



**The Belgian Kids' Fund**  
for Pediatric Research

“Healthy children  
are key to our  
future”

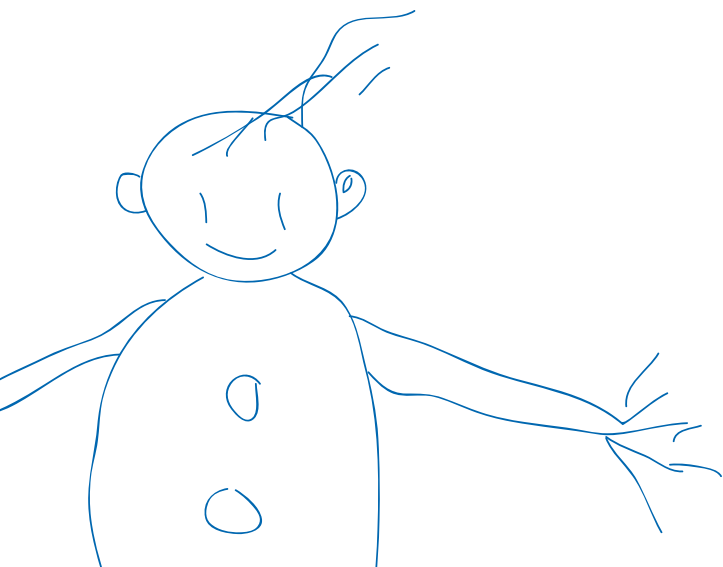


**Scientific Fund for Pediatric Research of the  
University Children's Hospital Queen Fabiola**

## OUR AMBITION

The BKF's main objective is not only to collect funds, and to pay every year research scholarships to young doctors, it also aims at maintaining a minimum capital of 2 million Euros and investing the revenues in two to three scholarships a year.

“Research  
cures children”



## WHAT WE DO

Scholarships and credits available to pediatric research in Belgium are quite insufficient, compared to the actual needs.

Most hospitals struggle to survive on the tight budgets imposed on them. Nowadays, even universities depend on external partnerships to keep some activities running.

Driven by the will to promote pediatric research at the Free University of Brussels (ULB), back in 1995, a group of doctors involved in pediatrics decided to create a non for profit organization: the Fund for Pediatric Research of the Queen Fabiola's Children's Hospital, in short the Belgian Kids' Fund or BKF.



## OUR INITIATIVES

Our mission is to ensure that children have access to the best surgical and medical care through:

- > financing research projects for young physicians in centers of excellence in Belgium and abroad
- > the constant revision and updating of the pediatricians' medical knowledge
- > the public promotion of all information aimed at increasing the physical and mental well being of children.



## OUR SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Since 1995, we offered 50 scholarships to 29 young pediatricians. We are proud to introduce four of them to you:

- > **Dr Khalid ISMAILI** studied kidney and urinary hereditary diseases and redefined the criteria for prenatal diagnosis of these frequent diseases. His work leads to the publication of an international consensus.
- > **Dr Pierre SMEESTERS** studied the characteristics of a pathogenic germ (group A Beta-hemolytic streptococcus), its virulence and its potential resistance to antibiotics, and clinical signs in case of infection in two countries of different standards of development (Belgium and Brazil). Doing this, he defined different modes of treatment for these diseases, which in turn allowed the creation of a very specific vaccine.
- > **Dr Anne MONIER's** work dealt with the effects of a lack of oxygen on the cerebral tissue of premature babies and the required treatment strategies.
- > **Dr André MULDER** studied the way the heart reacts to surgical interventions to correct malformations. The results of his study lead to changes in the way interventions are completed and the way patients are taken care of.



## HERE IS HOW YOU CAN HELP

We can only pay for research scholarships thanks to the generous support from our sponsors, donors and volunteers. There are two ways you can make a gift:

### > Through a donation:

Purchase an amount of research time:

One hour of research time	30 €
One day of research time	200 €
One week of research time	1000 €
One month of research time	3000 €
One year of research time, equivalent to the payment of a full research scholarship	35000 €

*(the scholarship can be anonymous or nominative)*

### > A tax deduction may be made for any donations of 40 € or more per year, to BKF's bank account:

BKF: 310-1266887-56

BAN : BE 20 3101 2668 8756

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### > There are a thousand ways to celebrate or mark an event but few are likely to give it the dimension that pediatric research can convey. Make a gift in honor or in memory of a loved one, or to celebrate an occasion: birthdays, anniversaries, weddings, ...

### > Through a legacy:


By considering to include the BKF as a beneficiary in your estate planning. (know that advice from your notary in Belgium is free).

### > Unleash Your Hidden Talents

Are you a good organizer, an animator, a cook, a mover...? Become a BKF volunteer and give us a hand during one of our activities: Kids' Days, events, charity dinners, tombola, auctions, Christmas market...

Do you wish to sponsor one of our activities?

Our Director, Françoise Timmermans is awaiting your call! (+32 478 40 42 63).

A close-up photograph of a young girl's face, focusing on her bright blue eyes and light brown hair. The image is the background for the top two-thirds of the page.

“Men is never as great as when  
kneeled to take care of a child”  
*Pythagore (450 BC)*

**Whatever you do, whichever  
way you choose to help us,  
our children** Thank you!



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