



# Brandon Regional Health Centre Foundation

## TREE OF LIGHTS

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Donations will be used to purchase:

#1—Cataract surgical tray  
(OR) \$9,629

#2 Oxygen blenders (NICU)  
\$8,624

#3 Sorrento Chair x2 (300  
Surgery) \$8,950

Due to the ongoing Covid 19 situation we have made the difficult decision to cancel the annual pancake breakfast. Thank you to all who have supported us in the past and we hope to celebrate in December 2021.

Although we cannot meet to enjoy food, music and decoration we will launch the Tree of Lights campaign on December 1, 2020.

You can memorialize or honour someone special this holiday season!

For a minimum \$15 donation (tax receipt issued) the Foundation will:

- ◆ Hang a personalized tag in memory or honour of a loved one on the “Tree of Lights” located in the BRHC atrium.
- ◆ Turn on the lights on the evergreens that are located in the traffic loop at BRHC.



## 30th ANNUAL GALA DINNER & DANCE

As a result of Covid 19 the 30th annual Gala dinner and dance had to be cancelled this year. In its place the Gala committee opted to run the No Go Gala—All Dressed Up with No where to Go ~ a social media/print campaign aimed at raising funds for the Stay Within Reach room renovation project.

This project involves renovation of rooms dedicated for use by parents of newborns requiring extended stay in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit. The rooms located in the nurses residence allow moms easy access back to baby while giving them a place to retreat for some rest.

The rooms are in need of some updating and the project includes redecorating existing bedrooms and bathrooms as well as the development of a dedicated kitchenette and lounge.

The 30th annual Gala raised over \$30,000 toward this project. The success would not have been possible without the generous support received from our community.

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## *With Sincere Appreciation to Our Donors*

### **THE DOCK GIVE UP THE GREEN**

In February and March of this year The Dock hosted its annual Give up the Green campaign in support of the BRHC Foundation and Murray House.

Partnered with Murray Chevrolet, Murray Chrysler and Marshall Motors the proceeds raised from this event totaled \$1,923.00.

Thank you to the Dock on Princess and everyone who participated in Giving up the Green!

*Jody Mead of The Dock presents the cheque to Kim Wallis Foundation Executive Director*



### **SHILO AND REGION SERVICE CLUB**

Thank you to the Shilo and Region Service Club who once again supported the foundation with a generous donation of \$3,500 toward equipment purchases for the pediatric unit at BRHC.

Despite not being able to host their annual golf tournament fundraiser due to Covid 19, the Shilo and Region Service Club members continue to support the Foundation and we want to extend sincere thanks to all the club members.!

Jerry Sayer of the Shilo and Region Service club presenting Tammy Turner, Care Team Manager of Maternal Child with the cheque.



### **FAMILY OF MARK ELLIS**

The BRHC Foundation was honored to receive a generous donation from Harry & Connie Ellis, Stacey Lane, Kari Ellis and Amy Bell in memory of their son and brother Mark Ellis.

Mark was a respiratory therapist at BRHC from 2007 until the time of his passing earlier this year and will be missed by everyone who knew him.

All proceeds from the support efforts initiated during Mark's battle with cancer by his friends, colleagues and family will be used to replace furniture in the West Atrium of the health centre.

Thank you to the Ellis family for this lasting tribute to Mark.



*Pictured is Mark Ellis*

### **SANDRA SCHMIRLER FOUNDATION**

The BRHC Foundation was the recipient of the generous support of the Sandra Schmirler Foundation and the Arden Curling Club.

A grant in the sum of \$10,000 was presented to the foundation for use in our Neonatal Intensive Care unit. The donation was used to purchase two (2) phototherapy lights which will be used to treat jaundice in our neonatal patients.

(L-R) Lois Fowler, Sandra Schmirler Foundation Rep, Jamie Thomas BRHC Foundation Chair and Kayla Hunter of the Arden Curling Club



### **SPRING CAMPAIGN A SUCCESS**

Thank you to all our supporters of the 2020 Spring Campaign. With your help we raised \$23,365.00 which will be used to purchase 3 Air Comfort mattresses. These specialty mattresses will help patients in BRHC to prevent pressure sores.

The total for this purchase is \$15,590 with the remaining funds being placed in our identified needs to assist in the area of greatest need.

Thank you to everyone who supported our Spring Campaign.



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### **WAWANESA INSURANCE DONATES TO COVID RELIEF**

Wawanesa Insurance, along with its employees and broker partners donated toward the purchase of iPads to be used by the patients at BRHC. These iPads were instrumental in allowing patients to maintain contact with family and friends during Covid visitor restrictions.

The company donated \$5,000 and then matched employee contributions through their *Caring Together* initiative for an additional \$1,200.

