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Steve Shannon

Les is more!

As I would approach the Dubé house, their puppies Ginger and Sugar would be barking and pawing at the picture window. It was a traditional welcome to the home of Irene and Les.

My friendship with them may have started with their named gift to the Breast Health Center at Saskatoon City Hospital but grew over the years to phone calls several times a week and more.

When I arrived home after my quadruple bypass in January of 2020, Les called me every day for six months.

Their close relationship with Corey Miller, now CEO of Emmanuel Health, afforded me a connection with them that was unparalleled.

Les was a man of faith, humility, honour and humour. Whether it was a comment on the government of the day or a civic issue, he was witty, factual, knowledgeable and not afraid to say what he thought.

What I learned from Les and Irene is they were as regular a couple as your next door neighbours. They had a mission though: to do God's work here on Earth.



Lunches and suppers with Les and our friends, Corey Miller and Mike Levine, were a treat. Prime rib medium rare! He enjoyed his beef. I convinced him once to have quinoa with his favorite lunch meal, a hamburger. It was not the best choice. We laughed about that for a long time.

I had the chance to shop with him a few times at the grocery store. One occasion, after each of us were repeatedly stopped by people we knew in the aisles, Les stated we had better pick up the pace or Irene would wonder just what we were doing.

I miss Les tremendously.

I miss his questions when I asked for a gift – I had to be on my toes. I miss his laugh when he'd pick up the phone, his gratitude for the call, the joy on Irene's face when we were taking him out for dinner that gave her some valued space, and his encouraging comments when the day was a little dark.

I always needed more Les.

How did Les and I become friends? It starts here. People caring for people. □

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Your support answers urgent call for help

Earlier this year, the Foundation was able to join with the Saskatchewan Health Authority (SHA) to respond to a fast-emerging need in the Breast Health Centre.

“Richard Dagenais, executive director of Medical Imaging for the SHA, came to us with an urgent request to help fund a new mammography camera,” Foundation CEO Steve Shannon says. “We’d already known from staff that the centre was extremely busy taking on additional patients with limited resources.”

Shannon says the decision to help was easy. “The Foundation’s donors have a long history with the Breast Health Centre. They were instrumental in its creation in 2006, its expansion in 2012, and have been supportive of major equipment purchases.

“Because of continual support, the Foundation had funds meant for exactly this. We knew donors would be 100 per cent supportive of any funding we could provide.”

“Our goal was to have a new mammography system by the end of February,” Dagenais reports. “We were excited that the Foundation was interested in collaborating with the Health Authority on this purchase. The total cost of the system was approximately \$500,000, and SCHF’s funding for half expedited the process. The unit arrived in late February, and, as of mid-March, it was fully operational.”



Foundation CEO Steve Shannon (r) poses with medical radiation technologist Pat Vereschagin (l) and radiologist Dr. Carolyn Flegg (c) beside a new mammography unit in the Breast Health Centre. The Foundation joined with the Saskatchewan Health Authority to purchase it quickly when an older unit failed.

Dr. Carolyn Flegg, radiologist with the Breast Health Centre, says a reliable mammography unit is crucial with increasing demand. “We’ve had numerous patients coming to the centre in Saskatoon from the southern parts of the province. There were some appointments that had to be postponed simply because the old unit wasn’t working.”

The new unit has many technical advantages. “It has curved compression paddles that are more comfortable for the patient, sharper image quality, and better ergonomic design for the mammography technologists.

The most significant benefit of the new mammography unit is it uses contrast-enhanced mammography (CEM),” she adds. “CEM combines intravenous contrast injection, like that used routinely for CT scans, with standard mammogram images.”

CEM can reveal cancer that is otherwise hidden by the normal breast tissue. It can also be used to plan breast cancer surgery by mapping the location of the tumours, and to assess response to chemotherapy.

“We’re grateful to the Foundation’s donors who made this advancement possible,” Dr. Flegg says, “and who’ve ensured that patients facing breast health issues will have timely access to imaging.”

“It was wonderful to do this so quickly,” says Shannon. “But it was on a bittersweet note that this occurred around the time of the passing of one of the benefactors of the Breast Health Centre, Les Dubé. While we were saddened by his passing, he would have been pleased to know that fellow donors were able to share, as he had done so often, to achieve a positive result.”

Thank you for keeping it flowing!

