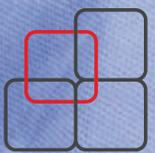


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The Foundation welcomes new board members George Foufas and Tracy Kendel, while thanking departing members Tj Keller and Terry Sirois for their years of service. Due to COVID-19, a photo is not possible at this time.

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MESSAGE FROM THE CEO

Steve Shannon

Seeing our son, Billy, graduate from high school last June, led to some grateful reflection for me. Even though it was a physically distanced occasion, it was a very proud moment.

We're grateful that Billy has played hockey for 13 years, played ball and golf, learned to drive, gone to school, and become a young man.

This takes me back to when Saskatoon City Hospital played a major role in his life. When he was four, Billy was diagnosed with lazy eye that caused very poor vision. We spent many hours in the Eye Care Centre at Saskatoon City Hospital under the medical guidance of pediatric ophthalmologist Dr. Vasudha Erraguntla.

A year-long patching program was the first step to correct Billy's vision. This was followed by surgery that straightened his eyes and saw five muscles surgically adjusted. The result, with almost 10 years of follow-up visits to the Eye Care Centre, was a boy who, with glasses, could see straight with 20/20 vision.

The hospital directly affected his quality of life and led to that proud family moment for us in June.

This is rather timely, given the Foundation's new campaign, Making the O.R. a PriQRity. This \$3.7 million

initiative will ensure that the hospital's Operating Room and its 12 surgical theatres have the latest, the best, and the safest equipment.

Billy's story is but one of numerous successful procedures that happen at our hospital. There are dozens of procedures like his happening every day, thousands every year.

Many were put on hold during the pandemic. As services resumed in July, the O.R. was facing a backlog of procedures. Ensuring that surgical equipment is maintained and replaced is even more crucial now.

While the talk will be about replacing this piece or installing that piece, we can't lose sight of the very reason we're doing this: We're creating more proud family moments.

For us, it was ensuring our son's vision so he could enjoy a rich and productive life. For others, it's the chance to move without pain. And for others, it's the difference between life and death.

It truly is helping people see better, walk better, live better.

Your gift today may be a family's joy tomorrow. Thank you. □



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HOW YOU HELPED

Supporting patients and families during pandemic



Within weeks of the province declaring a public emergency in response to the pandemic crisis, Saskatoon City Hospital Foundation joined with the city's other three hospital Foundations to create the COVID-19 Hospital Fund.

The intent was to respond to the rapidly evolving COVID-19 urgent care needs. The Fund would be invested in initiatives that accelerated, innovated and responded to emerging needs to enhance government support.”

Donors were encouraged to show gratitude to the dedicated medical and support teams on the front lines who were providing compassionate care in the fight against this pandemic and to provide the resources they needed to respond to COVID-19.

The pandemic didn't reach the numbers projected in the province's worst-case scenarios. However, there were hundreds of hospitalizations. In addition, residents of care facilities and their families were affected by distancing guidelines.

In May, donations from the fund supported patients, their families and also frontline workers remaining on or returning to work as the province slowly began reopening.

In order to address the social isolation of patients due to visitor restrictions, the Fund provided \$33,000 to pay for all televisions to be turned on in all Saskatoon hospitals during May. This improved the experience for patients during isolated hospital stays.

The fund also channeled a \$250,000 donation from Saskatoon's Westcap Management to purchase 330 iPads and data plans for long-term care homes across the province.

Supporting mental health clients, the fund provided 50 prepaid calling cards to help clients discharged to the community who didn't have access to a telephone. With distancing measures, this was the only way for them to connect with needed follow up services.

Another initiative to benefit from the COVID-19 Hospital Fund was a webinar series for health providers such as occupational therapists, physical therapist and speech language pathologists. The webinars provided crucial information that providers needed during the pandemic.

