

Newsletter of the Chinook Regional Hospital Foundation

GIVING MATTERS

HEARTFELT SUCCESS: 2023 CARE FROM THE HEART DAY AND RADIO-A-THON RAISES OVER \$260,000

The 2023 Care From the Heart Day and Radio-a-thon proved to be a remarkable success, raising a staggering \$260,000 in support of the Chinook Regional Hospital. This achievement was made possible by the unwavering support of six local radio stations, including 94.1 CJOC, KiSS107.7, Wild 95.5FM, B-93 FM, 106.7 ROCK and 98.1 2Day FM, all of which played a vital role in broadcasting the event live.

Listeners tuned in on Thursday, February 8th, from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., as the radio stations united to rally the community to back the outstanding care provided by Chinook Regional Hospital. Interviews with past patients, medical staff, volunteers, and generous donors were featured throughout the day, highlighting the critical importance of supporting local healthcare. They urged the community to participate in the event by calling, going online, or visiting the hospital to make a heartfelt contribution.

The enduring support of Lethbridge's radio stations proved to be instrumental in the success of Care From the Heart Day, showcasing a truly unprecedented and precious commitment.

Thanks to continuous innovations in surgery, imaging, medicine, and other fields, Chinook Regional Hospital has evolved into an institution that the community knows

and trusts. The reality is that, at some point in our lives, we are all likely to rely on the services provided by the hospital. Investing in our community's healthcare is paramount to ensuring that top-notch healthcare professionals, state-of-the-art equipment, and a trusted facility are readily available to care for our most beloved family members.

Bob Balog, a long-time friend of the Chinook Regional Hospital Foundation and the Honorary Chair of the event, expressed his profound honour in leading Care From the Heart Day for the 13th year. Like countless others, the Balog family has personally benefited from the exceptional staff and expertise of the Chinook Regional Hospital. They have witnessed firsthand the incredible compassion and care provided in Lethbridge and are immensely proud of how the hospital responded to the challenges of the pandemic. Bob Balog emphasized the importance of maintaining this level of service in the community, and his involvement is a testament to his commitment to this cause.

Karen Raphael, Chair of the Chinook Regional Hospital Foundation, underscored the significance of Care From the Heart Day, stating, "Your donation will expand the areas of care we can provide and bring new equipment, technologies, and expertise. You are keeping world-class healthcare close to home. What an incredible gift to your friends, family, and neighbours."

Supporting the Chinook Regional Hospital Foundation is not just an investment in the community's health; it is an investment in your health and the well-being of your loved ones. The generosity and dedication of the community have once again demonstrated the incredible impact that can be achieved when hearts come together for a common cause.

"The Balog family, just like yours, has benefited from the exceptional staff and expertise of the Chinook Regional Hospital. Like so many of you, we have seen firsthand the great compassion and wonderful care available here in Lethbridge."

BOB BALOG



STRETCHING INTO THE FUTURE

COMMUNITY DONORS TRANSFORM PATIENT CARE WITH STATE-OF-THE-ART TREATMENT STRETCHERS

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SHERRI ODLAND

From emergency rooms to in-patient units and all the hallways in between, the trusty stretchers at the Chinook Regional Hospital have seen it all.

Now, thanks to the incredible generosity of the Chinook Regional Hospital Foundation and its amazing donors, patients of CRH will travel the halls in new, state-of-the-art surgical stretchers that are more than just a resting place — they are easy to maneuver and provide optimal comfort.

“Having new, reliable equipment is essential for patient safety and for us as staff to ensure positive outcomes,” says Victoria Trautman, Registered Nurse (RN).

“We’ve secured eight of these new stretchers that will ensure patients are safely transported within our facility. They are much easier to transport patients because they are more maneuverable than our in-patient beds. They are much lighter and responsive.”

For patients, these upgraded stretchers are more than a safe and comfortable place to land. They are used in a variety of ways including as the main patient assessment space within certain departments (like Emergency), for day procedures and for transportation.

“The acquisition of these state-of-the-art stretchers goes beyond the hospital walls – it’s a direct investment in the wellbeing of our community,” says Sherri Odland, Development Officer. “These stretchers, made possible by the generosity of our donors, will undoubtedly impact lives for years to come, ensuring that each patient

receives the highest quality of care possible.

“We’re not just upgrading equipment; we’re enhancing community health.”

Medical staff have seen a notable improvement in their work efficiency and effectiveness. The innovative gurneys are significantly more maneuverable and responsive, for smoother transport. And healthcare workers no longer need to rely on heavy in-patient beds for moving patients — there’s something lighter and more agile to use.

“Many of the stretchers within our facility had reached their end of life,” continues Trautman. “We could no longer obtain parts for them. This acquisition has allowed the retirement of outdated stretchers and ensured patients are transported using reliable equipment.”

This investment made by the Chinook Regional Hospital Foundation and its donors goes far beyond the walls of our healthcare facility — it reverberates throughout the community. These stretchers, an integral part of our patient care, are more than a replacement for outdated equipment, it’s a symbol of the Foundation’s dedication to the health of our families, friends and neighbours.

