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Newsletter



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SAVE THE DATES Upcoming Events 2020

Be Brave & Shave Bluey Day 2020 **Postponed**
Registration Still Open

Northern Metallic Tent Event BBQ **Postponed**

9th Annual Arnie Isberg Memorial **Cancelled**
1-Pitch Tournament

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LEAVE A LEGACY - PLANNING FOR TOMORROW

May is "Leave a Legacy" month, and there is no better time to consider your own legacy and how you can make a difference for your family while giving your community a healthier future. The Fort St. John Hospital Foundation offers a wide variety of investment options that can help you leave a lasting family legacy. Whether you choose to give through a cash donation, life insurance policy, a bequest in your Will, gifts of publicly traded stock options, bursaries, endowments, RRSPs, or even gifts of property. For more information on leaving a legacy through the Fort St. John Hospital Foundation, please contact Niki Hedges, Executive Director at niki.hedges@northernhealth.ca or call 250.261.7963.

WHY MAKE A PLANNED GIFT?

Planning now for your future and the future of the Fort St. John Hospital Foundation can be mutually beneficial. Arranging a planned charitable gift is sound financial planning, offering an attractive tax incentive. Talk with your financial planner for more details

GENERAL OR NAMED ENDOWMENT FUND

The idea of creating a perpetual stream of financial support makes sense for people who see a similarity between retirement funds and endowment provisions. Only the interest earned will be used to support the Hospital Foundation.

Don't forget to also drop in to see the new Endowment Wall Panel at the Hospital lobby.

ACCUMULATED DONOR WALL UPDATE

The donor recognition wall located in the main Hospital lobby has been updated. All donors who have cumulatively donated \$1,500 or more have their names listed on the wall. If a donor's giving level increases over time, their name is moved further up the donor wall.



IN MEMORY OF SUE POPESKU

We are all deeply saddened by the loss of Sue. Our hearts are with her family and many friends. Sue was a natural fit as the first Executive Director of the Fort St. John Hospital Foundation. From the very beginning, Sue was instrumental in the growth of the Foundation. She was a driving force behind the many extraordinary fundraising events and projects for the Foundation. Her kind and encouraging words will be a lasting message to steer those she mentored, and her contributions and legacy to the community will be lasting.



IN MEMORY PROGRAM

Contribute in memory of a loved one by making a donation to the Fort St. John Hospital Foundation in their name. When a donation is made, the Foundation will send a letter to the next of kin acknowledging your gift. Memorial campaigns that reach an accumulated \$1,000 will be displayed on our Memorial Wall, located in the hallway between the Hospital and the Peace Villa Residential Care Facility.

Donations can be made on the new In Memory cards at Hamre's Funeral Chapel or at our office. You can also make a gift by calling us or send your gift by mail.

COVID-19 GREATEST NEED FUND

So many Thank YOUs to the following who have contributed to our COVID-19 Greatest Need Fund. Your contribution will be supporting COVID-19 related expenses to ensure our Hospital has priority medical equipment for when they need it during and after the pandemic.

Donated	
\$25,000	ISL Health
\$20,000	Shell Canada
\$20,000	PETRONAS
\$5,000	Northern BC Truckers Association
\$2,000	Tourmaline
\$1,000	Telus
\$1,200	Community Donations

To make a difference go to our website www.fsjhospitalfoundation.ca, call 250.793.0998 or email us at fsjhf@northernhealth.ca.

OTHER WAYS YOU HAVE HELPED

Throughout this pandemic, the Foundation has worked with the Fort St. John Hospital to hear what was needed directly from the frontline. This connection allowed us to connect you, so your efforts directly go to where it helped the most. Thank you to ARC Resources, who purchased 16 sets of Scrubs (10 XL & 6 XXL) for our healthcare workers.

YOU PROVIDED COMFORT

We told you about the sacrifice our Hospital staff have worked to ensure our Hospital was prepared for the pandemic. They sacrifice time with their families to ensure our community is safe. Our community, businesses and organizations helped by donating new and used scrubs; sewers crafted scrub caps and hand-sewn laundry bags. A heartwarming thanks to SJA Promotions for donating 300 laundry bags that were hand-decorated by many community members. Lastly, your innovative ideas literally helped Hospital staff from experiencing extreme discomfort from wearing face masks each and every day with 3D printed ear savers.

YOU FED OUR FRONTLINERS

Due to restrictions of gatherings, Hospital staff could no longer congregate for breaks, lunch or supper, nor could they accept delivery of food. M&M Food Market, Teddy Boy Country Décor and Mile 26 Ventures donated a total of 520 frozen meals for frontline staff at the Peace Villa Residential Care Facility and in the Hospital. Your kindness has helped staff get through some tough shifts when stopping to eat has been a challenge.

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