

# Our Impact

WHAT WE HELP FUND AND WHAT IT MEANS

The generous donations and continued support of the Victorian community and beyond through the Good Friday Appeal is instrumental in helping the RCH deliver high quality care to children and young people every day. Funds raised by the Good Friday Appeal are channeled into four important areas with over 25 cutting edge projects such as:

**EQUIPMENT & TECHNOLOGY**

**MR PET TECHNOLOGY**

GFA funded the MR PET Scanner in 2016, making the RCH the first stand-alone hospital in the southern hemisphere with this technology. Ongoing donor support has allowed the RCH to lead the world in utilising this cutting-edge imaging tool for early disease detection and management, with funds from this year's Good Friday Appeal contributing to the maintenance of this crucial equipment. The RCH has performed more studies using this equipment compared to any other hospital in the world



**GENE STEPS: SHORTENING TIME OF EVALUATION IN PAEDIATRIC EPILEPSY SERVICES**

As part of this international study focussing on the impact of rapid genomic sequencing (Gene Steps), the Melbourne Children's Campus project team have identified the cause of a baby's epilepsy in 43% of children. As a result of the study, 56% of children who received a diagnosis had their treatment plan changed.

**RESEARCH**

**EDUCATION & TRAINING**

**SIMULATION BASED EDUCATION PROGRAMS**

Using state of the art technology, the RCH simulation team creates rare, high risk and critical patient events, as well as common clinical situations, to practise teamwork, communication and technical skills. Healthcare professionals from across Victoria, Australia and internationally have accessed this training, with over 18,000 participants since 2015.



**CHILD LIFE THERAPY IN THE EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT**

Child Life Therapy focuses on the needs of children as a program that helps make a visit to the hospital a more positive experience for everyone - patients, families and staff. A staple of hospital stays, this program of proven techniques such as play therapy, will now be expanded to the Emergency Department.

**PATIENT & FAMILY CENTRED CARE**

Additionally, For the first time in the Good Friday Appeal's history we will be taking the RCH excellence into the regions by providing a portion of funds to six regional health services - Barwon Health, Bendigo Health, Grampians Health, Goulburn Valley Health, Albury Wodonga Health and Latrobe Regional Health. This recognises the RCH's vision to support an integrated paediatric care network across the state and the generosity of our regional supporters..



**Real People, Real Effort: 2022-2023 at the RCH saw...**



**90,260**

PATIENTS PRESENTED TO THE EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT



**50,345**

CHILDREN ADMITTED TO THE WARDS



**14,963**

ELECTIVE SURGERIES



**84,730**

TELEHEALTH APPOINTMENTS



**4407,563**

OUTPATIENT APPOINTMENTS

**Every dollar helps support the thousands of children looked after by the hospital every day**