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NEWSLETTER

PROVIDING A BRIDGE BETWEEN THE COMMUNITY AND BATTLEFORDS UNION HOSPITAL

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Search for those who are brimming with talent, energy, optimism, generosity and integrity when seeking out people to work with ...

BUH Foundation is honoured to work with amazing, caring and skilled medical staff at BUH and Battlefords Region Home Care (BRHC). They provide compassionate care with respect and knowledge. They do what they do and what they do, they do well! BUH Foundation would like to introduce some of these talented staff that work so hard and make us proud!

Women's Health & Birthing Centre

WOMEN'S HEALTH & BIRTHING CENTRE (WH&BC) manages almost 600 births every year, keeping mom and new baby safe, secure and healthy. BUH's obstetrical team of physicians, RNs, LPNs and Nurse Manager has been honoured for the fourth time over the last four years with the national recognition award for achievement in implementing the MORE (Managing Obstetrical Risk Efficiently) OB patient safety program, attaining an outstanding performance in the application of knowledge, communication and teamwork to make patient safety a priority and responsibility of everyone on the birthing unit.

"I am very proud of what our team has accomplished over the past four years and we are grateful to the Foundation for their support in funding the type of special medical equipment that is needed to ensure mom and baby remain healthy even with a difficult labour and delivery. I moved to North Battleford in 2012 and my son and I truly enjoy living in The Battlefords and remain thankful for this community and surrounding area's generosity towards making their hospital so advanced in medical technology. Thank you very much for your support!" noted Pam Plummer, Nurse Manager WH&BC.



Pam Plummer, Nurse Manager WH&BC (far right) and members of the WH&BC Care Team

In the past fiscal year BUH Foundation has spent or committed to BUH and BRHC \$430,000 for medical equipment and staff education. We have also committed this fiscal year to fundraise \$600,000 for the new CT Scanner for Medical Imaging. Listed below is a sample of some of the medical equipment that has been purchased for many of the different departments at BUH.

- Ultrasound machine (ER) - \$58,302**
- Panda Infant Warmers x 4 (WH&BC) - \$126,666**
- Billisoft LED Phototherapy System (Newborn Nursery) - \$12,813**
- Portable oxygen concentrator (Home Care) - \$4,708**
- Med dispense units x 2 (Surgery/OPDS & Medical Floor) - \$116,666**
- Glidescope laryngoscope (OR) - \$24,895**
- Specialized treatment chairs w/heat x 2 (Renal Dialysis) - \$8,981**
- Digital Fluoroscopy Unit (Medical Imaging) - \$299,910**
- Committed to the purchase of an Automated pill packager (Pharmacy) - \$230,000**

Renal Dialysis

BUH HAS an active Renal Dialysis (RD) program and is a satellite treatment area. Dialysis treatment is performed on approximately 3,500 patients every year. RD has five treatment chairs and one bed for a total of six dialysis units. It is open 6 days per week, Monday through Saturday, providing treatments to 12 patients per day. Many patients who travelled to Saskatoon for their treatments can now receive them much closer to home. Some patients come from far northern communities and travel hours for their dialysis treatments. These can last from between three to four and one-half hours. Most patients receive treatments three times a week. *"This department is vital to the health needs of so many individuals. BUH Foundation was a major fundraiser (\$441,000) to purchase the original dialysis machines in 2003 and they continue to support us today. My team and I are grateful to everyone who participates in the Foundation's fundraisers. You are making such an impact on people's lives. Thank you!"* indicated Pat McWatters, Nurse Manager Renal Dialysis/Chemotherapy/ICU.



Members of the RD Nursing Care Team

Operating Room

BUH's OPERATING ROOMS (OR) are a busy department with an average of 700 inpatient surgeries, 2,400 day surgeries and 1,400 endoscopic surgeries done yearly in the four surgical theatres. The Department has its own designated surgeons, as well as visiting surgeons, to support this number of operations. The surgical team also includes anesthetists, physicians, OR nurses, recovery room nurses, medical reprocessing and support staff.

"Performing and running a surgery is an exact science; there are numerous directives that each team member is accomplishing to the main end goal: a successful surgical procedure and a healthy, recovering patient. In order to

achieve this we need the support of complex medical equipment that is specifically designed to contribute to this success and BUH Foundation provides this. We are very grateful to this community and surrounding area for supporting their fundraisers ... it allows us to give advanced care to our patients!" indicated Laura Squair, Nurse Manager of the OR and Post Anesthetic Care Unit.



Laura Squair, Nurse Manager OR and PACU (2nd from left) and Surgical Team Members

Outpatient Day Surgery

OUTPATIENT DAY SURGERY (OPDS) was newly created a few years ago and works closely with the OR: surgical patients are admitted into this unit prior to their operation. From OPDS patients are transported by stretcher to the operating theatre and post-operatively they are moved to the post-anesthetic care unit. Once the patient has awakened from anaesthetic they are returned to OPDS. *"We are a busy unit and my team are competent care-givers. We are grateful to our communities for supporting the Foundation and the support we receive from their fundraising efforts. Thank you!"* noted Lynette Van der Merwe, Nurse Manager OPDS and Surgical Floor.

