

Annual Traditions That Make a Difference

If you live in the Maritimes, you've likely watched the IWK Telethon for Children on CTV or listened to the IWK Radiothon on Bell Media Radio. These are two long-standing annual traditions that enable the IWK Foundation to truly celebrate the unmatched generosity of individuals, community organizations and businesses in our region.

Together, a record-breaking **\$6.733 million** was raised during the 38th IWK Telethon in June 2022. In March 2023, an outstanding **\$281,214** was raised during the annual IWK Radiothon on 10 Bell Media radio stations across the Maritimes. Your donations during these events support the most urgent priorities of the IWK, including the purchase of specialized medical equipment that ensures our children and families continue to have access to the very best care.

Here's a snapshot of some of the pieces of equipment you helped purchase in 2022-23:



Five Sleeper Chairs

During labour and birth, partners and support people spend hours, often overnight, at the bedside in the **Birth Unit**. Sleeper chairs provide a comfortable place to rest and be close to their loved ones. These chairs can be reclined into a flat position and are also on wheels, allowing families to easily maneuver them in the room throughout their stay.



One Examination Table

The new examination table will be used in the **Emergency Department's** triage room for babies up to 18 kg (39.9 lbs). Triageing babies includes taking their weight and temperature. This table has an integrated scale allowing care providers to examine the baby and weigh them on the same table. It also has bumpers on all four sides, making it safe for small infants and includes storage space for diapers and linens below the table.



Four Halo Bassinets

Halo Bassinets support keeping moms together with their babies, born between 32-35 weeks, who need care in the **Neonatal Intensive Care Unit** immediately after birth. The Halo Bassinet is placed over the bed for convenient access to the baby and is ideal for mothers that have experienced a c-section or are having post-delivery pain. It also provides mothers with the ability to remain aware of and respond quickly to their premature baby's cues.