



New Northern Alberta Rural Physicians Scholarship



The QE II Hospital Foundation is thrilled to announce the newly formed Northern Alberta Rural Physician Scholarship Fund. Through a very generous donation of \$100,000 from a local physician, it is possible for medical students from northern Alberta to apply for educational assistance to obtain their medical degree. What makes this scholarship fund so amazing is that it is being granted to qualified students who also intend to come back to northern Alberta to pursue their career once their

education is completed. This is great news for our communities and really helps to bring much needed physicians back to the rural areas.

Quote from the fund donor, “I just want to help these special students get financial aid so they can come back to deliver healthcare services to the people of northern Alberta. Because these students come from rural northern Alberta and know how wonderful it is to live here, this fund is meant to help those who really care and are committed to our communities”.

Medical students wishing to apply for this scholarship will be required to enroll in one of the following general practitioners career paths: family medicine, internal medicine, surgery, pediatric, anesthesia or psychiatry. This will support physicians who want to engage in meeting a broad range of needs in rural communities rather than those who wish to focus on specialized fields of study.

Qualified students may be awarded up to \$10,000 a year. Page Brooks, a new medical student attending the University of Calgary, is the first applicant to be awarded \$10,000 from the Northern Alberta Rural Physician Scholarship Fund. Page grew up in the county of Grande Prairie and has lived in this community most of her life. She has been a registered nurse at the QE II Hospital for the last 15 years and intends to come back to northern Alberta once she completes her medical degree. This is great news for Page and also great news for all of us who await her return.

The Northern Alberta Rural Physician Scholarship Fund is open to anyone who would like to donate and will continue to grant up to \$10,000 annually until funds have been exhausted. All investment returns are reinvested into the fund which is managed by the QE II Hospital Foundation. For more information on the application process and criteria or to donate please contact the QE II Hospital Foundation or visit our website at www.qe2hospitalfoundation.com

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2013 Bursary Awards

Each year the generosity of donors enables the QE II Hospital Foundation to offer scholarships and bursaries to students living in northwestern Alberta who are engaged in fields of study related to healthcare. We are pleased to announce the winners for 2013! The Sarah Joan Alward Bursary Fund has awarded 4 applicants, Alyssa Krisa, Rachelle Martineau, Danita Reber and Jessica Schultz with \$2,500 each, the Dr. Phil & Vi Sunohara Surgical Nursing Fund Bursary has awarded 1 applicant, Thelma Ogden, \$2,300 and the Dr. Phillip Sunohara Memorial Surgical Scholarship has awarded 1 applicant, Shalil Patidar, \$10,000 for a total of \$22,300 in awards.

DONATIONS REPORT



Each year the Grande Prairie Lions Club includes the QE II Hospital Foundation in their list of organizations that they support. Their kind generosity is received with true appreciation of their commitment to serve the community. Lions Club Board Member, Donna Coulter, presents a cheque for \$1,000 to Cindy Park, Executive Director of the QE II Hospital Foundation.

Butterfly accepts this generous donation of \$2,000 along with various toys from Jesi Millhouse and Dawn Lee from Grande Prairie's Toys for Tots. These funds will go to the QE II Hospital Pediatrics Department and the Therapeutic Clown Program.



The QE II Hospital Foundation would like to thank Commvest Realty for their generous donation of stuffed animals to the Pediatrics Department at the Queen Elizabeth II Hospital. The children will love these!

Scott Lissoway, Chair of the QE II Hospital Foundation, accepts \$7,500 from the Grande Prairie River Rats Association. The NEW Grande Prairie Regional Hospital will receive \$5,000 and \$2,500 will be directed towards the Therapeutic Clown Program.



Charles Longmate, representative of the Robert (Bob) Scott Estate, presents a cheque for \$400,000 to Dr. Joan Libsekal, Vice President of the QE II Hospital and Cindy Park, Executive Director of the QE II Hospital Foundation. These funds are being directed towards enhancing patient care and are part of a \$4,000,000 bequest left by the late Robert Scott, a true philanthropist who cared for this community.

Troy Drysdale Endowment Fund



The Queen Elizabeth II Hospital Foundation is proud to announce the creation of the new Troy Drysdale Endowment Fund. Thanks to the generous donations of many donors in this region, this fund has been created and will be specifically directed to enhancing patient care at the new Grande Prairie Regional Hospital expected to open in 2017. Funds for this new endowment have been transferred from the Grande Prairie Regional EMS Foundation Troy Drysdale Bursary Fund.

In June of 2001 at the age of 21, Troy was suddenly taken from us in a tragic bike accident. He had been enrolled in an Emergency Service Technician Program at the Alberta Fire Training School in Vermillion and was also a volunteer with the Grovedale Volunteer Fire Department where he wanted to enhance his skills and begin his career in Emergency Services.

Over the last 10 years, the Regional EMS Foundation Troy Drysdale Bursary Fund has granted more than \$90,000 to 60 applicants enabling them to follow their passion in the emergency services field.

The future of healthcare in this region will continue to be positively affected with the new Troy Drysdale Endowment Fund. Troy's legacy will live on and the people Troy wanted to help and support in this community will still feel the touch of his care.





Byron and Katherine's Bravery Bead Story

A mother's story of gratitude ...