Last year, the Foundation asked you to help purchase six new gas machines and accompanying monitors for use in the hospital's **Operating Room**.

Thanks to your terrific support, all of the units have been purchased. This new equipment will help the OR deal with the demand for an increase in surgical procedures across the province.

The Foundation's Gingerbread House Contest returned last Christmas with more than a dozen departments entering and vying for prizes such as Enchanted Forest car passes. But the top prize was \$5,000 to

the winning department to make improvements for patient comfort.

The people voted and the **Convalescent Unit** was the winning house! The Convalescent Unit, which will have been in the hospital for 10 years as of this coming fall, provides specialized treatment to patients needing more recovery time from medical or surgical events.

Staff in the Convalescent Unit began using funds to revamp its patient lounge. As of this spring, a new television and couch had been added with more to come.

Thanks to dancers, sponsors, voters and attendees of this year's Ens Swinging with the Stars, the

Eye Care Centre was faced with a pleasing challenge – having more funds to purchase vital equipment.

While past events have raised around \$180,000, the 2024 Swinging was a huge success and saw \$350,000 raised.

The funds helped replace and upgrade many pieces in the very busy centre. These include several new patient chairs with memory positioning switches and that are more comfortable. Also included were new ophthalmoscopes that are built slimmer to offer more comfort to physicians while digital lighting provides better imaging of patients' eyes.

Thank you to all supporters for helping people see better. □



Thanks to you, the Operating Room at Saskatoon City Hospital now has six new AISYS gas machines and monitors. Having new equipment will help staff deal with increasing demand for procedures as the Saskatchewan Health Authority and provincial government work to decrease surgical wait times.

It starts **here**.

Your answers. Your journey to deal with pain and ailment. Your return to better health.

It starts **here**.

Saskatoon City Hospital offers a full range of healthcare services, from diagnostics to treatment to recovery. At every part of this cycle, it's important to have the very best and latest equipment. You can help by donating at SCHFgo.com, calling 306-655-8489 or visiting the Foundation office adjacent to the front entrance of the hospital.

Your diagnosis It starts **here**

"Doctor, what's wrong with me?"

This is something that almost everyone has asked a physician at some point in their lives. For many people, their diagnosis, the answers to this question, might start at Saskatoon City Hospital.

They might start in Medical Imaging, which sees more than 50,000 patients every year for ultrasounds, fluoroscopy, MRIs and CTs, nuclear imaging, and bone scans.

Your support means equipment that takes clearer images, leading to better treatment decisions and optimal recoveries.

The hospital's Anatomic Pathology Lab is the provincial screening centre for many types of cancer. These include brain cancer, sarcomas, and lymphomas.



It starts here: Your support will help patients get the answers they need in departments such as Anatomic Pathology Lab. Among other areas of diagnosis, it's the provincial screening centre for many types of cancer, including brain cancer, sarcomas, and lymphomas.

Your gifts bring in advanced technology that leads to crucial decisions being made faster.

Saskatoon City Hospital is home to a growing Endoscopy program. Using the latest in scoping technology, physicians can view the internal systems of patients, spotting diseases and, in some cases, even making repairs at the same time.

Upgrading and replacing scopes helps 5,000 patients every year.

Your treatment It starts **here**

The Operating Room at Saskatoon City Hospital is renowned for its orthopedic programs. Patients having hand, wrist, knee, hip, ankle and foot surgery will more than likely have it performed at City Hospital. Other procedures performed include gynecology,

ophthalmology, cystoscopy, and cancer related surgeries.

Your help ensures the Operating Room can meet the ever-increasing demand and current goals to reduce waiting lists.

The hospital is home to a Clinical Treatment Centre, which administers intravenous medications and treatments, biopsy before and after care, and bladder treatments.

Donors like you have helped fund a vein viewer for the centre. It uses infrared light to illuminate veins, making the process of starting IVs for patients safer and more comfortable.

The ability to see and read is taken for granted by many – until you have a problem with your eyes. The Eye Care Centre is vital in the life of the city, treating patients from infancy to the

elderly. Specialists in treatment and surgery work hard to save and restore vision.

Your gifts have worked to create a world class centre with numerous specialties in both ophthalmology and orthoptics.

Your recovery It starts **here**

There are so many areas of the hospital whose goal is to restore patients' health, to return their quality of life.

