



Brandon Regional Health Centre Foundation

2020 SPRING CAMPAIGN

With the uncertain times we have recently experienced, the BRHC Foundation recognizes the impact this has had on our donors, their loved ones, and our community. This Spring newsletter is intended to share some good news about activities and donations that we have had the pleasure to be a part of over the fall and winter.

This year, we are targeting the Spring Campaign donations toward the purchase of three specialized air mattresses. These mattresses allow for greater comfort, enhanced circulation, and will play a role in preventing ailments related to extended bed rest. They would be used throughout the facility; the cost is \$15,590. If you prefer, you may direct your donation to the area of highest need - the Identified Needs fund. For your convenience, you may call the Foundation office at 204-578-4227 to make a donation, or to set up an appointment to come to the office in person.

The coronavirus pandemic placed a tremendous strain on our healthcare system and we are needing the support from our community now more than ever. If you are able to support our Campaign this year, we thank you so very much.

Have a great summer!

WITH SINCERE APPRECIATION

THANK YOU TO BRANDON'S CANADIAN TIRE - LOCAL SUPPORTING LOCAL



Brandon's Canadian Tire Dealer/Owners Jim and Karen Crighton recently displayed their ongoing support to local healthcare with their annual donation of \$100,000. This year's donation arrived earlier than usual as the COVID-19 situation in our world became a healthcare reality in our community.

"I believe healthcare can be taken for granted until you or a loved one really needs our health professionals to take care of us. Having local healthcare

is important, it allows you, friends, and family, to support your loved one. If there is no local opportunity for specific healthcare needs, patients are required to go out of town, or at times, out of province, that adds another layer of stress and financial hardship. In a small way, I see what we are doing is assisting in the health of our staff and community who support us every day. I would further say that this is in recognition and a sincere thank you to all of the healthcare workers at BRHC for what they have done and continue to do every day, no matter the challenge. To everyone in healthcare, please accept my very humble thank you", says Jim.



Past donations from the Crightons have been directed to the Western MB Cancer Centre, were used for the purchase of additional orthopedic equipment trays to increase the number of joint surgeries, and to purchase two specialized beds for the Intensive Care Unit. Planning is underway to direct this year's generous donation from the Crightons toward something that will make a difference for patients at the BRHC.

Local supporting local benefits everyone in our community and this spirit of sharing and caring has made a tremendous difference at the Brandon Regional Health Centre.

A big Foundation thank you to Jim and Karen for their amazing support.



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2019 GALA PROCEEDS

The 2019 Gala Committee is thrilled to share that proceeds from the September 28 event were \$78,652.00!!!!

Several pieces of equipment have been selected from the BRHC equipment needs list including two portable RO systems and carts for Dialysis, a Qube Rover monitor with stand for the Emergency Department, a phototherapy light for the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, a blood fluid warmer for the Intensive Care Unit, and three thermometers for the Outpatient Care Unit. These items will make a tremendous difference at our hospital!

Thank you to everyone who attended and supported the 29th annual fundraiser. You have made a difference-right here in Brandon!!



(L-R) Nikki Maduke, Kyla Creighton, Kelly Lumbard, Dr. Savitri Ramaya, Lawrie Hammersley, Jenn Shields-Gala Committee Chair, Meredyth Leech with Peggy Turnbull-Foundation Board Chair (Missing: Joanne Campbell, Dr. Carina Kaiser, Nicky Norosky and Robbie Zetariuk)

With Sincere Appreciation to Our Donors



"HOLIDAY AROUND THE WORLD" 2019 RAFFLE WINNER

Congratulations to Robin Davis of Brandon, the holder of ticket number #0478 and lucky winner of our 2019 WestJet "Holiday Around the World" winter fundraising raffle, drawn in the atrium on December 19th.

Proceeds of \$7,160 will be used for the purchase of equipment for the Maternal/Child areas at the BRHC. Many thanks to WestJet for their generous, ongoing support, and to everyone who supported this successful fundraiser.



(L-R) Peggy Turnbull - Foundation Board Chair, Robin Davis with her prize, with Shannon Saltarelli - WestJet Brandon Manager

"SPRING INTO SUMMER" 2019 RAFFLE WINNER



Correction: The May 30, 2019, WestJet raffle winner was Joyce Mott (receiving her prize from Peggy Turnbull - Foundation Board Chair). The Foundation apologizes for the incorrect information printed in the November newsletter.

ANNUAL PANCAKE BREAKFAST - ANOTHER RESOUNDING SUCCESS

Pancakes and a festive atmosphere were enjoyed once again by our supporters at the 2019 Pancake Breakfast held December 6.

