



Message from our Chair,

Sean Sargent

When it comes to community, what is needed more than a hospital? From the first primitive hospital set up by the Clifford family in 1906 near Flying Shot Lake, where patients were nursed back to health for coughs, fevers, cuts and broken bones, to the care we receive today at the QE II Regional Hospital in Grande Prairie – more than 100 years later our hospital handles everything from cuts and broken bones to complicated surgeries, neonatal services, state of the art diagnostic testing and so much more.

Our community has experienced the wonders of new medicine, the skills of our trusted medical staff and the growth within our region. In 1984, the QE II Hospital Foundation was established to administer the philanthropy of our generous community donors and entrusted to deliver support to our healthcare system. Today, more than ten million dollars has been raised for our Hospital to enhance patient care and delivery of unique services and educational support to medical staff and students. The strength of the QE II Hospital Foundation, the accountability of our Board of Trustees, and our community's generosity will ensure the best care for patients and their families. Your trust and support in this Foundation will not only encourage future development for your Hospital, it will ensure healthcare remains a priority. What will happen over the next 100 years? No one knows, but because of the kindheartedness of this community and the dedication of this Foundation, we are confident we will be a part of making a difference for patients and healthcare in this region for a very long time.



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Welcome to the QE II Hospital Foundation Newsletter! Read on to see what's been happening at "your" hospital...



From our Executive Director,

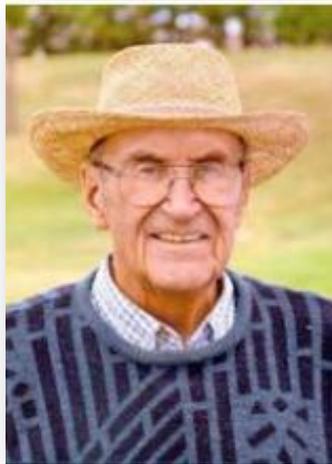
Cindy Park

The Mission Statement of the QE II Hospital Foundation is "to work with the community to raise and manage funds to enhance patient care and further education at the QE II Regional Hospital". This may sound simple but to truly be effective we have to connect with our community. When I'm asked if I enjoy my job, I simply say, "who wouldn't?" There is truly no better purpose than to create awareness, connect the public to the act of charitable giving and in essence, be a small part in saving the lives of our patients. It is with pleasure that we share everything we do at the Foundation and to involve anyone who may have a passion for helping others. Every day the care we see from our medical professionals truly makes a difference.

As a donor, the feeling of connecting to something as important and worthwhile as our hospital is incredibly rewarding. Each and every gift is important to patient care in this community and the vital equipment and programs that are purchased every year. If you, your family, your neighbor or a friend uses any of these vital services, then you as a donor, volunteer, or supporter can say, "I made a difference!" Healthcare is essential in our society and sometimes its importance is only recognized when it is needed or inaccessible. Be the difference today, it's a great feeling.

DONATIONS REPORT

The Robert Scott Endowment Fund Established



The QE II Hospital Foundation was honored to receive the largest single gift ever made to the Foundation since being established in 1984, and among the largest in the history of Grande Prairie. This most generous gift of \$3,000,000 from the Estate of Robert (Bob) Scott will be placed into an endowment fund where it will benefit the quality of healthcare in our community and region in perpetuity. Robert Scott was always a strong supporter of the QE II Hospital, generously gifting close to \$700,000 in past years, in addition to this historical gift.

On June 13th, a celebration commemorating Robert Scott provided the opportunity for people to gather and share memories of the philanthropist. Close friends of Bob took part in the cheque presentation ceremony along with the Minister of Alberta Health, the Honourable Fred

Horne. Through the generous gifts Robert Scott made over recent years and now through his estate, he truly made a difference to the lives of people in this community and will continue to do so for many generations to come. A most fitting legacy for a man who contributed so much to the community of Grande Prairie – thank you Robert Scott.

