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Donation benefits Yukon patients in B.C.

WHITEHORSE—The Government of Yukon has provided \$150,000 to the B.C. Lions Society for Children with Disabilities for Easter Seals House, which provides a place to stay for Yukon families who must travel to Vancouver for medical treatment.

Minister of Health and Social Services Mike Nixon presented a cheque today to Stephen Miller, president and CEO of the B.C. Lions Society and Easter Seals BC/Yukon.

"We are very fortunate that Easter Seals house is there for Yukon families," Nixon said. "Having a safe place to stay means one less thing to worry about during a child's illness. We are happy to make this donation as a thank-you for the support given by the Lions Society and its caring staff."

Over the years, Yukon families have accessed thousands of bed nights at the Vancouver Easter Seals House, which has provided a low-cost place to stay for children and their parents since 1955. Professional staff, large rooms, activity-filled playrooms and a supportive atmosphere help families and patients through trying times.

"We are very grateful to the Yukon government for helping us provide much needed accommodations to Yukon families needing specialized medical treatment at Children's Hospital or Vancouver General Hospital," Miller said. "With their donation we will be able to continue providing a warm, caring and very comfortable home for Yukoners facing serious medical challenges. Each suite has its own kitchen, bathroom and flat screen TVs and DVD players."

Minister Nixon was joined at the ceremony by Easter Seals Yukon junior ambassador Aimee Cumming and her parents, and by Deb Ryan, a board member with the B.C. Lions Society and Easter Seals BC/Yukon. To recognize Yukon's donation, a life-sized photo of Cumming will be featured on a door at Easter Seals House.

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