two," said Ted Garrard, CEO, SickKids Foundation.

"At Scotiabank, we are deeply committed to helping our young people lead fulfilling lives. Ensuring they are healthy and receive the best medical care forms part of this commitment. Our support of the SCI allows for the strengthening of the infrastructure available and the capacity of our doctors and nurses in Barbados to take care of children with diseases like leukaemia and sickle cell disease. This increased capacity also means more timely and accurate diagnoses as well as high-quality follow-up care, which of course, enables our nation's children to have a better chance to recover," said David Parks - Managing Director, Caribbean East, Scotiabank.

With the support of SickKids Foundation, the SickKids-Caribbean Initiative (SCI) was created in partnership with the SickKids Centre for Global Child Health and the University of the West Indies (UWI), Ministries of Health and key hospitals and institutions in six Caribbean countries: The Bahamas, Barbados, Jamaica, St. Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, and Trinidad and Tobago.

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About SickKids Foundation

Established in 1972, SickKids Foundation raises funds on behalf of The Hospital for Sick Children (SickKids) and is the largest charitable funder of child health research, learning and care in Canada. Philanthropy is a critical source of funding for SickKids – one of the world's foremost paediatric health-care institutions. Thanks to the generosity of the community, and as a result of a record-breaking year in fundraising, SickKids Foundation generated an unprecedented \$190 million for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2020. For more information, please visit sickkidsfoundation.com.