

# Spring 2023 Newsletter



April 2023 marked a celebration for our community – one that was only possible thanks to the endless generosity of our donors and supporters. We are thrilled to announce that 2022 was our most successful fundraising year to date, with over

\$1.2 million raised in those 12 months! This means that, in total, we've raised and reinvested \$19 million dollars back into healthcare in our region. It's a win we all had a part in, and we're excited to share the latest highlights with you!

**Every year, we are consistently reminded about the kindness and selflessness of our community and how much they care for each other.**

## NEW EQUIPMENT



In the High-Risk Maternal Clinic, there has long been a need for a new ultrasound machine to help serve different areas. We are happy to announce that the department received a new **Sonosite** ultrasound device, alleviating the pressure on current ultrasound capabilities!



The maternity ward also acquired a new **Fabian Ventilator**, a machine that helps babies wean more efficiently into breathing on their own. This means less stress for families and nurses alike. Thanks to a generous donation from Pipeline Grazing the Fabian Ventilator has been funded.

**“Thank you so much for this wonderful donation! This piece of life-saving equipment will truly make a difference to our department and to our premature babies needing ventilation. Especially for twins!”**

*– RN in NICU*

## CAR SEATS FOR COMMUNITY HEALTH

The AHS Population Health Promotion Program's Safe and Secured Car Seat project was able to subsidize 24 new car seats for infants in low-income families. Along with the new seats, families receive educational materials and other resources for safe transportation.





## April was Volunteer Month, and it was a perfect opportunity to thank all of our amazing volunteers, especially those at the hospital's Gift Shop!

In 2022, volunteers donated 2,146.5 hours to the Medicine Hat Health Foundation.

- 1,787 hours were given to the Gift Shop and Mobile Cart
- Foundation office volunteers gave 267.5 hours to administrative needs
- 92 volunteer hours were dedicated to the Tribute Tree event

We are beyond grateful for the support of our volunteers and want to extend our deepest thanks to them. If you're interested in joining our amazing team of volunteers, for roles both consistent and casual in our gift shop, office, or at special events, please reach out to Alexa at [alexa@ourhealthfoundation.ca](mailto:alexa@ourhealthfoundation.ca) or by calling (403) 529-8863. We'd love to have you on board!



Did you know that you can leave a lasting legacy in your will? Not only are there plenty of tax benefits for your family and estate, but this is a fantastic way to give back and make a long-term impact on the community. You can even do it without updating your existing will! Visit [willpower.ca](http://willpower.ca) to read stories and calculate your impact, and if you would like more information on legacy giving, please email [valerie@ourhealthfoundation.ca](mailto:valerie@ourhealthfoundation.ca).



We're hosting the first Community Cares Gala – June 9 at the Stampede Grounds in Medicine Hat, in support of local healthcare. Step back in time to the turn of 19th-century England and marvel at the games of skills, thrills, and chance at this garden party!

Get your tickets and check out our online auction at [ourhealthfoundation.ca](http://ourhealthfoundation.ca) – we can't wait to see you there!



As we wrap up our first-ever vehicle raffle, we would like to thank our partner Davis GMC Buick and the whole community for making it a success. For the latest information on who drives home a winner, find us on social media @medhathealthfoundation.

## GREATEST NEEDS

To support our orthopedic surgeons and a better patient experience, we're raising funds to purchase a new **Hana Surgical Table**. This is a specialized operating bed that allows for less tissue damage during surgery, and a much more manageable recovery process for patients, who can be home and healthy sooner.