Funds were also used to purchase a Quanta-Lyser 3000 for laboratory services in Saskatoon. Lenore Howey, executive director of Laboratory

Medicine says the Quanta-Lyser “is immunodiagnostic equipment for COVID-19 patient support. COVID-19 is not simply a viral pneumonia; it's now apparent that this virus can cause multi-system diseases including dysregulation of the immune system that clinically mimics autoimmune diseases or vasculitic syndromes.

“Accordingly, the lab faced a significantly higher demand for autoimmune testing to provide timely diagnostic and prognostic information to enable appropriate triage and optimal management of acutely ill COVID-19 patients. Prior to this, the laboratory was performing testing by manual or semi-automated methods, which didn't provide capacity to respond to patient needs.



Howey added that the purchase of the Quanta-Lyser 3000 allows for the development of an enhanced provincial autoimmune testing laboratory in Saskatoon while enabling Regina to align to its provincial public health mandate.

The Foundation thanks all donors who supported this fund and subsequent initiatives during the pandemic. □

COUPLE HAD LONG HISTORY WITH HOSPITAL

Caldwells were faithful supporters of hospital and city

Saskatoon City Hospital and the Saskatoon community lost two dedicated supporters in 2019.

T. D. R. “Bobs” Caldwell passed away in March, his wife Beverley in December. The couple had been married for more than 60 years. Coming from opposite sides of the province – Bobs from Cabri and Bev from Yorkton, they met at Nutana Collegiate and married in 1957.

Both had distinguished careers. Bobs served as the province’s Chief Crown Prosecutor for three decades before becoming a judge. Bev trained at Saskatoon City Hospital’s School of Nursing. After retiring, she became active with the Nurses Alumnae, serving a term as its president, which also saw her serve on the volunteer board of directors for Saskatoon City Hospital Foundation.

The couple were predeceased by a daughter, Janet, in 2009 and survived by their three sons, Tom, Ted, and Charles. In their memory, they donated \$5,000 to the Foundation, elevating their parents’ names to the \$25,000-plus category on the donor wall.

Charles says they did this because of how Saskatoon City Hospital played a role in his parents’ life. “Mom graduated from nursing school in the 1950’s but her father-in-law and our grandfather was Dr. Sandy Caldwell. He worked for many years at Saskatoon City Hospital and I think his name is on a few walls or rooms there. I’m sure he had a role in my mom pursuing nursing.”



Above: Beverley and Bobs Caldwell in their retirement years. Below: Bev during her days as a nurse.

He adds that his two youngest siblings were both born at Saskatoon City Hospital in the 1960s.

The couple were also involved in the community, notably with Knox United Church, where they were married. Bobs was a founder of The Intensely Vigorous College Nine and the Bridge City Dixieland Jazz Band.

Bev had a passion for fine arts and eventually earned a degree, convocating from university on the same day as two of her children.

In her later years, Charles says Bev spent about a month in the Transitional Care Unit of the hospital. “She was in a wheelchair but we’d take her for walks around the hospital and she quite enjoyed that, especially the



displays of the nursing uniforms. She had several memories of how things were for her as a nurse.”

For lives well lived and for their long support of Saskatoon City Hospital, the Foundation is grateful to Bobs, Bev and the Caldwell family. □

HOW YOU HELPED

Refurbished, modern lab attracting top-notch professionals

It was five years ago that leadership from Saskatoon City Hospital's Anatomical Pathology Lab and the then Saskatoon Health Region approached Saskatoon City Hospital Foundation with a big dream. They were asking for major improvements to the lab, its workspaces and its tracking system.

"I think the best way to describe this is that we're currently running a bus service," Dr. Fergal Magee, the unified head of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine for the region, said at the time. "But we also need a taxi service for those specimens that need to be examined sooner."

Within a year the process had begun, thanks to a major anonymous donor who stepped forward with generous gifts totaling more than \$2 million.

The gifts enabled a three-phase project. The first phase saw new equipment including microscopes/computers, biopsy processors, biomarker instrumentation, microtomes, cassette and slide labelers, gross dissection hoods and capital improvements.

This second phase saw the installation of tracking software throughout the entire lab, allowing staff to follow and determine the location of blocks and slides across the system.

