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Les and Irene Dubé donate \$6.5 million to Children's Hospital Foundation

Les and Irene Dubé recently stepped forward with a \$6.5 million donation for a children's hospital in Saskatchewan, the latest in a long list of donations by the Catholic couple.

The gift was announced Oct. 7 at a thanksgiving celebration honouring children's hospital supporters and kicking off a \$25 million fund-raising campaign.

The Children's Hospital Foundation of Saskatchewan said the donation will be designated to the creation of the Leslie and Irene Dubé Centre of Care for Children, a main core area in the new children's hospital.

"By the grace of God, we are able to pour out our love on all our children. When we wake up in the morning we have two choices; go back to sleep and dream or get up and chase those dreams," said Leslie and Irene Dubé.

"The Children's Hospital Foundation of Saskatchewan, along with the children and families we serve, are overwhelmed by the kindness and charity of the Dubés. These individuals continue to share their success with those who are vulnerable and in need of healing," said Brynn Boback-Lane, president of the Children's Hospital Foundation.

"The Dubé's gift is purely a selfless act of charity that will touch children from across the province, and the people who care for them, for decades to come. Thank you hardly seems like enough to offer Irene and Les, but we truly are grateful and wish to express our whole-hearted appreciation on behalf of every Saskatchewan child and adult who will walk through the doors of the children's hospital," said Boback-Lane.

"We continue to be amazed by the tremendous support from the people of Saskatchewan, whether large or small," said campaign co-chairs Don Black and Jim Yuel in a news release. "People will indeed feel the impact of this gift for generations and we hope it inspires others to join in this cause."

The Children's Hospital Foundation of Saskatchewan is responsible for fundraising for the Children's Hospital of Saskatchewan. This new provincial hospital will serve children from across the province, offering leading edge health care equipment and technology, research programs and innovation, focused on family-centred care.

Other notable donations by Les and Irene Dubé in recent years include \$1 million to a breast health centre at Saskatoon City Hospital; \$1 million to scholarships at St. Thomas More College; \$1 million to a urology centre at St. Paul's Hospital; \$3 million to a mental health centre at Royal University Hospital, and \$1 million to the Uniting in Faith campaign to build a new Cathedral and Catholic Pastoral Centre in Saskatoon.