Lynette Van Der Merwe, Nurse Manager OPDS and Surgery (far right) and members of the OPDS Care Team



Battlefords Region Home Care



Jodie Huber, HC Manager of B'fords/Meadow Lake/Twin Rivers PNHR (front 2nd right) and members of the Home Care Team

IN 2012 BUH FOUNDATION received a very generous bequest from the late Mr Victor Pearsall. In honour of this generous and giving man BUH Foundation introduced a new initiative, the Victor Pearsall Home Care Fund which is utilized to purchase medical equipment and for continued staff education. There are currently over 140 home support clients, 200 clients attending wellness clinics, 175 nursing clients and 30 palliative care clients in Battlefords Region Home Care (BRHC) alone that have been impacted by Mr Pearsall's kind bequest. *"BUH Foundation continues to fundraise for the Battlefords Region Home Care since Mr Pearsall's initial bequest and we are so very grateful. So many of our clients want to stay at home, want to spend perhaps their last days with their loved ones in familiar surroundings. BUH Foundation makes this possible and we are fortunate that the people of The Battlefords and surrounding area are so generous and support local healthcare. Thank you from all of us!"* says Jodie Huber, HC Manager of B'fords/Meadow Lake/Twin Rivers PNHR.

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Chappell, William

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In Loving Memory of Dr. Madhav Sas



"In a gentle way, you can shake the world" MAHATMA GANDHI

Dr. M. Sas and his wife Christine were two of the six founding members of BUH Foundation in 1990. Dr. M. Sas and his wife met and married in the UK in 1967. In 1972 Dr. Sas and his young family embarked on a new adventure and moved to Canada ... to Biggar, SK where Dr. Sas practiced General Medicine and Surgery. His passion for the surgical practice led him to North Battleford, SK where he was able to practice full time as a general surgeon at BUH until his retirement in 2000. Dr. Sas and Christine understood the importance of supporting the community they and their family lived in, and the need to ensure that The Battlefords and surrounding communities had access to enhanced healthcare. They saw that this would require augmented support to procure these healing tools and that technologically advanced medical equipment was a necessity to give exceptional care. Dr. Sas is fondly and respectfully remembered at BUH and it was an honour to BUH Foundation to have him not only as a founding member, but as a strong supporter throughout the years. Dr. Sas was known as a "gentleman and a gentle man" and his knowledge and gentleness positively impacted his community. BUH Foundation is proud to acknowledge his commitment and dedication to both his community and his community's healthcare and it is with sincere sadness that we say goodbye.

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Medical Imaging

IN OCTOBER BUH Foundation announced a new capital campaign to help replace the current CT Scanner at BUH's Medical Imaging Department. "BUH Foundation is continually sourcing where their fundraising efforts would have the most impact. It was recognized within BUH that the CT Scanner would be needing replacement in the near future. I am pleased that BUH Foundation's Board of Directors is being proactive in this matter and has committed fundraising efforts towards procuring a new CT Scanner for our hospital," stated David Fan, CEO of Prairie North Health Region.

Cheryl Mitchell, Director Medical Imaging Services for PNRH added, "The current CT Scanner is ten years old, requires frequent repairs and has reached its end of life. This means during service/repair events, CT scanning is not available within The Battlefords and patients are rescheduled. Our focus is always on the patient first and we don't want to send those who are quite health compromised further from home or cause any undue stress or increased wait times. I am grateful that the Foundation is taking a leading role in raising funds for a new unit."

CT Scanners take a series of x-ray images to create slices of the bones, blood vessels and soft tissues inside a person's body. They are more detailed than x-rays and aid in the diagnosis and treatment of diseases such as cancer, strokes, cardiovascular and infectious diseases and injuries, including internal injuries from car accidents or other types of trauma.

BUH has offered CT Scanner services since 2005 and performed approximately 5,000 scans in 2015. Services are provided Monday - Friday, 8:00 am - 4:30 pm, and after hours on an emergency basis. A new unit will reduce the possibility of breakdowns due to age and eliminate the need for shutdowns between services. This will help reduce delays and ensure that patients do not have to travel to a larger centre or wait to receive proper care. The more advanced technology that would be available with a new unit means reduced radiation, which is safer for patients, especially for children. It also means an increased number of slices, from 16 to 64 or 128. This will result in sharper, clearer, more detailed images that are acquired faster, making scans easier for patients and helping to provide a more accurate diagnosis.

Diagnoses can only be made based on the level of technology available and there is more advanced technology that could be offered within The Battlefords that would increase the quality of care being provided.

BUH Foundation Board of Director Chair Roger Anderson noted, "It is an exciting venture and we are honoured to be a part of it. The Foundation is dedicated to enriching patient care at BUH through the responsible stewardship of community contributions and volunteer resources and we are looking forward to the challenge. BUH Foundation was involved with the purchase of the original CT Scanner in 2005 and we are proud to be part of ensuring continued exceptional patient care at BUH."

If you wish to make a contribution and assist us in meeting our goal of \$600,000 to help replace the existing CT Scanner please contact us at:
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