Thank you to the Crocus Plains Culinary Arts Students for preparing and serving pancakes (and more!!), our very generous sponsors listed below, the Crocus Plains Girls' Choir for the lovely music, our volunteers (including decorator extraordinaire Janice Meadows), and the 415 guests who joined us that morning!



Hilary & Ed Baker enjoying breakfast!

THANK YOU TO OUR GENEROUS SPONSORS:

BRHC - Nutrition Services
CKLQ 880/91.5/94.7 Star
Heritage Co-Op Marketplace
Kuipers Family Bakery
Smitty's Family Restaurant - #1 Hwy
The Green Spot
Victoria Inn Hotel & Convention Centre

Brandon Florist - Grower Direct
Clarion Hotel & Suites
Janice Meadows
Safeway
Sobeys Extra - South End
Tim Hortons
Victoria Landing

Canad Inns Destination Centre Brandon
Giant Tiger
Komfort Kitchen
Shoppers Drug Mart - Victoria Ave E.
Sobeys - West End
Two Farm Kids Natural Foods
Wendy's Restaurant

"UNDER THE TREE OF LIGHTS" CAMPAIGN

The Pancake Breakfast kicked-off our annual "Under the Tree of Lights" fundraiser - a heartfelt way to remember and memorialize a loved one, or to honour someone special.



Donors direct their donation toward three gifts "Under the Tree of Lights". These items were carefully selected from the hospital's equipment list with the hope of raising \$20,236! Thanks to our generous donors, we reached our goal!

We were able to purchase five ophthalmologic and otoscopes (used for eye and ear exams) for the Emergency Department - total cost \$9,502, two examination lights for the Maternity Unit - total cost \$9,616, and a phlebotomy scale (used to weigh blood as it is withdrawn) for the Outpatient Care Unit - cost \$1,118.28.

Thank you so very much to everyone who supported our 2019 Pancake Breakfast and "Under the Tree of Lights" Campaign

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(L-R) Treena Slate-WMCC Care Team Manager, Micky Banks-Treasurer, Jill Teney-Vice-President with Cindy Buizer-Foundation Executive Director (Missing: Ashlea Earl-President).

PINKEST OWL GOLF TOURNAMENT

The Foundation is "tickled pink" to announce that \$5,000 was received for the Western Manitoba Cancer Centre (WMCC), proceeds from the 2019 Pinkest Owl Golf Tournament held June 8 at the Glen Lea Golf Course. This generous donation will be used to purchase a treatment chair and waiting room furniture.

Thank you to the organizers, sponsors, and supporters for making this tournament a success!

NIFTY NEEDLERS

The Nifty Needlers have once again been "sew" wonderful! Thank you to this group of women for their donation of \$4,500, representing the proceeds from their 2019 quilt raffle. This gift will be used to purchase devices used for hip implant revisions and intravenous poles.

This group of caring, creative women meet regularly to share their love of quilting and sewing.



(L-R) Nifty Needler Trish Parobec, Cindy Buizer-Foundation Executive Director, Scott Kirk-BRHC Director of Acute Care, Peggy Turnbull-Foundation Board Chair and Nifty Needler Tammy Dorn

BRANDON ELKS LODGE #14

Thank you to Brandon Elks Lodge #14 members for their ongoing commitment to the healthcare needs of our community. \$9,504 was received from this longstanding community group for the purchase of two blood pressure monitors for the Maternal/Child Areas.

This donation brings the total donated to date from this generous group to \$75,071!!



(L-R) Brandon Elks Lodge #14 members Jim Wood, George Strange, Roy & Donna Ewasiuk, Harold Roberds and Chuck Dalglish present donation to Cindy Buizer-Foundation Executive Director

CENTRAL HAPPY HAVEN

Members of Central Happy Haven have generously donated \$1,000 to the Identified Needs fund that will accumulate with other donations for the purchase of an item from the BRHC's equipment needs list. Thank you to this wonderful group for choosing the BRHC Foundation.

Over the years, Central Happy Haven's bells group and card groups enjoyed many happy hours at Central Community Centre. Although the group has disbanded, the bells have found a new home and memories and relationships will be cherished forever.



Central Happy Haven's Treasurer Shirley Hutton and Director Lloyd Willement present the cheque to Cindy Buizer-Foundation Executive Director

KIM'S ASIAN RESTAURANTS

Brandon's Kim's Restaurant locations held a January buffet fundraiser from January 17th to the 31st. They donated \$1 for every buffet purchased to the Western Manitoba Cancer Centre and \$1,029 was raised.

Thank you to Angie Nguyen and Billy Nguyen of Kim's, and everyone who supported this delicious initiative. Special thanks to Darlene Paquette for her work on this unique fundraiser.