Thank you to Wawanesa Insurance, your employees and broker partners for your support. For more info about *Caring Together*, visit [www.wawanesa.com/caringtogether](http://www.wawanesa.com/caringtogether).



### **NIFTY NEEDLERS**

A huge Foundation thank you to the Nifty Needlers for once again choosing us as the recipient of your annual donation.



This group of ladies have been supporting the Foundation for a number of years. Although the Covid situation has impacted on their ability to raffle off one of their beautiful quilts we are honored that they thought of us once again.

*Scott Kirk –Director Acute Care BRHC and Kim Wallis Executive Director BRHC Foundation accept the cheque from Barb Walker Nifty Needlers treasurer*

### **NATIONAL LEMONADE DAY**

August 20th is National Lemonade Day and Surie age 7 & Briar age 5 hosted their 4th annual lemonade stand. These hard working young ladies raise funds for a local charity and this year the BRHC Foundation No Go Gala was honored to be the recipient of the proceeds.

These young ladies, with the help of younger brother Nate (1) donated \$100 to the Room within Reach Campaign to provide a comfortable place for mom's with babies in our NICU.

Thank you very much for your donation and Way to Go on your hard work!

(L-R) Briar, Surie and Nate at their lemonade stand



### **DR. HO AND DR. YAM**

The Centre for Adult Psychiatry and Centre for Geriatric Psychiatry were the recipients of a \$10,020.00 donation made by Dr. K. Ho and Dr. C. Yam. Their generosity will support the inpatient mental health needs in our facility.

Thank you Dr. Ho and Dr. Yam.

## ***In Loving Memory***

Your gift in memory of a loved one will help others as together we work to enhance quality health care.

The Brandon Regional Health Centre Foundation receives donations in memory of loved ones and friends throughout the year. These gifts may be designated to any area of the Brandon Regional Health Centre, or the gift can go to our Identified Needs fund which is used where it is needed the most.

We send our condolences to the families and thank them for designating the BRHC Foundation as recipient of memorial donations. A Tribute list of those being memorialized is available on our website. Our tribute list (donations made in memory/honor of loved ones) can be found on our website.



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## Message from our Chairman

### JAMIE THOMAS CHAIR

Jamie Thomas began his term as Chair of the BRHC Foundation Board on September 17, 2020.

Jamie was born in Winnipeg but grew up in Brandon after moving to the city with his family when he was 5 years old. He has worked as an Investment Advisor with BMO Nesbitt Burns since September 2010 after spending 19 years in the public accounting profession. After graduating from the University of Winnipeg in 1990, he received his Certified General Accountants designation in 1997 and was awarded the Fellowship distinction from CGA Canada in 2008. He was an original founding partner in the Western Canada based accounting firm Duncan Sabine Collyer Partners, LLP where he practiced until July 2010.

Jamie has always been active in the community serving on the Board of Directors for CGA Manitoba and was the president of the provincial association in 2009/2010. He also served on the Professional Liability Insurance committee for CGA Canada, is a former member of the Kinsmen Club of Brandon and has volunteered for numerous sporting committees and events in Brandon. Jamie was nominated to the BRHC Foundation in September 2014 and has served as Treasurer and Vice Chair in his six years on the board to date.

Jamie lives in Brandon with his spouse Colleen and in his spare time enjoys being active in many different sports and outdoor activities and is happiest socializing with family and friends.



## Meet the Foundation Vice Chair



Joanne Campbell has assumed the role of Vice Chair of the BRHC Foundation Board as of the AGM in September 2020.

Joanne is a 35 year resident of Brandon and is a retired teacher, having taught in the Brandon School division for 32 years. She has volunteered on the Brandon University Board and served as Chairman of the board for The Counselling Centre.

In her free time, she enjoys, baking, reading, and crocheting.

Joanne has served on the BRHC Foundation Board for the last 4 years and is looking forward to her term as Vice Chair.

## Meet the Foundation Office Staff

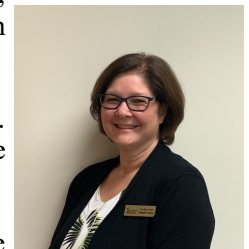


With the retirement of Cindy Buizer and Gail Janz from the Foundation Office we have some new faces to introduce to you.

Kim Wallis assumed the role of Executive Director in July. Kim comes to the Foundation following a 30 year career in nursing at BRHC. Her career included bedside nursing, Clinical Resource and Educator experience as well as 10 years as Care Team Manager of the Ambulatory Care areas.

Jo-Anne Lewis took on the role of Foundation Assistance in May following 30 years with BRHC. Jo-Anne worked in many departments within the health centre with her final 15 being as the Program Assistant of Ambulatory Care.

Kim and Jo-Anne are pleased to be able to move their successful working relationship to the Foundation and look forward to working with the Board and all of our supporters.



### ***Mission:***

**To raise funds to support healthcare needs**

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