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Superhero IV poles designed to boost spirits of Trillium Health Partners' paediatric patients

Western Ontario's Fight Like Mason Foundation makes first donation in GTA

MISSISSAUGA, November 13, 2018 – Trillium Health Partners (THP) celebrated a generous donation of 22 customized, kid-friendly IV poles – Mason's Power Poles – from the Fight Like Mason Foundation to Credit Valley Hospital's Paediatric unit and Paediatric Oncology Clinic and Mississauga Hospital's Paediatric unit.

THP is the first hospital to receive the donated customized IV poles in the GTA.

The Fight Like Mason Foundation was founded by Chantelle Bacon and Iain Macri, parents of Mason who was diagnosed with the rare form of cancer rhabdomyosarcoma in 2015 at the age of two. He passed away as a result of cancer at the age of four. Mason's parents carry on his heroic legacy by working with hospitals across the province to help make the hospital environment less intimidating and frightening for young patients by creating hospital equipment that is fun and colourful.

Learn more about the Fight Like Mason Foundation: <https://fightlikemason.org> .

Quotes:

"When our young patients come into an acute care setting, it can be quite scary and anxiety-provoking for them. These IV poles create a welcoming environment, and are a symbol of the positivity and bravery our patients and their families show every day."

Kathy Skelly, Patient Care Manager, Maternal Child, Trillium Health Partners

"We are exceptionally grateful to the Fight Like Mason Foundation for their generous donation of Mason's Power Poles. It's an honour to partner with them as the first hospital in the GTA to receive these IV poles. Their investment will bring a smile to the faces of our young patients and bring a sense of comfort during their health care journey."

Debra Carson, Vice President, Patient Care Services, Trillium Health Partners

"We came up with the idea of Mason's Power Poles to make the health care world a little more child friendly by creating customized IV poles that are colourful and fun. We want kids to be proud of their battles, because no one fights harder than a child."

Chantelle Bacon, President, Fight Like Mason Foundation

Photo Captions:

Photo #1

Alexx Friesen, Child Life Specialist, Trillium Health Partners, Amelia Lawless, Patient, Credit Valley Hospital – POGO Clinic and Chantelle Bacon and Iain Macri, Fight Like Mason Foundation

Photo # 2

Paediatric Unit, Trillium Health Partners and Fight Like Mason Foundation

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About Trillium Health Partners:

Trillium Health Partners is one of the largest community-based acute care facilities in Canada. Comprised of Credit Valley Hospital, the Mississauga Hospital and the Queensway Health Centre, Trillium Health Partners serves the growing and diverse populations of Mississauga, West Toronto and surrounding communities. Trillium Health Partners is a teaching hospital affiliated with the University of Toronto. Trillium Health Partners is an associate member of the Toronto Academic Health Science Network.

About Fight Like Mason Foundation:

The Fight Like Mason Foundation is a Registered Charity organization formed by Iain Macri & Chantelle Bacon, parents of Mason Bacon-Macri. Mason was their son who was diagnosed with Rhabdomyosarcoma (a form of childhood cancer) on May 4th 2015 at the age of 2.
<https://fightlikemason.org>.

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