



How your donation is spent

Donations made to the *Kirkland Kilbride Research Fund* are used on an on-going basis to bolster a study currently in progress in the Mitochondrial Research Lab at SickKids Hospital. Its aim is to create drugs that will be used to treat patients with mitochondrial defects. This research, unique to SickKids Hospital, is producing promising results and is very worthy of continued funding. No similar research project is known to be taking place in the world at this time.

Secondly, our funds are used on a continual basis to diagnose difficult cases typically requiring extra hours, materials, and manpower in the lab. Dollars from the *Kirkland Kilbride Research Fund* allow scientists a greater opportunity to identify mitochondrial defects in the cells, and hence offer families the chance of receiving a more accurate diagnosis. These detailed case examinations in turn, help further the scientific community's overall understanding of rare mitochondrial diseases.

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