The third phase of the project has come to fruition this year with the addition of a multihead microscope and accompanying software. The technology enables pathologists to share specimen views through electronic submission, establish regional and provincial interfaces to pathologists in outlying



A new multihead microscope in the hospital's Anatomical Pathology Lab lets several pathologists examine the same slide at the same time, even with cohorts across the country.

communities to share specimen views, and establishes links to pathology networks across the country.

"The lab relies heavily on medical peer review," says Dr. Mary Kinloch, a Fellowship trained gynecologic pathologist. "It's because, while we trust the results we're putting out from the lab, we want people reading the reports to trust that those results have gone through a quality assurance and are correct. That requires pathologists to be in the same room, which until now hasn't been possible."

Dr. Kinloch says the virtual microscopy, essentially a microscope with multiple viewing stations as well as a large screen television, changes that. "It allows several pathologists to look at the same slide at the same time and for others to look at it on the large screen, all while a digital camera sends the image to pathologists in other locations

so they can also view it in real time. You're getting one-on-one consultation.

"It allows us to better consult within our group here, to better connect with pathologists in the city and province, and then for those specialized pathologists to connect with other similar pathologists," Kinloch adds. "No one likes to practice in isolation so for me as a gyne pathologist, the new microscope allows me to connect with my contemporaries in other provinces on the most difficult cases."

This is also helping the lab with another problem, albeit a good one that's arisen since the renovation, she says. "The SCH lab has the largest cohort of pathologists probably in the province. There are 11 pathologists covering a wide range of areas, compared to seven at RUH and one at St. Paul's. The lab here has the province's only Fellowship trained gastrointestinal (GI),

skin, and gynecology pathologists and both of the province's Fellowship trained genitourinary (GU) pathologists."

A challenge for these highly trained professionals is to remain focused in the fields and to improve by connecting with contemporaries and mentors. "This technology allows those Fellowship trained pathologists to virtually connect with similarly trained pathologists easily," Dr. Kinloch says. "It will enable the lab at City Hospital to attract and retain more specialized pathologists."

In turn those pathologists can share their expertise with others in the province. "Those experts can provide support to pathologists at the other labs in the province. The online platform enables the lab to run multidisciplinary rounds. We can share and contribute with other pathologists and benefit from provincial, regional and national rounds."

She adds that there's also a benefit to patients – the real time sharing of

information allows for quicker results. "The previous way involved packaging slides, couriering them overnight, having them unpacked, getting the expert to look at them, then writing a report, packaging slides and sending them back. Now we have people looking at the same slide at the same time."

Kinloch points to an example from her specialty. "If you have a diagnosis between hyperplasia and cancer, it can mean the difference of whether the patient will be offered medical treatment or a hysterectomy. So, in cases where there's a critical, clinical breakpoint in treatment, this medical peer review is essential. You'll have two people looking at it and one of them is an expert."

All of this has been a major plus for the lab, says its manager, Rhonda Hartz. "Five, six or seven years ago, these were the types of professionals that we were trying to recruit but the people that were interested in coming here were at a different level than we're seeing now."