(L-R) Billy, Cindy Buizer-Foundation Executive Director, with Angie and Darlene Paquette

MEMORY LANE CAR CLUB

Thank you to members of the Memory Lane Car Club for their ongoing support of sick children in Brandon. Most recently, \$980 was received for the purchase of an axillary thermometer (under the arm) for the Maternal/Child Areas.

The Car Club teamed up with Heritage Co-op Marketplace on Richmond Avenue by volunteering at their Equity Days Barbecue held July 17, 2019. Thank you to everyone who supported Equity Days, and the Car Club volunteers for their role with this successful fundraiser.



(L-R) Barry Cooper-Petroleum Division Manager, Heritage Co-op, Cindy Buizer-Foundation Executive Director, Memory Lane Car Club Treasurer Garry Paton with Chairman Grant Gillis, Heather Eppert-Pediatric Nurse, Tammy Turner-Maternal/Care Team Manager, and Dan Lang-Food Store Manager, Heritage Co-op

Farewell Messages

MESSAGE FROM PEGGY TURNBULL - BOARD CHAIR

My term on the Board of Directors will come to a close at the Annual General Meeting in September. This has been a very rewarding experience for me. Over the past nine years, I have had the opportunity to work with a wonderful group of people who share the mission of the Foundation and to see first-hand the incredible generosity of our community.

My thanks to members of the Board for their support, especially during my two years as Chair, and to Cindy Buizer and Gail Janz, who efficiently manage the daily activities of the Foundation.

In September, Jamie Thomas will assume the role of Board Chair and I know I am leaving the Foundation in capable hands.



Once again, thank you to our donors - your contributions are truly appreciated. In closing, I wish the BRHC Foundation continued success in supporting healthcare in this community.



Our Executive Director, Cindy Buizer, has advised of her intent to retire this summer. Cindy has capably served in this position for the past ten years and has been a wonderful support to me personally during my time as Chair. Her conscientious nature and attention to detail have served the Foundation well; however, I believe her strongest asset has been her ability to build strong relationships - with our Board, BRHC staff and volunteers, community partners and most importantly, with our donors. While we are sorry to see her leave, we wish Cindy every happiness as she embraces this new phase of her life.



Join us this summer at the Downtown Cruise Night car shows on Rosser Avenue - as the BRHC Foundation will be hosting the 50/50 draws during the evenings of **July 2, August 6, and September 3.**

Proceeds from the draws will go to the Western Manitoba Cancer Centre at the BRHC.

Thank you to Darlene Paquette for her role with this initiative and her fundraising enthusiasm as she celebrates her 50th Cancerversary!



With Sincere Appreciation...

The Foundation Board of Directors would like to extend a sincere thank you to the individuals, organizations, and businesses in Brandon and throughout Western Manitoba who supported the Foundation in 2019.

***Thanks to the generosity of our donors, the BRHC Foundation committed to fund
\$1,262,498 in equipment purchases and program support in 2019 including:***

Anesthetic cart dividers	Fetal monitor (14)	Phototherapy light
Artists in Healthcare funding	Fleece for baby blankets	Portable RO system w/cart (2)
Axillary thermometer (3)	Flexible ureterscope	Portable ultrasound unit
BARD PICVC Navigation system and printer w/stand (2)	Furniture for Family/Wait Room (3)	Power tool for trauma set
Bariatric Tilt in Space wheelchair	High def arthroscopic telescope (3)	Qube Rover monitor w/stand
Bassinet	High def monitor (4)	Recliner with foot rest (2)
Bidop ultrasound doppler	Hovermatt	Refreshments for cancer patients
Blood and fluid warmer	Ice Machine	SPIN
Blood pressure monitor w/stand (5)	Intensive Care Unit bed (2)	SPIN - Youth Wellness Day
Breast milk refrigerator	Intravenous pole (27)	Staxi wheelchair (4)
Breast milk warmer (6)	Irrigation pump (3)	Stretcher (6)
Broda chair	Laryngoscope blades	Television with wall bracket (5)
Cancer patient support funding	Module for Space Lab monitors	Temporal thermometer
Cardiac monitor (2)	Murray House linens, lamps, etc.	Therapy dog program funding
Care packages for families in need	Ophthalmologic and otoscope (5)	Thermometer (3)
Ceiling lifts with track (5)	Orthopedic equipment trays	Transcutaneous bilirubin meter
Door mural	Orthopedic stem extractor and slap hammer	Treatment Chair (7)
Doppler (2)	Oxygen sat monitor	Vernacare Macerator
Examination light (2)	Oxygen tank holder for wheelchair (5)	Wheelchair
Fans for patient rooms (20)	Phlebotomy scale	Wireless base fetal monitor (2)



Mission:
**To raise funds to support healthcare needs
in the regional community**

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