



newsletter

We are pleased to welcome Laura LaValley as our new Senior Development Officer for the QE II Hospital Foundation. She comes to us with a wealth of experience as a fund raising professional with specialized training in emergency response. Laura has held various non for profit positions in and around Grande Prairie; she is also the Medical Co-Response Unit Chief and a certified Firefighter with the Bezanson Station of the County of Grande Prairie Regional Fire Service. She was born and raised in this region and is dedicated to helping our local communities. With the new Grande Prairie Regional Hospital scheduled to open in 2017, there will be a vast need to work closely with local businesses, organizations and individual donors, as well as Alberta Health Services to bring new and exciting services to our region. Laura will be working with the public to connect donors with our mission: *To work with the community to raise and manage funds to enhance patient care and further education at the Queen Elizabeth II Regional Hospital and the new Grande Prairie Regional Hospital.*



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“Having quality health care for our families right here in Grande Prairie does make a difference in all our lives and I am excited to be a part of a team that works so closely with the community to make that happen”. - *Laura LaValley*

With the construction of the new hospital well underway, we will be working on a very important capital campaign that will enhance health care in this community unlike ever before. The Foundation works very closely with Alberta Health Services to ensure the right equipment and programs are provided without overlapping needs and services. Enhancing patient care will be vital to our community giving patients and their families the needed services right here in Grande Prairie.

The New Grande Prairie Regional Hospital

The new \$621 million Grande Prairie Regional Hospital is scheduled to open in spring of 2017. This 688,890 sq ft facility will house state-of-the-art equipment and programs greatly needed to service the health care needs of Grande Prairie and the entire Alberta northwest and B.C. northeast region. Services include medical, surgical and rehabilitation, intensive care, cardiac care, obstetrics, neonatal intensive care, pediatric, emergency services and mental health. Advanced cancer radiation treatment will also soon be available with two new radiation vaults bringing modern cancer



therapy services to this community. This acute care hospital will have 200 private inpatient rooms and be equipped to handle up to 2,150 births per year. In addition, a new 1100 stall parkade with a pedway entering the second floor of the hospital will be complete by opening. New partnering with GPRC will integrate education and health care in ways not currently available, thereby improving the future of health care services for all patients. We are very excited to be part of this project and invite members of our community to take part in making the new Grande Prairie Regional Hospital the best it can be. Our children and grandchildren will thank you for caring.

DONATIONS REPORT



Tervita's annual charity golf tournament raised \$15,000 to go towards the new Grande Prairie Regional Hospital. The QE II Hospital Foundation would like to thank Tervita for all their hard work in making this happen. We would also like to thank all the participants who came out to show their support! Way to make a difference!

In September, the Tim Hortons Smile Cookie Campaign raised \$17,555 as part of a five year fundraiser where funds collected will be directed to the new Grande Prairie Regional Hospital's Pediatric Department. Over the last three years, Tim Hortons Grande Prairie has successfully raised over \$ 43,000. Cindy Park, Executive Director, and Scott Lissoway, Chair of the QE II Hospital Foundation, accepted the proceeds from Serge and Tracey Allard and Darren and Trudy Dorscheid. We would like to extend a special thank you to all local Tim Hortons locations and to the public who have supported the Smile Cookie Campaign each year.



A big thank you goes out to Shoppers Drug Mart for raising over \$17,000 through the Tree of Life campaign. Their remarkable contribution will support women's health in our community. With these proceeds, the QE II Hospital will purchase some new versatile nursing chairs for the Labor and Delivery department. These new chairs will help moms in our community feel at ease and comfortable while bonding with their new bundles of joy.

Royal Purple Grande Prairie Lodge #107 proudly presents a cheque for \$12,000 to Cindy Park of the QE II Hospital Foundation. Funds raised by the group will go towards the purchase of cardiac monitoring equipment in the ICU. Special thanks to the Royal Purple for their commitment and dedication to the community for the last 66 years! Their time and effort to strengthen our community is greatly appreciated.



Seven Generations Energy 1st Annual Golf Tournament

The QE II Hospital Foundation would like to extend a huge thank you to Seven Generations for all their efforts in hosting their first annual golf tournament which raised an amazing \$178,000 towards the new Grande Prairie Regional Hospital. The tournament had many prizes to be won and a silent auction followed by a dinner at the golf course. We would also like to thank the tournament participants for their support and look forward to seeing you next year!



CURRENT PROGRAMS



Grateful Patient Program

A Tribute to Care



Has a healthcare professional made a difference in your life or in the life of someone you love?

Anyone who has experienced an illness or injury that has led to a hospital stay understands that the skill, efficiency, and compassion shown to you during that time can be so valuable. Is there a doctor, a nurse or a technician that did a life saving procedure? Or a support staff person, a porter or a volunteer who showed you kindness? Did someone go above and beyond to make things a little easier for you?

The QE II Hospital Foundation is launching a new program called the Grateful Patient Program. This program gives people the opportunity to express gratitude to these wonderful people who make a difference!

Your gift to the QE II Hospital Foundation will recognize that special person(s) and express your deep appreciation and gratitude. The recipient will be presented with a special pin and certificate honoring them and the special care they provided. Let them know that the work they do every day really does make a difference!

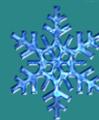
ICU Nurse, Joanne Shepard, was recognized by a "Grateful Patient" after she provided compassionate care when a young mother had complications while delivering her baby last August.



12 nurses from the QE II Hospital's medical floor, 3 North, were recognized through the Grateful Patient Program after they went above and beyond helping a terminally ill patient and his family.

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and pay tribute to our caregivers!**

EQUIPMENT & RECENT EVENTS



Stryker Cub Pediatric Crib



A Stryker Cub Pediatric Crib was purchased this winter for the Pediatric Department. This new crib is specifically designed to improve the care and safety of infants during their stay in the hospital. The crib is designed with low-impact side rails with thinner, wider slats and access doors that easily slide open for quick access to the patient in times where emergency care is crucial.

Purchased By: Brian & Joanne Wilson

Bilirubin Measurement System

This new piece of equipment was also purchased for the Pediatric Department and is used for detecting jaundice in newborns without having to poke the little one with a needle. This device uses light to measure total serum bilirubin levels in skin through a special touch tip sensor.

Purchased By: Tim Powell



2013 Festival of Trees



The 25th Annual Festival of Trees was a great success this year! We had many visitors, from infants to seniors join in on the fun. Beautiful festive creations, bright lights and many trees filled the Entrec Center. Our Gala evening featured a champagne reception to start, a four course dinner, silent and live auction and a dance to follow. There was great entertainment throughout the evening and guests danced the night away. Friday, November 22nd hosted our Senior's Day Tea during the day and our 3rd Annual Mistletoe Magic event in the evening. This was a sold out event with outstanding live entertainment which included trapeze artists, food sampling from local chefs and many different shows featuring local Grande Prairie talent.

NEW at Festival this year was the addition of our Santa's Toy Shop. The Toy Shop featured many different toys, books, games and candy for all the children and adults to enjoy. Sunday featured our annual Teddy Bear Breakfast where kids of all ages attended with their family and friends to celebrate the morning decorating pancakes. We also had an abundance of teddy bears that were donated during the event and were later given out to kids in the pediatric department.

This year's activities would not have been possible without our wonderful sponsors and community attendance. We would like to thank everyone for all of their continued support. We would also like to extend a huge thank you to each of the volunteers that came out to show their dedication to our hospital. We are excited to announce that we raised nearly \$350,000 this year! Planning for the 26th Annual Festival of Trees is already underway. We hope to see you again!



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