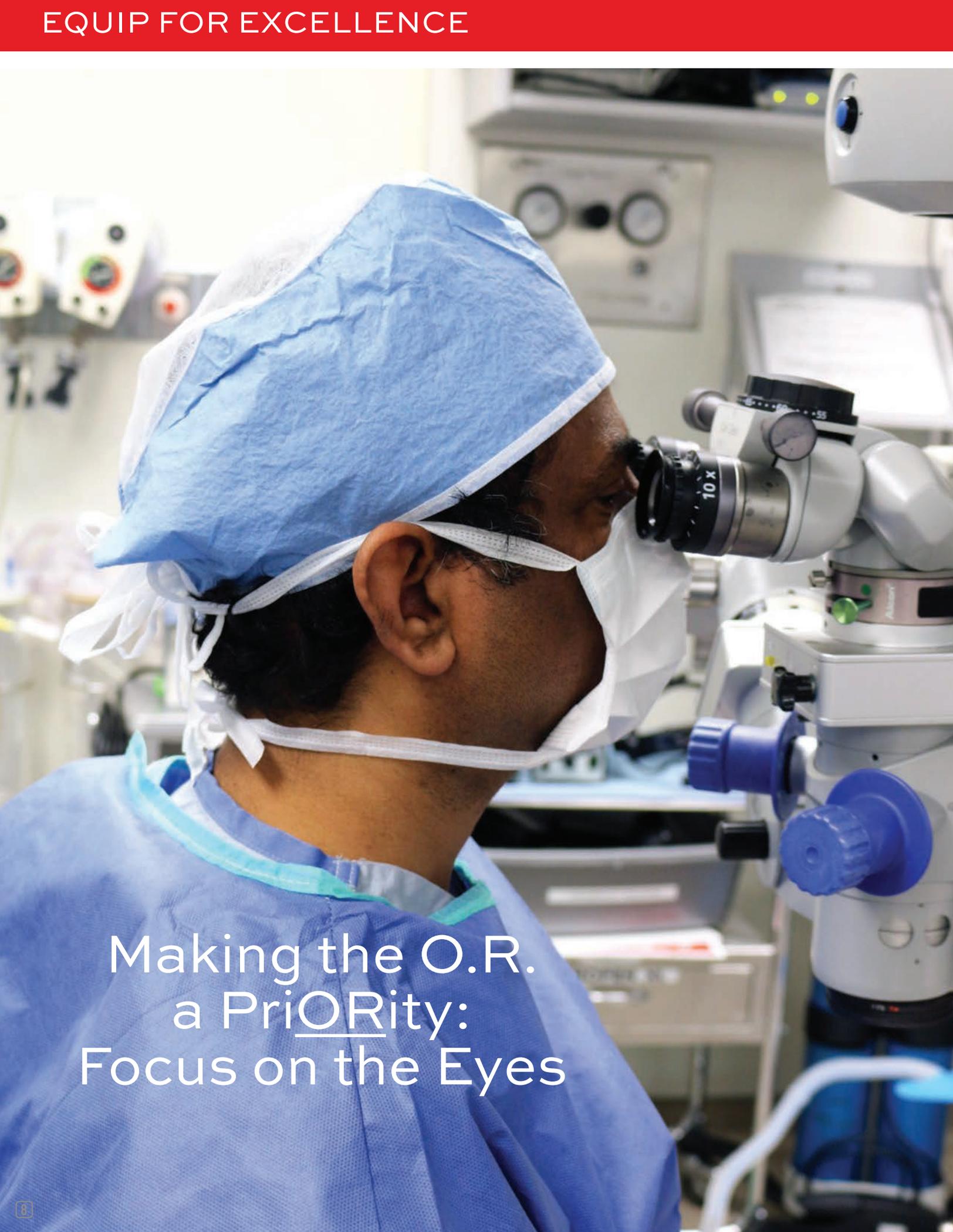
"Investing in Fellowship training is great but you have to keep investing in keeping experts in Saskatoon and one way to do that is to provide access to their mentors," adds Dr. Kinloch. "While the lab might not have that physically, the multihead microscope means it can at least have that connection virtually. The equipment allows us to create a virtual western Canadian consortium of Fellowship trained pathologists."

"Now we're starting to see young, energetic and highly trained pathologists. Virtual microscopy allows them to flourish in their mastery, to take on autonomy, and give them the job satisfaction to encourage them to continue to practice in Saskatchewan. If you're doing research with some of the big names in pathology, then you're always learning new things, you're always participating in new activities."

The Foundation is continually grateful for the anonymous donor who made all of this possible. □



Recent improvements to the hospital's Anatomical Pathology Lab are attracting young, professional specialists, many of whom are unique to their fields in the province. Pictured above are (l-r): Dr. Nick Baniak, genitourinary pathology; Dr. Alysa Poulin, pediatric pathology; and Dr. Deepti Ravi, gastrointestinal pathology.

