

Impact Report

2021

Introduction

The past two years have flown by, and during this time we have celebrated many successes; we couldn't have done it without you. Thank you for your continued commitment to healthcare and healthcare services in Southeastern Alberta. We are excited to share the impact your gifts have made to our community through the Medicine Hat Health Foundation.

Our Board of Directors, staff and volunteers are excited to present to you these highlights and stories of the difference your contributions are making to local healthcare. While we are hoping to begin hosting small events this year, only time will tell.

As a foundation, it feels like we spent a lot of time this past year spreading our community's thanks and gratitude to

our amazing healthcare professionals - they have really been tested and pushed their limits. You could feel the stress and the tension in the air, and you could feel it lift as the environment improved. We really hope this new year will bring more hope and positivity to everyone.

Behind the scenes, we have been building our team's capacity and modernizing our philanthropy knowledge. We spent the last year investing time in our governance practices, developing a solid, sustainable financial model, and improving our HR practices in an effort to remain sustainable for years to come.

We have always strived to develop diverse revenue sources. The 2020-2021 fiscal period proved to be a year of growth and sustainability for the Health

Foundation. We strengthened our team, and remained financially stable with small growth in multiple areas. We have positioned ourselves to continue to grow and enhance local healthcare.

Please enjoy the 2020-2021 Donor Impact Report. We appreciate each and every gift that is directed our way, and we look forward to another year of improvements and giving back to our community.



Nick Punko
Board Chair



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Executive Director

Bassinets for Babies & Maternal Child Refresh

Bassinets

A bassinet may not seem like much – but to a newborn, it is their entire world.

The Bassinets for Babies campaign officially wrapped up with a total of 38 “gold standard” Stryker bassinets purchased for the hospital’s Labour & Delivery, Maternal Child and Neo-Natal Intensive Care units. The campaign, raising \$152,000, took 12 months to reach completion. Moms and nurses love the functionality of these new bassinets.

Maternal Child

Thanks once again to our generous donors, Enerplus Corporation and Aecon, for funding the rejuvenation of the Maternal Child unit with the help of Paintergirl. The hallways throughout the unit are now decorated with family-friendly woodland murals, a truly family friendly area and a happy place for photos and fond memories in the first moments or days of a baby’s life.

Testimonial

"The new murals make us smile, and make us happy and cheerful. The moms are just so happy going down the hall and expressing how bright and beautiful it is, and that just really excites us. The families have a hard time deciding where they want to take their going home photo with baby before they leave. There are just so many great spots to choose from."



Something New in the Air

Technegas Generator – Diagnostic Imaging

Thanks to the generosity of our donors, the Medicine Hat Regional Hospital is no longer one of the only hospitals in the province without a Technegas Generator.

This equipment can detect possible pulmonary embolisms at an early stage, preventing patients from having to undergo an invasive procedure through diagnostic imaging.

Due to blood clots, pulmonary embolisms can cause the affected lung to lose part of its function. To quickly detect a pulmonary embolism, the Technegas Generator produces a special, completely harmless gas that the patient breathes in under guidance. With this gas, diagnostic imaging can visually capture how air is distributed in the lungs in three-dimensional, high-resolution images.

The images captured result in a much more detailed examination and allow for the differentiation of a pulmonary embolism from other lung diseases with certainty. The physician can then begin the proper treatment.

Testimonial

"Our new Technegas Generator has been an excellent addition to our Nuclear Medicine department. There are 3 main benefits to this purchase; our lung scans are much easier for patients to complete, patients receive less radiation, and the 3D imaging is superior to previous methods. The software purchased not only allows for better visualization of our patient's lungs, but can also be used for surgical planning. On behalf of our patients, staff, and community, thank you for providing funding for this purchase."



Stax & Packs

Lifepack Monitor/Defibrillator – Intensive Care Unit

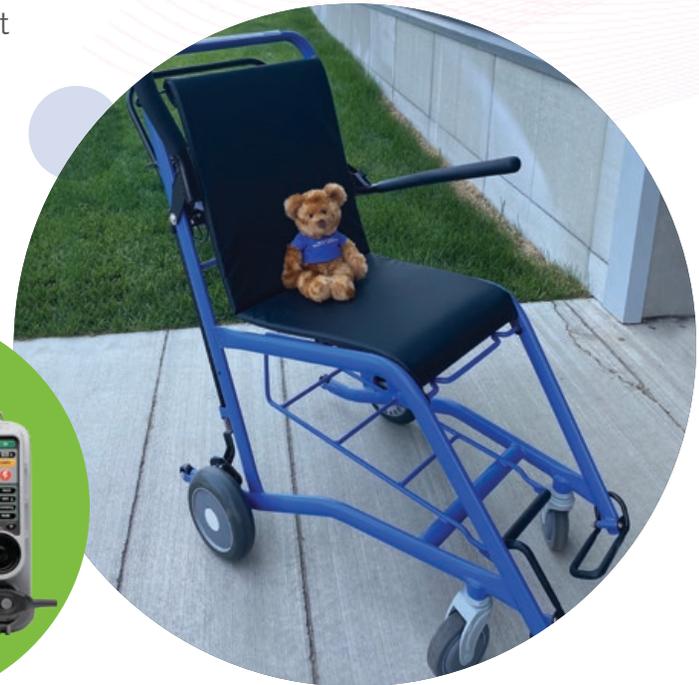
As 2020 came to a close, the Medicine Hat Regional Hospital's Intensive Care Unit (ICU) was the recipient of funding from Canadian Pacific's "CP Has Heart" program. Their \$23,000 donation was designated to improving heart health in our community, with the funds used to purchase a Lifepak 15.

