

# Brandon Regional Health Centre *Foundation* Winter 2018

# JOIN US AT OUR ANNUAL PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Join us on Friday, December 7, for our Annual Pancake Breakfast in the gym of the Nurses Residence at the BRHC. Delicious pancakes with all the trimmings will be served from 7-10 a.m. by Crocus Plains Culinary Arts program students. Entertainment (from 8:15-8:45) will be provided by the Crocus Plains Girls' Choir, under the direction of Deanna Ginn.

Tickets are \$10, and proceeds will help to purchase the gifts that have been carefully selected for our "**Under the Tree of Lights**" campaign: a phototherapy light (reducing high bilirubin levels that cause jaundice in newborns) for the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, a warming cabinet for blankets for the Western MB Cancer Centre and a Hover Jack/Matt (chambers inflate sequentially to lift patients from floor to bed or stretcher height) for 400 Medicine.



For more information, or to reserve tickets, call 204-578-4227

For **FREE** parking in the BRHC visitor parking lot - **bring** the parking stub you receive when entering the lot and we will give you an exit ticket to be used **with** your stub to exit for free.

## 28th ANNUAL GALA DINNER & DANCE

The 2018 Gala Committee hosted a Venetian Masked Gala on September 29, the 28th Annual Dinner event. Many of the 275 guests in attendance wore masks or enjoyed the masks provided at each table. Gala-goers enjoyed a photo booth, gournet meal with

background music provided by Ron Paley, prizes, live and silent auction items, and dancing the night away to the music of the Ron Paley Band.

This community-based volunteer committee worked tirelessly for almost a year to provide a special evening of fun and fundraising.

The success of this event is due only to the support we receive from our community. Thank you to everyone who made Gala 2018 another resounding success!



Gala Committee 2018 (L-R): Dr. Savitri Ramaya, Barb Webber (Chair), Kelly Lumbard, Meredyth Leech, Dr. Kelby Treloar, Dr. Carina Kaiser, (Missing: Nikki Maduke, Jenn Shields, Kyla Creighton, Brett Kennedy, and Friends of the Committee Tiffany Butler and Ruchi Chawla)

## "RANDY'S CUT FOR CANCER"

The Foundation would like to thank Randy and Michelle Kaskiw, and the Wheat City Lions, for the incredible initiative created and completed with the "Randy's Cut For Cancer" fundraiser.

An end of an era...after 30 years...Randy cut his hair. \$14,000 was raised for the Foundation, directed to the Western MB Cancer Centre, *and* he donated his hair for the creation of a wig. On July 14, at Hair at the Lake (Sandy Lake), Debbie Noonan was pleased to complete the fundraiser by shaving Randy's head.



Thank you to all who supported this unique initiative!

Anyone who would like to plan a "Third party event" and direct the proceeds to Foundation is welcome to contact the office at 204-578-4227.



Randy & Michelle before and after "Randy's Cut for Cancer"

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# THIRD PARTY FUNDRAISERS

#### **CARING FOR KIDS RADIOTHON**

The Caring for Kids Brandon Radiothon, presented by the Children's Hospital Foundation of MB, was held April 19, at Sunrise Credit Union on Bell Media stations 96.1 BOB FM and 101.1 The Farm. From 6 am to 6 pm, donations were raised for the greatest areas of need for the Children's Hospital of Winnipeg and the Maternal/Child areas at the BRHC. Stories of hope and courage were shared from children, families, supporters, and community members as our community worked together to help sick children. Special thanks to Carson Buhr and his family for their tireless efforts and outstanding donation.

This year, \$15,000 was raised for the Foundation for the purchase of a Vein Finder for Maternal/Child Areas at the BRHC. Thank you to everyone who supported Radiothon 2018.

Lucas Hopkins of Biomedical Electronics with the Vein Finder (inset shows the vein image)

#### **PINKEST OWL**

Proceeds of \$10,000 from the 2017 Pinkest Owl Golf Tournament was presented to the Foundation's Board Chair (2017-2018), Linda Noto, at the 2018 event on June 9. Targeted for the Western MB Cancer Centre's Patient Support Fund, this donation will help BRHC cancer patients pay non-funded extra costs that may arise during treatment.

To date, this "pretty in pink" group have contributed almost \$60,000 "fore" the Foundation. Thank you to the event organizers, participants, and sponsors, for helping us make a difference in the healthcare of all served by the BRHC.

