

# Summer 2023 Newsletter



Medicine Hat Regional Hospital

As 2023 moves into summer, we continue to be amazed by the kindness of our community. We set ourselves some very hard goals this year – and thanks to your outstanding generosity, we’re achieving so many of them! Thank you for all your donations, and have a safe and enjoyable summer.



## DRIVING DONATIONS FOR LOCAL HEALTHCARE

Congratulations to Julie Seefried, who purchased the lucky ticket in our first ever Driving Donations for Local Healthcare Raffle. Julie drives away with a brand-new 2022 GMC Terrain SLT, from Davis GMC Buick! Thank you to everyone who participated – we’ll be hosting another raffle very soon, so keep your eyes peeled.



## COMMUNITY CARES GALA

We hosted our very first Community Cares Gala in early June, helping to raise funds for our three Greatest Needs (see below.) The evening was a fantastic success, with caring partners from the Medicine Hat community and beyond coming together to enjoy good food, good drinks, and an evening of entertainment. Thank you to everyone who attended, to our many amazing sponsors, to everyone who donated prizes to our online auctions, to the volunteers who gave their time, and to Dr. Bering and Evan Janz for speaking at the event. We hope to see you next year!

## GREATEST NEEDS

This summer, we are focusing funding in these three key areas, identified by our healthcare professionals:

### Hana Surgery Table

Purchasing an additional specialized surgical table for orthopedic surgeries, which allows surgeons to position the patient’s legs independently, improving comfort and ease of access. We are currently at 25% of our goal – help us get closer!

### Cardiac Monitors

Our current cardiac monitors are nearing end-of-life. Replacing them with modern equipment is essential to our ICU staff’s ability to monitor cardiac patients across the hospital.

### Mental Health Support

Renovations are needed on 5N where we treat our psychiatric patients, helping to create a calmer, more comfortable space where people can find peace and heal.



# MEDICINE HAT HEALTH FOUNDATION Grateful PATIENT

We love to hear stories of gratitude about your experience in our healthcare system.

Your contributions, in any amount, can make a significant difference and words of gratefulness are always appreciated. Recent patient Bev Baresh shares her thoughts:

**"I went through two knee replacements in the last two years at Medicine Hat Regional Hospital, [where] I received the best of care. If the Hana Table will contribute to the comfort and efficiency of further orthopedic surgeries, I'm happy that my donation will make a difference."**



Did you know that the average Canadian estate is \$845k? Leaving just 5% of that to a charitable cause after you pass away translates to a \$42k donation – \$42k that could make a lasting impact on a cause that matters to you, while helping to reduce the tax your loved ones pay on the remaining 95% of your estate. Call Valerie at (403) 528-8133, or visit our website at [ourhealthfoundation.ca](http://ourhealthfoundation.ca) to learn more about legacy giving options.



## GIFT SHOP

It's never too early for Christmas! Our Gift Shop will be having their annual 'Christmas in July Sale' from July 10th - 31st. There are great store-wide discounts, including a Toonie Table, and all proceeds are donated directly to our Foundation. You'll find the Gift Shop in the Medicine Hat Regional Hospital beside Tim Hortons – drop on by!



## NEW EQUIPMENT

Here are some of the latest purchases your donations have made possible:

### MR400 MRI Safe Patient Monitor

Staff can now monitor critical patients while they undergo lengthy MRI scans.

**"Both DI and ICU are thrilled to be able to safely monitor critically ill patients while having MRIs."**

Jaylene Watson, Diagnostic Imaging Manager

### Pharmacy Fridge

We can now safely store a significantly increased amount of medication – made possible by a generous donation from Ron Mastel and Susan Krause.

### Quality of Life Improvements

From toys for pediatric patients, flowers for patios, or shower chairs that allow infirm patients to bathe alone, your donations allow us to continually purchase small comfort items that create a positive and caring environment.