With the need for an additional Lifepak 15 in the ICU, the department was thrilled to be the recipient of this donation. This important piece of life-saving equipment is used to monitor, defibrillate, do pacing and ECG's. It will be busy helping save lives in emergency situations and with patients being transferred within the hospital.

Investing in communities in which they operate in and through is of vital importance to CP. Their donation will continue to ensure the very best care possible for Medicine Hat & area patients.

Staxi System

Medicine Hat Regional Hospital has new, innovative transport chairs located throughout the acute care building, as well as near patient drop-off areas. The Staxi System is a welcome addition to our facility. No longer do you need to hunch over to push a wheelchair or remember to apply a brake. The Staxi chairs are very maneuverable, have a never-fail braking system, and are easy for patients to enter & exit with liftable armrests. The chairs are stackable and take up much less space, allowing stations to be placed in multiple areas throughout the hospital.



Revitalization Project – 2 North

South Country Co-op has been a generous supporter of the Medicine Hat Health Foundation since 1998, giving more than \$48,000 to enhance the quality of local healthcare.

Their most recent donation contributed directly to the revitalization of the dining room in Unit 2 North of the Medicine Hat Regional Hospital. This unit is focused on the care, treatment, and ultimate rehabilitation of geriatric patients, and the average stay is about three months long – with numerous check-ups, assessments, tests, and other activities that can cause stress or anxiety. During these extended stays away from home, familiar landscapes can have a positive benefit to a patient's well-being.

Thanks to South Country Co-op, the dining area has a fresh look with a new coat of paint, murals adorning the walls, lounging chairs, shelving, and new tables that are wheelchair accessible. The dining area gives patients in the unit the opportunity to interact amongst each other, and a comfortable space for recreational therapy activities.





Testimonial

"The murals incorporating the Saamis tepee, Findlay bridge, and the South Saskatchewan river help orientate 2 North patients to their surroundings, and provide a warm and welcoming environment during their stay. So many patients stop to admire these photos with a smile on their faces.

The additional items for the dining room – furniture, shelving, and wall decals used to display patient artwork – allow the hospital's recreational therapists to provide one-on-one and group therapy in an environment that patients feel more comfortable. Thank you to the Heath Foundation's donors for their continued support to enhance the quality of life for the patients who stay on 2 North."

Results You Can See and Feel

Sonosite Ultrasound – Pain Clinic

The Pain Clinic has purchased a Sonosite Ultrasound thanks to donor funding. Patients receive ultrasound-guided injection therapy using the Sonosite in combination with other therapies - this decreases the need for narcotics in treating chronic pain.

A Sonosite Ultrasound is one of the most versatile systems for abdominal, nerve, vascular, cardiac, venous access, pelvic, and superficial imaging. The Sonosite gives healthcare professionals a striking image quality with sharp contrast resolution, allowing them to visualize detail, improving their ability to differentiate structures, vessels, and pathology.

Patients benefit from having ultrasound-guided injections in Medicine Hat; instead of traveling to Calgary as in the past.

The high-quality images generated ensure the specialist can get cortisone and other medications, to troubled areas far more accurately, decreasing the need for narcotics for pain management.

Block Printer – Lab / Cancer

The Medicine Hat Regional Hospital's Lab department took delivery of a Leica Block Printer last spring, and they are very grateful for the equipment. The lab is responsible for every kind of tissue sample you could have removed from your body. Each sample is assessed, sampled into a block, and labelled with a unique specimen number and barcode for tracking before being processed. Doctors rely on the results of these specimens to diagnose patient cancers or diseases, and to provide specific treatment plans.

