

20 July 2016

Friends of WCH purchase \$100,000 of equipment for the hospital

The Friends of the Women's and Children's Hospital (WCH) has raised \$100,000 to purchase two pieces of medical equipment for the hospital.

The equipment includes an \$80,000 ultrasound scanning machine and a \$20,000 blood gas analysis machine.

The ultrasound scanning machine is used to help clinicians at the Women's and Hospital administer botox injections to children with muscle spasticity and cerebral palsy. The machine allows clinicians to view a child's anatomy with greater clarity than was previously possible, and therefore determine where in the body the botux is needed most.

The blood gas analysis machine is used in the hospital's Paediatric Emergency Department and allows clinicians to test blood samples on-site, instead of sending them off to a laboratory in another part of the hospital. This allows patients to be diagnosed and treated faster.

Over the past 25 years, the Friends of the WCH Inc. has donated more than \$10 million to the Women's and Children's Hospital.

"We are thrilled with our fundraising efforts and our ability to purchase important new technology for the hospital and children in South Australia," said President of Friends, Pauline Linke.

"I would like to personally thank all our members across the State who have helped raise money and encourage anyone who would like to support the important work of the WCH to consider joining our Association," Ms Linke said.

Meanwhile, the official handover of the ultrasound scanning machine and the blood gas analysis machine will take place at the Women's and Children's Hospital on Wednesday 27 July. The Friends of WCH Inc. will also use this opportunity to launch their new website (www.wchfriends.net.au).

Media opportunity

What: Official equipment handover and launch of the new Friends website

Where: Women's and Children's Hospital, 72 King William Road, North Adelaide

When: Wednesday 27 July 2016

Time: 11:00am

**** This will be the only time available to media for photo and vision opportunities****

Please note: Media to meet at the Kermode Street entrance, Women's and Children's Hospital, 72 King William Road, North Adelaide.

