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## **Kinsmen Children's Hospital Home Lotto to Support State-of-the-art Technology at the Alberta Children's Hospital**

The Kinsmen Club of the Stampede City kicked off the 17<sup>th</sup> annual Kinsmen Children's Hospital Home Lotto from the Alberta Children's Hospital this morning. As a way to celebrate the Kinsmen's years of support for the hospital, young patients built their own Lego™ "Dream Homes".

Since the Lotto began in 1993, the Kinsmen have played a key role in the Alberta Children's Hospital setting their sights on providing nation-leading care for children. Proceeds from this year's Lotto will help fund state-of-the-art equipment at the Alberta Children's Hospital, including the first **Next Generation DNA Short Sequencer** at a hospital in Canada, which can read genetic code in biological samples thousands of times faster than current technology.

"Thanks to our community, the Alberta Children's Hospital is ready to establish the most advanced genetic diagnostic laboratory in Canada," says Jim Truesdale, Vice Chair of the Alberta Children's Hospital Foundation Board of Directors. "Along with the dedication and sheer brain power of our Medical Genetics specialists, the Next Generation DNA Short Sequencer will be key to this the facility. It will greatly increase our specialists' ability to diagnose, treat and study complex diseases in our children."

The Lotto has funded several Canadian firsts at the hospital including the Cystic Fibrosis Screening Program for newborns, the Kinsmen Chair in Pediatric Neurosciences (injury of the brain and back), Canada's only Behavioral Research Unit for children.

"It is very humbling for the Kinsmen to know that we are part of a much larger community partnership in which the absolute winners are the children of our community," says Grant Erickson, Chair of the Kinsmen Children's Hospital Home Lotto. "Through the support of the community we are able to provide leading-edge equipment to our hospital that will save and improve the lives of hundreds of kids. It's a great feeling and we are very grateful"

**For information on the Kinsmen Children's Hospital Home Lotto visit [homelotto.com](http://homelotto.com).**

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