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TURIN 4-H CLUB DONATION

In a heartwarming display of community spirit, the Turin 4H club, led by a remarkable group of children, joined hands with generous community members to present an incredible donation to the Chinook Regional Hospital's Cancer Centre. On November 3, a \$53,000 cheque was handed over, a testament to the dedication and compassion of these young philanthropists.

This significant contribution was made in tribute to the memory of Marlene Stroeve and Craig Sosick, esteemed figures in the Picture Butte community. Their legacy lives on through the positive impact of this donation to the Cancer Centre.

The children's fundraising initiative was both innovative and impactful. One family

took the initiative to raise a lamb, which was then featured in an auction where community members purchased and generously donated it back. This cycle continued, with the lamb being re-auctioned multiple times. The funds amassed from this unique fundraiser empowered the children to make thoughtful decisions about supporting various charities.

This heartening story not only underscores the power of community collaboration but also highlights the altruistic spirit of the next generation. The Turin 4H club's dedication to making a difference serves as an inspiration, demonstrating that even the smallest acts of kindness can result in significant positive change.

BLADDER SCANNER

Enhancing patient care on 4A with the convenience of on-unit scanners – saving time, ensuring safe, quality care. The sleek, user-friendly design and easy cleaning of these new scanners have brought cheers from staff members, making a positive impact for both patients and healthcare providers.



Last year Chinook Regional Hospital Foundation disbursed more than 1.2 million dollars in support of state-of-the-art healthcare equipment, vital programs and special projects.

AREAS OF SUPPORT INCLUDED:

- Acute Care
- Addiction and Mental Health
- Ambulatory
- Cardio Respiratory
- COVID Units
- Day Procedures
- Diagnostic Imaging
- Emergency Department
- Gastroenterology
- Indigenous Health
- Inpatient Units
- Intensive Care Unit
- Labour and Delivery
- Nutrition Services
- Medicine
- Out Patients
- Pediatrics
- Pharmacy
- Rehab Medicine
- Surgery
- Volunteer Resources

A MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAIR, KAREN RAPHAEL GIVING MATTERS FROM OUR LEADERSHIP TEAM

We wanted to express our heartfelt gratitude to all those who have been on the front lines, providing exceptional healthcare services. Your dedication and support have been nothing short of remarkable, and we are truly thankful for your unwavering commitment.

At the Chinook Regional Hospital Foundation, we have been working tirelessly to adapt and pivot our programs and services to meet the evolving needs created by the pandemic. Our primary focus remains on ensuring the best possible patient services, raising funds, and distributing them for equipment and programs that enhance healthcare in our region.

We are immensely proud of the results your generous gifts have achieved. We're pleased to share that 100% of the funds stay within our community, and the majority of these resources are reinvested to ensure excellent healthcare is available for all those in Southern Alberta who rely on it. We want to extend our heartfelt thanks to

everyone who has contributed to our mission, either through donations or by volunteering their time. Your generosity and commitment to our community are the driving force behind our success, and we couldn't do it without you.

To stay updated on our latest news, initiatives, and upcoming events, we invite you to explore our website at www.crhfoundation.ca. We are excited to share the latest developments and initiatives that will further enhance healthcare in our region.

Thank you once again for your unwavering support and dedication to our mission. Together, we will continue to make a meaningful impact on healthcare services in Southern Alberta.

The Chinook Regional Hospital Foundation is a charitable organization dedicated exclusively to raising and accepting funds to support the priorities of the Chinook Regional Hospital and Alberta Health Services in Lethbridge and Southern Alberta.

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GREAT WAYS TO GIVE

BECOME A MONTHLY DONOR

Automatic payments from your credit card are convenient and save you the time and money it takes to mail in donations. At the end of the year, you'll be surprised by how your contributions and tax credits have added up, while providing a stable and reliable source of funding for the Chinook Regional Hospital.

HONOUR A LOVED ONE

A gift made in honour of a family member or friend is a special and unique way to pay tribute to them or their memory, or to celebrate a milestone occasion such as a birthday or wedding. Caring Heart Tribute funds can be viewed at www.crhfoundation.ca.

GIVE THE GIFT OF SECURITIES

Save a significant amount of money at tax time by donating securities, such as publicly traded shares and mutual funds, even if you have a capital loss!

MAKE A LEGACY GIFT

Consider leaving a gift in your will to the Chinook Regional Hospital. All contributions, whether modest or grand, are pooled together to have great impact on patient care in our hospital, benefitting the health and wellbeing of our community. For more information, email: info@crhfoundation.ca.

LOG ONTO OUR WEBSITE

Visit www.crhfoundation.ca for the latest news, to make a secure donation and for more information on how you can support the healthcare of our community!

CARE FROM THE HEART DAY

Thursday, February 8th, 2024

VAL MATTEOTTI ITALIAN OPEN

August 14th, 2024

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

November 20th, 2024

CHINOOK 50/50 LOTTO

Every Two Weeks

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