Urgent Care
Treatment Area

Generously Donated By
Robert M. Scott



(L-R) Dave MacPherson and Sean Sargent

New Endoscopy Equipment



It is expected the QE II Hospital will complete approximately 5500 endoscopy procedures this year, an increase of close to 500. Endoscopy equipment is used for many procedures, one example is screening for colon rectal cancer. The new standard of care suggests individuals between the ages of 50 - 74, who are most at risk of developing colon rectal cancer, be screened every one to two years. Regular screening and early detection leads to a 90% success rate for prevention and treatment, making a significant difference to health outcomes of patients receiving services. The QE II Hospital Foundation will fund the purchase of new equipment for the QE II Hospital Ambulatory Care Department totaling \$143,677.50



Paediatric MRI Campaign

Campaign 2012



In February 2012, the Queen Elizabeth II Hospital Foundation launched a new \$122,000 dollar Capital Campaign to purchase a Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) Anaesthesia System specifically for paediatric patients.

Procedures such as MRI scans require the child to be completely still to ensure adequate quality of the scans. The scanner is a long tunnel, and during the scan there are loud noises. This may present a scary and claustrophobic environment for most young children and can cause already stressed patients to move around resulting in the need to restart the procedure. MRI procedures can last for 45 minutes to 2 hours depending on the areas to be scanned. Therefore, many children and even some adults require sedation even though the procedure does not cause any pain.

Paediatric patients are currently unable to access MRI's at the QE II Regional Hospital. This means northwest Alberta paediatric patients must wait to be scheduled for an MRI in Edmonton and, once booked, travel to Edmonton with their family. Alberta Health Services statistics reveal approximately 1,000 children annually (from the former Peace Country Health area) are sent to Edmonton for a Paediatric MRI. A special MRI machine is not required to complete an MRI for paediatric patients; what is needed is a specific anaesthetic system machine that works with the existing MRI machine.

The Foundation is thrilled by the phenomenal response by the community towards this campaign and to date 97% of the funds have been raised. Encana responded generously in their commitment to helping children and their families in the region. Patrice Vik and Donald Rowan of Encana presented a cheque for \$50,000 to Sean Sargent, Chair, and Cindy Park, Executive Director of the QE II Hospital Foundation during Stompede week. An additional \$50,000 was received from an individual donor who chose to remain anonymous. Several other donors also contributed to this \$122,000 campaign making this service now possible in Grande Prairie.



ER Renovation Complete



In the early morning hours on March 20, 2012, the Emergency Department moved back to their fully renovated space after a year in a temporary location. The renovations included increasing the number of Trauma Bays from two to four, the addition of a new endoscopy suite, and a new Ambulatory Care area for patients who do not require hospitalization, but do require treatment and monitoring. Our original ER was built to handle 22,000 visits per year, however with the growth in our community and increased demand for services, our ER is assisting more than 55,000 patients per year. Expansion was imperative to meet the requirements of our population and the Foundation was asked to support these needs. Our amazing donors funded \$262,125, for equipment for four Trauma Bays and the Ambulatory Care treatment areas.



QE II Hospital Foundation Butterfly's Bravery Bead Program!



Keira Girard displays her Bravery Beads with the help of Therapeutic Clown Butterfly

As part of the Therapeutic Clown Program, Butterfly will be lending children a hand to tell their story of care at the QE II Hospital. Butterfly's Bravery Bead Program is a voluntary program for children giving them the opportunity to collect a different bead for procedures, tests and events they participate in while visiting the QE II Hospital for care. The goal of the program is to make a necklace with colorful beads that represent the unique and special journey of a child, giving them a visual way to tell their story. The string of beads, along with the journal provided by the program to explain each bead received, enables the child to make something that they are proud of and want to share with family and friends.

The Program is modeled after a number of other programs currently offered by some major children's hospitals across Canada. This new program is generously sponsored by Canadian Tire who funded the entire purchase of beads and supplies.



2012 Festival of Trees



Planning is already well underway for the 24th Annual Festival of Trees taking place November 14 – 18, 2012, at the TEC Centre at Evergreen Park. Interested in sponsoring part of the Festival or volunteering? For more information visit our website at www.qe2hospitalfoundation.com.



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