An active community is a healthy community. Important community landmarks such as parks, sports fields and playgrounds make it easier for adults and children alike to lead a healthy, active lifestyle.

This category is for ideas that support health and well-being in your community.

Ideas submitted to this category must meet at least one of the following criteria:

- promote active healthy living through sport or activities such as: aquatics centres, splash pads, soccer fields, football fields, outdoor exercise facilities, public parks, hockey arenas, basketball courts, bike and skate facilities, equestrian, or track and field facilities, playgrounds or other shared community facilities
- support amateur sports via sports non-profit organizations that help train and develop athletes in Canada
- support experiences for youth, such as programs that help fund sports or summer camps for those who can’t afford it
- provide improved access to communities in need of additional healthcare options or equipment
- community programs that provide support to those impacted by major health/medical-related issues that affect the long term well-being of the public
- support purchase of new equipment for your community hospital or improve treatment services/facilities
- support programs that provide counseling or mental health services

2016 Grand Prize Winner:
Caleb’s Courage Fund for Pediatric Palliative Care
Cape Breton Island, NS

Caleb MacArthur was a courageous three-year-old boy who lost his battle with cancer while at the Cape Breton Regional Hospital. The Cape Breton Regional Hospital Foundation was awarded $100,000 for the Caleb’s Courage campaign, which aims to transform the Oncology Palliative Care Pediatrics room at the hospital. The transformation will transition the institutional room into a bright superhero-themed room, where families can stay and feel at home. The room will include an accessible washroom as well as a new bariatric bed, which will allow parents to sleep next to their children. The room will also honor Caleb and his courage.

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