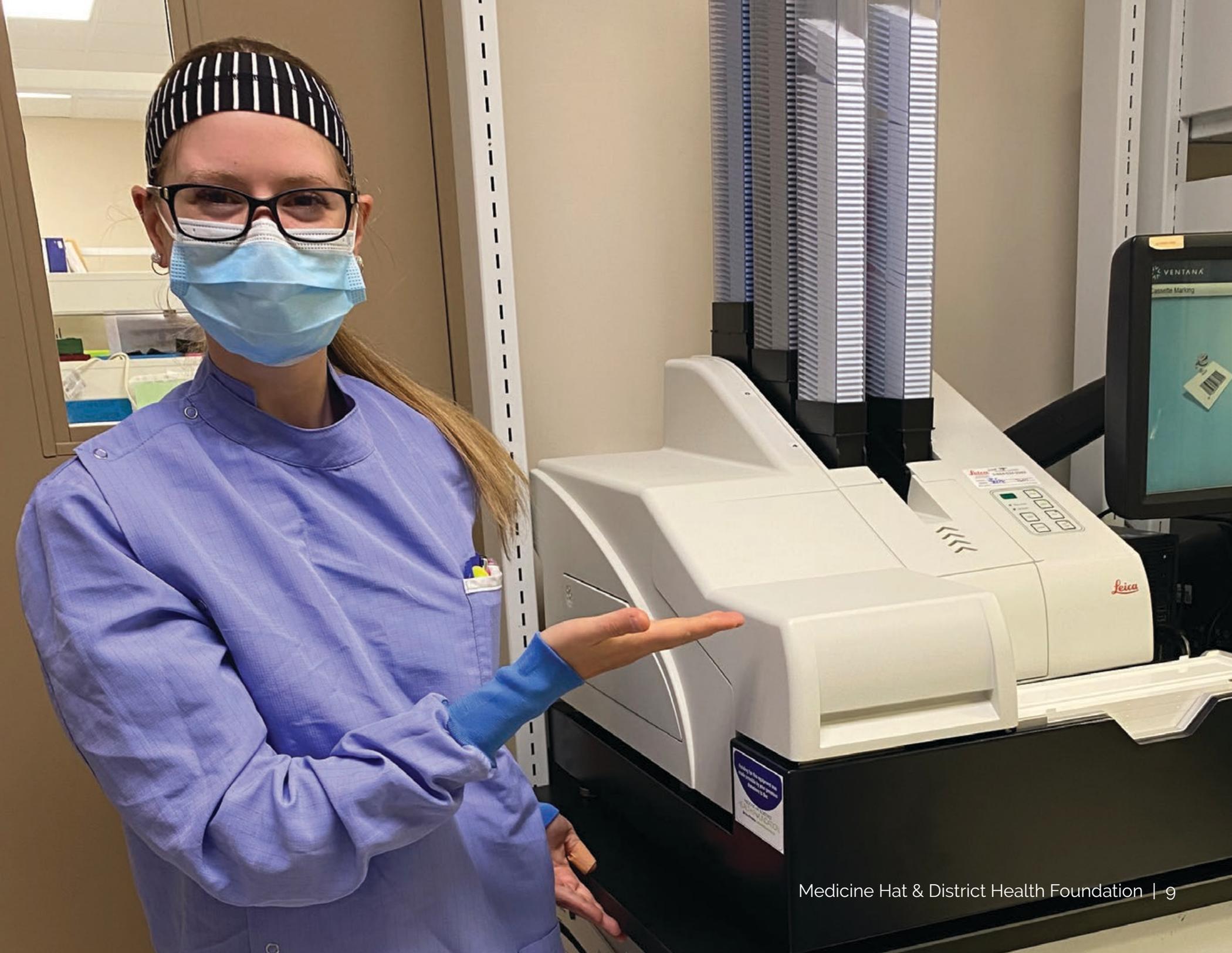
This purchase was made possible thanks to the Medicine Hat Breast Cancer Golf Classic, with funds raised matched by the Yuill Family Foundation. Since 2018, the golf classic has raised over \$150,000 for the Margery E. Yuill Cancer Clinic at the Medicine Hat Regional Hospital.

Isolation Carts & Supply Carts – Covid Unit

Isolation carts & supply carts carry supplies and all the personal protective equipment (PPE) that nurses and doctors need to enter the room of isolation patients.

As Covid-19 created the need to isolate more patients in the hospital, there was a need for additional carts which are versatile and can be easily moved to patient rooms instead of moving patients closer to the required supplies. Items such as gloves, masks, face shields, and gowns are kept neat & tidy and are easy to access, there is also a place to discard the items after use.





Legacy Giving

Imagine a world where your donations lead to better medical care, treatments, training, and facilities. Where your selflessness helps families in their moments of greatest need. Legacy giving makes such a world a possibility – where you can dream, we can do.

Legacy giving – also known as planned giving or bequeathment – is a donation of assets, rather than income or revenue, as laid out in a donor's will or estate plan. While this may be done in several ways, through different financial tools that can be adapted to your situation, the end result is the same: providing a last gift of hope and support for others in our community.

The positive effects of legacy giving begin as soon you set out your wishes, with robust tax incentives and other regulations that make it worthwhile to make charitable gifts through estate planning. In fact, it's possible to make a planned gift and gain substantial financial benefits for your family, thanks to the tax code.

When you support the Medicine Hat Health Foundation, you know that 100% of the gift is put towards local healthcare initiatives, improving the quality of healthcare at our hospital.

Testimonial

When Sandra Lee Kohls passed away her husband Larry reached out to the foundation about Sandra's last wishes. She had been an LPN in the kidney care (dialysis) area and had invested money that would specifically go to this area in her memory. The department now has 3 new dialysis chairs and bike attachments that will be part of Sandra Lee's lasting legacy for years to come!




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