(L-R): Organizing Committee members Stacie Popien, Cheryle Roscoe, Shauna Danyluk, Julie Genaille, Cora Lea Baker and Carla Richardson with the Foundation's Linda Noto (Missing from photo: Myrna Barabash and Jill Twordik)

#### **12 HOUR BOOT CAMP**

The Stacy Dittmer 12 Hour Boot Camp fundraiser, held outdoors on September 22, from 6 am to 6 pm, was a show of strength and support! \$7,100 was raised for the Western MB Cancer Centre in honour of Alice Calvert.

Stacy's cheerfulness and enthusiasm were key ingredients to the incredible success of this event. She stated, "I am so proud of our community for pulling together for a great cause. And in support of a great person".

(L) Alice Calvert with Stacy Dittmer

The Foundation sincerely thanks everyone who supported this fundraiser - despite the incredibly cold weather that day!



#### **RIVERVIEW CURLING CLUB - SWEEPING CANCER FROM OUR HOUSE**

The 5th annual "Sweeping Cancer from our House" event was held November 17 to 19, 2017, at the Riverview Curling Club (RCC). 24 teams enjoyed a great day of curling and fun with event proceeds of \$5,459 donated to the Foundation, for the Western Manitoba Cancer Centre's (WMCC) Patient Support Fund. This fund is available for cancer patients who experience financial challenges while undergoing treatment.

This donation brings the total donated to the Patient Support Fund to an incredible \$33,950 from this event. Thank you to the RCC and to everyone who participated for their "sweeping" support!

(L-R): Cindy Buizer -Foundation Executive Director, Corina Epp - Event Chair, Chris Church - Ice Committee, Ellicia Duce - Donation Chair, with Treena Slate - WMCC Care Team Manager

#### KIWANIS CLUB OF BRANDON - ASSINIBOINE

The Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at the BRHC now has a full sized refrigerator for breast milk storage thanks to a wonderful \$5,100 donation to the Foundation from the Kiwanis Club of Brandon – Assiniboine. The high number of babies requiring care in this special unit has resulted in the need for a larger fridge. Thank you to this wonderful community group for their ongoing commitment to the healthcare needs of children in our community.



(L-R): Norma Lowe, Tammy Turner - Maternal/Child Care Team Manager, Patti Willson, Cindy Buizer - Foundation Executive Director, Bob Dennis and Hillary Baker

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#### **KHARTUM SHRINERS BRANDON PIPES AND DRUMS**

The Foundation sends a drum roll of thanks to the Khartum Shriners Brandon Pipes and Drums for their donation of \$5,000, targeted for the Maternal/Child Departments at the BRHC.

This group has been sharing the beautiful music of the pipes and drums since 1978 and have unfortunately disbanded and disposed of their funds. Although this marks an end, this gift will benefit sick children in Brandon for many years to come.

(L-R): Tammy Turner - Maternal/Child Care Team Manager and Cindy Buizer - Foundation Executive Director, receive the cheque from Khartum Shriners Brandon Pipes and Drums representatives Randy MacDonald and Charlie Duguid



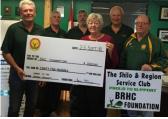


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#### SHILO & REGION SERVICE CLUB

On September 8, The Shilo & Region Service Club hosted their Inaugural 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Shilo & Region Service Club Charity Open Golf Tournament. 23 teams of four enjoyed a hot breakfast, a great day of golf, barbecue supper, and fabulous prizes. Thank you to the organizers and to everyone who participated!

The proceeds in the amount of \$3,500 were donated to the Foundation, designated to the Maternal/ Child Departments at the BRHC.





# Thank you to the Optimist Club of Brandon for their donation of \$3,000 for the Maternal/Child Departments at the BRHC. This donation will purchase three temporal thermometers (non-invasive, forehead thermometers). As well, an assortment of toys/puzzles/games/activities will be purchased as these items can no longer be shared due to infection control standards. Sick children play/use these items at the bedside and take them home with them.

Larry Sage, President of the Optimist Club of Brandon, presents the cheque to Cindy Buizer, Foundation Executive Director

#### VISION TRAVEL BRANDON

Vision Travel Brandon and Oceana Cruises hosted "Moments that Matter", a Travel and Trunk Show, on May 23rd. More than 45 women attended who were transported to faraway places to learn how they can embrace their passion for travel with Oceania Cruises. Bella Balas, a Winnipeg designer, featured a fashion show with their versatile yet stylish clothing worn by vivacious local models! New Beginnings had a gorgeous display of product and shared their support of cancer and mastectomy women. Zeke's Jewellers put on the sparkle with their Hillberg and Berk line.



Women supporting women and enjoying each other was the flow of the evening, and the result of the evening was a total donation of \$1,580 to the Foundation for the Western MB Cancer Centre.

