



## **Immunize Canada Receives Donation from Government of Canada to Mark Birth of Royal Baby**

May 13, 2015 (Ottawa, ON) – Yesterday, the Government of Canada bestowed a donation in the amount of \$100,000 on Immunize Canada in honour of the birth of Her Royal Highness Princess Charlotte of Cambridge. The announcement was made by the Honourable Rona Ambrose, Minister of Health, who was joined by Mrs. Laureen Harper at the Children’s Hospital of Eastern Ontario (CHEO).

“Immunize Canada is very grateful and honoured to receive this gift, which will go towards its efforts in raising public awareness and educating Canadians about the benefits of vaccination,” said Dr. Susan Bowles, Chair of Immunize Canada. “The resurgence of several vaccine-preventable diseases poses a threat to all children, and our best defence against vaccine-preventable diseases remains vaccination. This gift recognizes the work of Immunize Canada, but it also recognizes the efforts of thousands of health care providers and public health practitioners all across our country whose goal is to protect Canadians from illness.”

Immunize Canada helps nurture healthy communities by providing evidence-based information about immunization and promotes the use of vaccines as recommended by the National Advisory Committee on Immunization (NACI). Most recently, Immunize Canada partnered with the Canadian Public Health Association (CPHA) and the Ottawa Hospital Research Institute (OHRI) to release the ImmunizeCA app. ImmunizeCA helps parents store, manage and back up their families’ vaccination records and easily access their provincial or territorial vaccination schedule on their smartphones. It also provides local outbreak alerts on infectious diseases and up-to-date, accurate and expert-approved information on vaccinations for children, adults and travellers. Development of the app was made possible with funding from the Public Health Agency of Canada. For more information, visit [immunize.ca/app](http://immunize.ca/app).

### **Immunize Canada Members**

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