

Holland Bloorview

Kids Rehabilitation Hospital Foundation

Holland Bloorview Kids Rehabilitation Hospital Foundation is committed to keeping our donors informed of concerns that arise.

It is with regret that we inform you that the Toronto Police Service has charged five people with allegedly defrauding the Bloorview School Authority of funds. The investigation and charges do not involve any current staff of the School Authority. We are shocked and saddened by this allegation of fraudulent activity at the School Authority, which is co-located within our facility.

Bloorview School Authority is a standalone corporate and legal entity, not part of Holland Bloorview Kids Rehabilitation Hospital or the Foundation. The School Authority is funded by the Ministry of Education (MOE), designated as a Section 68 School Authority, and governed by a Board approved by the MOE.

The Foundation raises funds for the Hospital and on occasion donors will designate that their donation be used for School Authority purposes. Such donations are subject to appropriate financial controls to ensure they are used as designated by the donor. The Hospital and Foundation have conducted their own internal reviews and have no reason at this time to believe that any donations have been impacted or misused, as part of this alleged fraud.

The School Authority has kept us up to date throughout the police process. We understand that School Authority staff have cooperated fully with the police and have acted quickly and appropriately in handling this matter, including taking significant steps to minimize the risk of future fraudulent activity.

To view a statement from the Director of the Bloorview School Authority on the police investigation and related charges, please see the Bloorview School Authority website at: <http://www.bloorviewschool.ca/news/index.php>

We know that our donors will find this information surprising and disappointing. We are committed to keeping you informed, but we do ask for your understanding; we may be limited in the information we can provide at this time because the matter is now before the courts.

In the meantime, we are confident in the continued high quality programming provided by the Bloorview School Authority for our clients, parents and the community.

If you have any questions or would like to inquire about your specific donation to the School Authority, please contact me directly at 416-424-3854.

Thank you,
Valerie McMurtry
President and CEO