

# Making a Difference



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## Little Touches Make a Big Difference!



In the eyes of children, a hospital can be a scary place. It's filled with people they don't know, doing things they don't understand.

There's rarely anything homey or comfortable about it, and serious conversations and strange noises can be heard throughout its institutional halls.

Kelly Ballard dealt with this challenge every time she brought her daughter, Karlee, to the Fort St. John Hospital Lab for Karlee's blood work. It got to the point where they were travelling long distances to get this work done in a lab that was more child-friendly.

So Kelly approached the FSJ Hospital Foundation to work with us to collect and donate some elements that could be added

to one of the rooms here in our hospital to help young patients like her daughter, Karlee, feel less fearful and anxious about a visit to

the lab. She gathered wall decals, a toy bin, kids' band-aids, along with a beautiful framed picture that is sure to make you smile.

These little touches have made a huge difference! They have truly helped to create an environment that soothes, entertains, distracts, and relieves some of the fears of our young patients (as well as those who are not so young!).

Who knows, maybe the next time you visit the lab at the Fort St. John Hospital, you will be fortunate enough to get your lab work done in this special room!

**A person's  
a person,  
no matter  
how small.**  
Dr. Seuss



**Pictures and Wall Decals all around!**

**Karlee with all the donations**

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### DO YOU HAVE A STORY FOR US?

Were you recently a patient of the Fort St. John Hospital? Did a staff member go above and beyond for you? Tell us about it! Whether it was a small encouragement or a gesture that made a big impact, we want to hear about your experience. Call us at 250-261-7563 or e-mail fsjhf@northernhealth.ca

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