A close-up, side-profile photograph of a surgeon in a sterile operating room. The surgeon is wearing a blue surgical cap, a white face mask, and blue scrubs. They are looking through the eyepiece of a large, white and blue microscope. The background shows various pieces of medical equipment, including monitors and control panels, slightly out of focus.

Making the O.R.
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FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN WILL ENHANCE OPHTHALMOLOGY SERVICES AT HOSPITAL

When you support Saskatoon City Hospital Foundation's Making the O.R. a PriORity campaign, you're helping people see better.

Of the equipment on the \$3.7 million initiative, many pieces are for the Operating Room's ophthalmology suite. While the goal is to replace aging equipment, new equipment is also much more technologically advanced.

The centrepiece of this is a Zeiss ophthalmologic microscope.

"In ophthalmology, almost all surgeries require the use of a microscope," says Dr. Ravi Nrusimhadevara, noting this includes cataract removal, retinal surgeries (vitrectomies), glaucoma procedures and others. "It's universally used by all eye surgeons four days every week for 50 weeks of the year."

The current microscope is more than 10 years old and showing its age – some pieces are held in place with duct tape. Dr. Ravi says a new microscope will have technical advantages.

"The microscope is two generations behind. The new piece will be digital so it provides much better resolution. For eye surgery, we're often dealing with tissue that's only one micron thick, so better resolution of the microscope means better outcomes for patients."

There are two major add-ons to the new microscope that will benefit eye surgery patients, the first of which is a Zeiss Resight system.

"The surgical microscope enlarges the eye but the Resight system allows us to see inside it and to see it from the back," explains Dr. Ravi, noting it's an important tool for retinal procedures such as detachments or eye bleeding.

An accessory to the microscope, he says, "we're currently using a tool called a BIOM but it's more than a decade old so the Resight system is much more advanced. It has microscope controls that the old equipment doesn't have. The Resight is more precise, and offers a greater field of view as well as high quality optics."

Another useful component to the surgical microscope is a 3D viewing system, Dr. Ravi says.

"Currently only the surgeon can see what's in the microscope. The 3D system allows other staff such as nurses to see what's projected. It's especially useful for training and it's also better ergonomically. There can be a lot of neck stress on surgeons using the old microscope – the 3D viewer will help eliminate this."

“With tissue that’s one micron thick, better resolution means better outcomes for patients.”

You can do your part in Making the O.R. a PriORity and ensure patients have timely access to crucial procedures. To donate, visit SCHFgo.com. You can also donate in person at the Foundation office or by calling 306-655-8489 or toll-free 1-800-603-4464. □



MAKING THE O.R. A PRIORITY

Operating Room at SCH sees backlog from pandemic

When making preparations for the worst case scenario during the pandemic last spring, most elective and non-urgent surgeries at Saskatoon City Hospital were postponed. As normalcy returned in July and resumes this fall, there naturally will be a backlog of procedures.

“The Operating Room at the hospital was already a busy place, with 12,000 procedures every year,” says Foundation CEO Steve Shannon. “We expect it to be even busier as the hospital and staff try to catch up.”

Procedures performed in the O.R. include gynecology, orthopedics, ophthalmology, cystoscopy, urology, and cancer related surgeries.

Because of this, it's very probable that you know someone anxiously waiting for an operation at Saskatoon City Hospital. It could be your parent needing their vision corrected, an uncle or aunt waiting for a new hip, or even a friend with painful kidney stones.

This is why the Foundation's Making the O.R. a Priority Campaign is so crucial, Shannon says. “The campaign was launched because of both how busy and how vital the Operating Room at Saskatoon City Hospital is. Now, with this backlog, it will be even busier and more vital. So, it's even more important to ensure that the O.R. has the best, latest and safest equipment.”

A heavy volume of procedures and heavy use of equipment means equipment will wear out or break down faster. Much of this was previously identified as end of life, meaning they



can't be repaired and aren't supported by their manufacturers.

