



Update for Medical Staff **Spring 2009**

Who we are

- The David Foster Foundation provides financial support to the families of children across Canada needing organ transplants.
- The foundation fills a unique need by helping families of children needing transplants with their non-medical expenses during this very difficult and stressful time.
- For more than 20 years, the David Foster Foundation has helped hundreds of families and provided millions of dollars in direct support to families. We provide support for children needing transplants up to their 20th birthday.
- In addition to providing emotional and financial support to families, the foundation is also working with the medical community, transplant associations and our corporate partners to increase public awareness about the importance of becoming a registered organ donor.

How we help

Although each family's needs are assessed on a case-by-case basis based on their financial circumstances, the David Foster Foundation helps families by paying for non-medical expenses such as:

- **transportation costs, accommodation, long distance phone calls and meals and groceries for the family while they are in another city for their child's transplant or related care;**
- **clothes and basic personal items if the family has to leave their hometown suddenly for treatment or for their child's transplant; and**
- **rent or mortgage assistance on a short-term basis if necessary while the family is in another city or province for surgery or medical treatment.**
- We don't provide support for medical expenses, such as prescription drugs, or other expenses involved in treating the child needing a transplant.
- We provide medical staff and social workers at each transplant centre in Canada with information for families, including an easy to fill out application form for those needing our support.
- Our foundation staff works with the transplant team to help provide guidance, emotional support and assistance as the families go through the processes involved in their child's transplant and medical care.
- We help connect families - many families going through a transplant with their child also find it helpful to talk to another family that has been through a similar experience.

For more information about the support the foundation provides, contact the David Foster Foundation office at 1-877-777-7675 or visit our website at

www.davidfosterfoundation.com