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To whom it may concern,

Sunnybrook Foundation is honoured to partner with Rishma and Zahir Keshavjee to create a fund in memory of their son, Khalil Zahir Keshavjee. This fund will support families with infants receiving care in Sunnybrook's Newton Glassman Charitable Foundation Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU).

Sunnybrook's NICU provides family-centred care for the tiniest of infants in the newest and most modern level III facility in the country. We care for 20 per cent of all babies in Ontario weighing less than three pounds, drawing patients from across the province and providing the highest level of care possible. Ours is the only NICU in Canada with 100 per cent single-patient rooms.

Zahir and Rishma, who gave birth to twins, spent several months in Sunnybrook's NICU taking care of their daughter Meera. As you can appreciate, it was a very stressful time for the family. Based on this experience, Rishma and Zahir realized there were many ways that they could help to make those first few months less stressful for the families. They approached Sunnybrook Foundation to work with them to create a fund that supports families of our NICU patients.

The vision of the Khalil Zahir Keshavjee Fund is to offer support to help families through what can be a very challenging time in their lives. This fund will be managed by the parent advisory committee at Sunnybrook's NICU, of which Zahir is a member. The committee will direct donations to areas that are deemed to be most in need.

For more information or to enquire about donating to the fund, please contact me by email or telephone, or visit <https://donate.sunnybrook.ca/khalil>

Yours sincerely,



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