“Replacement is the only option, especially for pieces that are critical need. It's important to replace and upgrade to ensure the flow of procedures is maintained,” says Terri Nixey, manager of the Operating Room.

Major items in need of replacement include a surgical table with fluoroscopy capabilities in the cystoscopy suite, a microscope for ophthalmology procedures, and two steam sterilizers (autoclaves) in the hospital's Medical Device Reprocessing Department.

The campaign, when launched in the spring, received a great boost, Shannon says. “Friends of the hospital, Irene and Leslie Dubé also saw the O.R. as a priority. They've lovingly pledged \$1 million to get it all going because they believe this is so important.”

To join the Dubés and many other donors, visit SCHFgo.com and click 'Donate.' You can also donate in person at the Foundation office or at 306-655-8489 or toll free 1-800-603-4464. □



LOCAL COMPANY SEES SIGNIFICANT GROWTH

Wellington-Altus shadows clients' wishes when donating

Wellington-Altus's support of the EY Black Tie Bingo has seen it added to the Foundation's donor wall in the \$10,000-plus category.

Wellington-Altus is an independent private wealth management firm founded by Saskatoon-based Todd Degelman and a Winnipeg partner.

It's the second such venture for the two entrepreneurs who'd previously created a similar company called Wellington-West. "In 10 years we grew to over 40 offices and acquired more than \$10 billion in assets," Todd says. "We eventually sold to National Bank."

Because of that sales agreement, Todd and his partner were restricted to leave the bank for five years. "However, we still had that entrepreneurial spirit, so we negotiated with National Bank and started Wellington-Altus in 2017."

"It's been three years and we're rivaling what we did last time," he reports. "We now have approximately 20 offices across the country, 300 employees and over \$10 billion in assets."

Todd was also recently ranked #2 in the top 50 brokers in Canada by Wealth Professional magazine.

Todd says that the company name partially comes from the famous battle of Waterloo, where the Duke of Wellington defeated Napoleon with a small army. "It's like the David and Goliath story, which we relate to because we're a small brokerage firm competing with big banks."



Above: The Wellington-Altus team at the Saskatoon office. Below: Founder Todd Degelman.



"We think Black Tie Bingo is one of the more fun events in Saskatoon, so we're glad to help out."

Way, the YMCA, Cosmo Industries, and the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society of Canada. "We try to spread it out. It's easy because I find my clients are so charitable. Usually we'll piggyback on their ideas and interests. I like that because I can help my clients but also help a charity at the same time. It's a win for everybody."

Wellington-Altus has sponsored the EY Black Tie Bingo since its founding. Todd's spouse, Lacy, also serves on the volunteer organizing committee. "We think it's one of the more fun events in Saskatoon so we're glad to help in a small way."

Todd's community involvement and support goes beyond the EY Black Tie Bingo, including supporting the United

The support for the hospital also aligns with this philosophy. "We have aging clients or clients with aging parents, so we see the need for the hospital and investing in technology. Ensuring that the hospital has the best creates a thriving community."

The Foundation thanks Wellington-Altus for its continued support. □

FESTIVAL/FORREST HIGHLIGHT WINTER EVENTS

Putting the fun in fundraising



Three and a half decades. That's how long Saskatoon's **Festival of Trees** has been a harbinger of the Christmas season, delighting the young and young at heart with inspiring displays.

In late summer, organizers were busy working on plans for the 35th Festival, scheduled for Nov. 20-28 at the Western Development Museum.

"The plan is for the displays of trees, wreaths and gingerbread houses to proceed on Boomtown street," says Raylene Kershaw, the Festival's operations manager. "With COVID-19 guidelines still likely in place, we feel we can present that and maintain safe distancing of people attending."

Kershaw added that this plan was being finalized as the Western Development Museum was reopening in mid-August. "There's a mutual feeling that we want to be in the WDM and the WDM wants us there, too."