Marlene Kirton, Vision Travel (R) presents event proceeds to Cindy Buizer, Foundation Executive Director



#### **BASELINE DRAGWAY**

The Foundation is honoured to be the recipient of proceeds, in the amount of \$1,000, for the Palliative Care Unit at the BRHC, from the Baseline Drag Racing 1/8 mile memorial event held in memory of Bill Osadchuk. The event was scheduled for July 21 and 22, however, rain cancelled the second day. The event attracted 70 cars, racing enthusiasts and spectators and included a race in Bill's memory.

Thank you to everyone who supported this event and made this donation possible.

Track owner, Henry Lepp, presents the cheque to Foundation Assistant, Gail Janz

#### KINETTE CLUB OF BRANDON

Thank you to the Kinette Club of Brandon, in partnership with the Kinsmen Club, for the donation of \$1,000 to the Foundation for the Identified Needs Fund, that will be used for the purchase of equipment "wherever it is needed most" at the BRHC.

This donation represents proceeds from their "Chase the Ace" fundraiser, held weekly at the Double Decker, from December 2017 to June 2018. Our community will benefit from this "Chase"!

Cathy Slezak - President, and Susan Dobson, Vice President, Kinette Club of Brandon presents the cheque to Cindy Buizer, Foundation Executive Director (middle)



#### **RIVERHEIGHTS SCHOOL YOUTH REVOLUTION STUDENTS**

The Riverheights School Youth Revolution (YR) students held a "We Bake for Change" bake sale this February. Students baked and accepted donations of tasty goodies from the school community. Items were sold for \$.25 or \$.50 each and \$600 was raised! The students then chose to donate the \$ to the Foundation for the Pediatrics Department at the BRHC.

Thank you to everyone who supported this tasty, creative, fundraiser.

YR students, along with their teacher leader Tammy Tutkaluk, presented their cheque to Cindy Buizer, Foundation Executive Director and Tammy Turner, Maternal/Child Care Team Manager



# **MESSAGE FROM THE BRHC FOUNDATION CHAIR**



As I begin my term as Chair of the Brandon Regional Health Centre Foundation Board of Directors, I am excited to continue with the work of the Foundation. We extend sincere thanks to Linda Noto, our outgoing Chair, for her enthusiastic leadership over the past two years.

I joined the Foundation Board in 2011, following my retirement from the Brandon RHA. As an employee of the RHA, I was well aware of the important work the Foundation was doing to support the delivery of quality healthcare and wanted to be part of that. It has been a very rewarding experience. The Board feels honoured to be entrusted with the donations we receive – the generosity of our donors has resulted in the acquisition of equipment being used throughout BRHC, as well as making possible special projects such as Murray House and the "Room for Renewal" project. We take special pride that all the donations we receive remain in our community and we thank you for your support.

Peggy Turnbull, Foundation Chair (2018 - 2020)

#### **BRHC FOUNDATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The mission of the Brandon Regional Health Centre Foundation is to raise funds to support healthcare needs in the regional community. A Board of Directors, consisting of up to 13 volunteer community members and the Ex-Officio of the BRHC, are responsible for the governance of the Foundation.

The 2018 - 2019 Board would like to introduce themselves and take this opportunity to thank you for your ongoing support. They look forward to meeting you at the Pancake Breakfast on December 7.

Back row (L-R): Glen Kirkland, Lisa Andrew (Secretary/Treasurer), Scott Kirk (Ex-Officio BRHC), Stacie Popien, Stacy Senkbeil, Joanne Campbell and Kathy Ward

Front row (L-R): David Kowal, Peggy Turnbull (Chair), Jamie Thomas (Vice-Chair) and Claudia Nohr. (Missing: Perry Roque)





# **CONTINUES TO SUPPORT**

Cliff Cullen of Glenboro, was the lucky winner of our 2018 WestJet "Spring



into Summer" raffle, in the photo receiving his prize from the Foundation's Board Chair (2017 - 2018), Linda Noto. On May 31, Linda made the draw in the BRHC Atrium for the return flight for two anywhere WestJet flies.

The \$6,030 raised will be used for the purchase of equipment for the Maternal/Child Departments at the BRHC.

Many thanks to WestJet for their generous, ongoing support, and to everyone who supported this raffle.

Tickets are now on sale for our Winter 2018 Gift of Flight WestJet raffle. The draw date is December 20th at 2:00 pm in the BRHC atrium - just in time for Christmas!





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Memorialize or honour someone special this <sup>40</sup> holiday season! For a minimum \$15 donation

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