

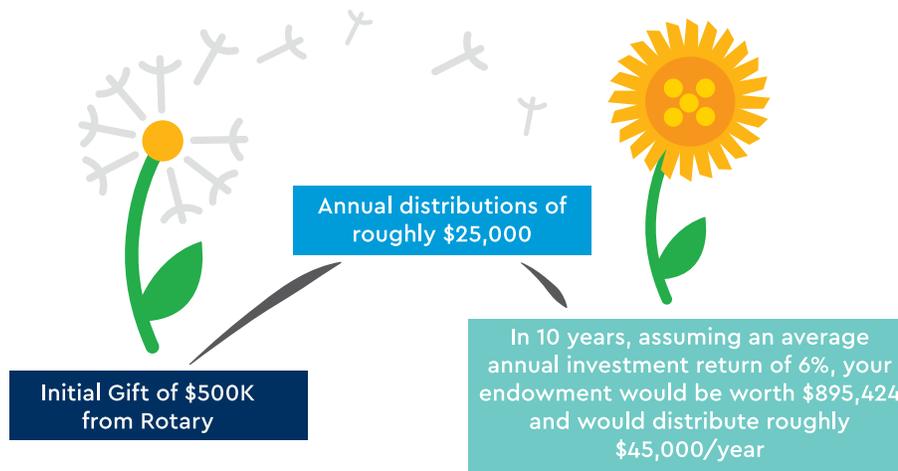
Who are pediatric mental health fellows and what do they do at Children's Hospital Colorado?



Pediatric mental health fellows have completed their doctoral degree in medicine or psychology and are seeking advanced training in child psychiatry or psychology.

What is a pediatric mental health fellowship?

A pediatric mental health fellowship is a training program that exposes early-career doctors to clinical rotations across Children's Hospital Colorado, including in emergency psychiatry, consultation and integrated care with medical specialty teams, inpatient psychiatric care, and outpatient psychotherapy and medication management.



Why are pediatric mental health fellows important?

- **They increase access to care:** During their fellowship, pediatric mental health fellows see patients, increasing the number of kids that we are able to support at Children's Colorado and decreasing the amount of time that kids have to wait to be seen.
- **They reach kids within and beyond the walls of our hospital:** Pediatric mental health fellows are the future of our state's mental health workforce —some will continue their careers at Children's Colorado, some will serve in other health care and community settings around our region, and some will go into private practice to continue serving kids and families.
- **They are actively involved in research:** Fellows improve existing treatments, evaluate screening tools, identify risk factors and build predictive models, and discover novel therapies. Their discoveries will become tomorrow's standard of care.

What are the funds from the Rotary endowed fellowship used for?

- Fellows receive a modest salary that is supported by Children's Colorado and the University of Colorado. Funds from the endowed fellowship will be used to enhance our fellows' training, for example:
 - **Mentor support:** Our fellows benefit from having access to mental health experts who have decades of experience seeing and treating pediatric patients. Fellowship funds cover the time that our more senior doctors spend teaching and mentoring the next generation of child psychiatrists and psychologists.
 - **Travel funds:** Fellows will benefit from support to attend academic conferences where they can compare notes with peers at other institutions and learn from leading experts in child psychiatry/psychology.
 - **Research support:** Fellows will be given time to investigate the problems that they have identified in the clinic or at the bedside and develop new ways of preventing, identifying, and treating mental illness, along with improving the overall health and resiliency of children with mental and medical diagnoses.