The Festival is also hoping to stage at

least three of its highly popular special events – the Father/Daughter Gala, Brunch with Santa, and the Perfectly Princess Tea Party. At press time, Kershaw says plans were for individual tables for families, physical distancing between tables and walkways, plus served food – much like what is done in restaurants. "Our capacity would be reduced in order to keep people safe but we're hoping to be seen as a restaurant with live entertainment, which would allow for enough attendees to generate a profit."

Like so many things, these plans may change as the pandemic changes. Kershaw says people can stay informed by visiting the website at festival-of-trees.com or following on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

She adds that it's important for the Festival to continue. "Since 2006, we've raised more than \$1.7 million for Saskatoon City Hospital. Proceeds this year will support the Foundation's Making the O.R. a PriORity."

Having just one part-time paid position, Kershaw says the Festival is run by a volunteer board of directors – with Guy Paterson as chair, Mary-Lou Eastman as vice-chair, secretary Kayla Kobiela, and Ronna Hjertaas as CEO. Hjertaas is a long-time Festival volunteer who worked in health care for 40 years.



The **BHP Enchanted Forest** is an event built for these times. You can view dazzling lights from the safety of your own vehicle Nov. 20, 2020 until Jan. 9, 2021. Favourite displays will be returning but organizers, as always, are promising a new display, created to pay tribute to Saskatchewan's essential service providers.

For more information about the 22nd annual BHP Enchanted Forest, visit enchanted-forest.org or follow on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

Saskatoon City Hospital and the Saskatoon Zoo Foundation are very pleased to announce BHP as title sponsor of the Enchanted Forest for three more years! Thank you, BHP, for making this possible.



Last spring, due to COVID-19, the **Hospital Home Lottery** closed its grand prize showhome and sold remaining tickets by phone or online. Supporters responded with another sold out lottery and a record-breaking 50-50 of more than a million dollars!

As of August, the fall edition Hospital Home Lottery was once again selling tickets by phone or online only. But excitement still was building thanks to two gorgeous homes – the grand prize \$1.3 million home by Fraser Homes in Greenbryre and the early bird prize, a stunning Elk Ridge cottage from Zak's Homes and Cottages. You can view galleries or take virtual tours at HospitalHomeLottery.org.

The bonus prize is either a hot Maserati SUV or a crisp \$100,000 cash. Other great vehicles include a 2020 BMW, a 2020 Dodge Ram and numerous fun leisure items. Don't forget about the Cash Calendar or the exciting 50-50 AddOn – how big will it get this year? For tickets, visit HospitalHomeLottery.org or call 1-855-666-8300.



Last year's **Swinging with the Stars** welcomed dance fans to the Roaring 2020s. And what a night it was, raising \$170,000! The 2021 event will once again blaze trails, so mark January 30 in your calendars. To stay in touch, search for and follow **Swinging with the Stars Saskatoon** on either Facebook or Instagram.



The **EY Black Tie Bingo**, **Golfun** and **Ouzopalooza** were events that initially were postponed and then sadly canceled altogether for 2020. The hope at this time is that they'll be able to return in 2021. If so, The EY Black Tie Bingo is tentatively scheduled for



In a socially distanced way, Ouzopalooza organizers George Foufas and Deighan Remoundos bring Foundation CEO Steve Shannon good news about the Nutrien gift.

Saturday, March 20 while **Golfun** will happen on May 20. For tickets and other details, look for and follow these events on Facebook.



The Foundation also thanks sponsors, donors and patrons who chose to donate instead of seeking refunds for these events. One that's very notable is Nutrien, which decided its \$15,000 sponsorship of Ouzopalooza would instead be a donation. Thank you!

Events help fund general campaigns like Making the O.R. a PriORity, specific departments such as the Eye Care Centre, or initiatives such as Fellowships. If you want to ensure that these are properly funded, please consider making a donation at SCHFgo.com.

Please note all events are subject to change based on pandemic guidelines. □

SUPPORTING BLACK TIE BINGO AND FELLOWSHIPS

McKercher LLP has long history as donor to Foundation

It's no surprise that McKercher LLP law firm, one of the oldest in both Saskatoon and Saskatchewan, is also a longtime supporter of Saskatoon City Hospital.