Hi Butterfly,

Byron had recovered from his surgery and we were headed up to the hospice. He came up to me and said that he was doing much better, but Auntie K was still so sick. I didn't know where he was going with this until he held up the string of beads he had so recently received. He told me that he was going to give her his bravery beads (he adores these) and that maybe it would help her to feel better, stronger, and braver. Katherine knew how important these beads/program is to both Byron and I, she wanted to wear them and when I decided to tie them to the bedside she told me sternly that she intended to wear them. I tied them to her wrist and she wore them for awhile until they had to take them off for her safety. About a month later, Katherine was nearing the end and we took Byron to see her for her Birthday. He went in so quietly, sat down beside her and she opened her eyes and spoke to him.... Just a hello, but it was the first thing she had said that day. He looked at his great grandfather and stated that he didn't want her to die and go to heaven. She passed away only two days after. At the 'Celebration of Life', I walked in to see the bravery beads placed front and center on the table with her pictures and favorite things. When it was over they returned the beads to him and he said I get them back now because Auntie K is in Heaven and not hurting anymore, so proud of himself and those EXTRA special beads you gave him. I know that she would love to have this story shared, that maybe it will help secure and solidify this program for the future. She was involved in the community and would love to see this program flourish.



*Our Love and continued Success,
Ronda Lee Carpenter and Family*

The Bravery Beads Program has been generously sponsored by



New Pediatric MRI Anesthesia System for the QE II Hospital



The QE II Hospital Foundation and the community of Grande Prairie and area have made it possible for the QE II Hospital to purchase a specialized pediatric MRI anesthesia system. "The donors of this community continue to amaze me with their incredible support for the health care needs of all residents in northwestern Alberta" says Cindy Park, Executive Director of the QE II Hospital Foundation. In a matter of a few months, \$200,000 was raised making this 2012 campaign a huge success.

The arrival of the new equipment in the spring of 2013 enabled the QE II Hospital to commence pediatric MRI scans on May 8, 2013. "This is great to get the test done close to home. It's hard enough to have the worry about what's happening with your child without the added stress of having to travel" says Tanya Dunn, mother of McKayla Landry who was the first pediatric patient to receive an MRI in Grande Prairie. Three-year-old Riley Ponath was the next patient, his mother Rena Ponath also shared her gratitude, "Having gone through this before, it's just a relief and comfort to have it here without the added stress of travel. This is familiar, it's home, it's comfortable and it's a huge relief when so much is happening with your child". Grande Prairie is the only hospital outside of Edmonton and Calgary that offers this diagnostic testing to young patients. Thank you to all the amazing donors for making an incredible difference.



EVENTS & PROGRAMS



2013 Chillin' in the ICU Campaign a Success!



Jim and MaryHelen Boccioletti, owners of Canadian Tire Grande Prairie, have helped to make another QE II Hospital Foundation campaign a success!

Their generous donation of \$15,000 has contributed to the purchase of a Hypothermia Machine for the QE II Hospital's ICU Department.

This equipment is vital in helping to reduce brain damage and in saving lives of cardiac and stroke patients.

Tiny Hands of Hope *You Are Not Alone*

Tiny Hands of Hope Society is a non-profit organization formed to help families touched by all types of infant loss, including pregnancy loss, neonatal loss, stillbirth, SIDS and infant death up to 24 months.

Every year across North America, a Memorial Event called Walk to Remember is held as an opportunity for families and friends to come together to honor and celebrate the little lives that have touched their hearts.

This year Grande Prairie will have its first Walk to Remember on Sunday, October 6 at Muskoseepi Park.

For more information please visit their website

@ <http://tinyhandsofhope.ca/> or

Twitter @ <https://twitter.com/TinyHandsofHope>

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25th Anniversary Festival of Trees



2013 marks our Silver Anniversary milestone! We are pleased to serve this community and are proud to be a part of enhancing healthcare in this region. Your support in this celebration will captivate the magic that is Festival of Trees.

The Festival of Trees is a four day "Mega Festival" filled with entertainment for thousands of visitors in a magical Christmas wonderland.

This year in celebration of our 25th Anniversary, Gala Evening is now a Saturday Night Event! Certainly the highlight of the Festival with an expected sellout crowd! This glitzy gala event will offer an exquisite meal, silent and live auction and guests will dance into the night with live entertainment.

Schedule of Events

Saturday, November 16th *NEW!*

Gala Dinner, Auction & Dance 5:00pm – 1:00am

Friday, November 22nd

Senior's Day 10:00am – 6:00pm

Silver Bells Tea 11:00am – 2:00pm

Mistletoe Magic – Adults Only 7:30pm – 11:00pm

Saturday, November 23rd

Hospital Appreciation Day

Santa's Saturday 10:00am – 8:00pm

Sunday, November 24th

Teddy Bear Breakfast 9:30am – 11:00am


Family Fun at the Festival 12:00pm – 5:00pm

Enjoy the exquisite Gala Evening, the exciting Mistletoe Magic event, and the fun of Teddy Bear Breakfast along with all the other family friendly activities. Visit our sweet treat Gingerbread Train, the caring of Teddy Bear Hospital, all the activities in Children's World and of course the "kids only" Secret Shoppe.

For more information on sponsorship opportunities or if you would like to volunteer, please visit our website at www.myfestivaloftrees.com



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