

CHWO unveils new vision for children's care

Imagine a hospital that not only cares for sick children, it works to keep children healthy. Its paediatric physicians and staff not only make the special needs of children the centre of their work, they take these concerns to other hospitals and healthcare agencies. Its administration not only makes a commitment to attract top medical talent to the local community, but also seeks to improve the quality of care for children everywhere through distinctive teaching and innovative research.

This vision is the one that the Children's Hospital of Western Ontario (CHWO) imagines for itself. Articulated in the statement, "*Healthy Children: Our goal, our future,*" the vision forms the foundation of CHWO's strategic plan for the future, which was "enthusiastically approved" by LHSC's Board of Directors last month.

The plan describes how CHWO, by working with families, healthcare partners, and other child health advocates, will establish itself as a leading academic paediatric hospital. As a leader in children's care, CHWO will work to improve children's health in our community and across the region through initiatives like the regional child health network, family advisory councils, and the Ontario Child Health Network.

CHWO has set ambitious goals for itself under its new strategic plan. To make our vision a reality, we need the support of all staff, physicians, patients and partners. After all, keeping children healthy is not our responsibility alone—it belongs to all of us.

We look forward to soon sharing more information about how CHWO is transforming children's care in our community. In the mean time, we would like to extend a special thank you to all those who worked so passionately and diligently to create a plan that would bring life to our vision; to the London Health Sciences Centre Board of Directors and the Children's Health Foundation for giving us the provisions that will allow us to pursue this vision; and, most of all, to the many children who cross our paths every day and inspire us to do a better of helping them.

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