"The firm's involvement with the foundation dates back many decades with varying levels and types of support," says Gregory A. Thompson, Q.C., a senior partner with the firm and also the current chair of its executive committee.

"Like many firms, McKercher started small and has grown over the years," Thompson says of the practice, which is nearly a century old. He notes that one of the biggest decisions in its history was to establish a Regina office in the late 1980s. "We were McKercher McKercher Stack Korchin and Laing until then but became McKercher McKercher Whitmore with that addition."

He says the firm later simplified its name, becoming simply known as McKercher LLP. "We describe ourselves as a provincial firm and have over 165 employees between the two offices.

"We've always had a strong culture of community and that applies both in Saskatoon and Regina," Thompson



McKERCHER LLP

adds of its role as a donor. "Saskatoon City Hospital is and has been a part of that. The hospital is a very important institution not only in the city but also in the province."

McKercher LLP was one of the first supporters of the Festival of Trees and its gala, supporting that event from 1987 to 1992. The firm then became a longtime ticket patron and supporter of the EY Black Tie Bingo from the 1990s to the mid-2000s. In 2014, the firm again became involved with the EY Black Tie Bingo, but this time as a major sponsor of the event.

"The hospital is a very important institution, not only in the city but also in the province."

Its accumulative donations in the past four decades will see McKercher LLP move up on the Foundation's donor wall to the \$50,000 to \$99,999 category.

Thompson says it's good to know that the EY Black Tie Bingo supports the Foundation's Fellowship initiative. This past August, the initiative saw the addition of two new geriatricians, who will be completing their residency at Saskatoon City Hospital.

He notes that the EY Black Tie Bingo is a great event. "I hear great things about it from our team who attend and also from people in the community."

The Foundation thanks McKercher LLP for its continuing support. □



LAURA LAWSON NAMES FOUNDATION IN HER WILL

Long-time teacher's career spanned 32 years

At 92, Laura Lawson is grateful to be mobile, even with a walker. She suffered a broken pelvis in 2008.

"Some medical staff were convinced I wouldn't walk again," Laura recalls. "But they sent me to rehabilitate in the Convalescent Unit at Saskatoon City Hospital and they weren't having anything to do with that notion." The senior was happy to leave with the aid of a walker, thanks to the encouragement of the staff.

It wasn't the only time the hospital made a difference. "I used to suffer from atrial fibrillation and one time came to emergency at City Hospital." The doctor had an easy prescription, Laura says. "He said my potassium levels were low and causing fibrillation so I should eat a banana every day. I've never had a problem since."

With this life-changing care, it's no surprise Laura decided to remember the Foundation and hospital in her will. "It's a wonderful place and so encouraging."

Laura grew up on a farm near the former town of Alticane, 120km northwest of Saskatoon. During World War II, she



Left: Laura Lawson upon her retirement from teaching in 1987. Right: Laura more recently.

was her dad's 'hired man,' getting up at six a.m. to milk cows before school. Her dream from a young age was to be a teacher. Laura attended Saskatoon Normal School and finished despite an interruption when her mother passed away. That saw her assume the household duties and caring for her three younger sisters.

Her first job was at home in Alticane's one-room school where she "taught all three sisters. I later taught in another school I'd attended at Speers before going to North Battleford for 25 years."

Laura's career as a teacher spanned more than three decades and saw her teach in the Caribbean, in Botswana through CUSO and in Namibia with the



Canadian Teachers Federation. She retired in 1987.

After retiring, Laura enjoyed learning about theology and volunteer preaching. She also organized church lunches and fall suppers and served with the Lions Club. She continues to enjoy ecumenical services where she lives.

Laura had three boys, one of whom passed away in an accident, and later a seven-year old girl who was a foster child "who decided to adopt us", she says. She also has six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

For a life of service and for her wonderful future gift, the Foundation is appreciative. Thank you! □

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