The hospital's in-patient Physical Rehabilitation and Medicine ward and accompanying rehabilitation clinic deal with patients in the aftermath of serious physical and neurological calamities. Also housed within the hospital, the MS Clinic and

ALS Clinic help patients facing debilitating diseases.

Your support helps patients in the aftermath of physical hardship.

If you've suffered an injury or accident at work or home, you might require the services of the hospital's Kinetik Rehabilitation Services.

Kinetic is a leading provider of physical and psychological rehabilitation and disability management services to corporations, individuals, insurers, and the private sector in Saskatchewan. Its team approach to functional restoration is comprehensive and multidisciplinary.

Previously, your support saw the purchase of a driving simulator, which teaches clients with

various physical limitations how to operate vehicles so they can maintain their independence.

The Convalescent Unit at Saskatoon City Hospital is designed for patients who no longer need acute care but need more time to fully recover before returning home. Physiotherapy and other programs help patients regain strength and independence. Opened in 2014, the 28-bed unit has been full ever since while freeing up acute care beds elsewhere.

Recently, your funds helped staff improve the patient lounge on the very busy unit.

Your diagnosis. Your treatment. Your recovery. It starts **here**.

And it starts with you. Donate today at SCHFgo.com. □



Les Dubé: A lifetime of sharing

The entire community of Saskatoon paused this past March to mourn the passing of a giant in the business community and an even larger soul in local philanthropy, Les Dubé.

“I’ve lost a friend,” says Foundation CEO Steve Shannon, “but Les was also a friend to the hospital, a friend to healthcare and a friend to the community.”

Leslie Dubé was born in Wynyard, SK, in 1933, his parents having arrived in 1912. It also was there that he met his wife of almost 70 years, Irene Sigurdson. They were married in 1954 when he was 20 and she was 17.

Les worked at the local OK Economy in Wynyard before going to the University of Saskatchewan to take classes in Vocational Agriculture. Returning to Wynyard, he worked with the CPR as a brakeman and cook. He moved back to Saskatoon for a position with OK Economy and worked at various stores.

Les and Irene welcomed daughters Deborah in 1955 and Dawna in 1962; son David came along in 1964. During this time, the family moved briefly to Eston before returning to Saskatoon.

In 1967 Les started a company supplying and distributing produce from around the world to markets across Canada. A year later he invested in land in the Greystone Heights area of Saskatoon. In the following years, the Dubés built a portfolio of businesses and properties.



Irene and Les Dubé at the opening of the expansion of the Irene and Leslie Dubé Centre of Care Breast Health Centre in 2012.

Decades later that company, fostered by a strong work ethic and business acumen, had become the Concorde Group of Companies, a hugely successful and diversified business with ventures across western Canada.

In the 1900s, winding down their business careers after 40 years, Les and Irene decided to make philanthropy their full-time vocations. What followed was two decades of incredible sharing with the community and those working to better it.

“We believe we’ve been well rewarded in our lives and it’s because of our faith,” Les told Saskatoon City Hospital Foundation in 2020 after pledging \$1,000,000 to improve the hospital’s Operating Room.

“This is why we believe in supporting the community any way that we can. We believe we have a responsibility wherever we see a need to do something to help others.”

That donation is just one of many million-dollar gifts Saskatoon City Hospital Foundation has received from the Dubé family either personally or through its Foundation. The latest, in 2023, is seeing one of the fluoroscopy suites in the Medical Imaging department undergoing a major upgrade and modernization.

In 2003, Les and Irene led the way to the opening of the province’s first breast health centre with another million-dollar donation. The gift was transformational and resulted in

the centre being named the Irene and Leslie Dubé Centre of Care Breast Health Centre.

“Over the years we’ve been keeping our eyes open for opportunities to make contributions to much-needed health care facilities in Saskatoon,” they said at the time. “We feel that Saskatoon has some dedicated professionals and specialists, and facilities like the Breast Health Centre are a small deterrent to their leaving.”

“The mark that Les and Irene made is evident throughout the hospital,” Shannon says. “Their efforts are seen and felt everywhere and have been a major reason for the hospital’s ability to continually deliver the best quality of care and return quality of life to thousands.”

“We believe in our hearts that sharing is good for the soul.”

Their benevolence extended well beyond Saskatoon City Hospital and deeply into the greater community of Saskatoon. One just has to look around and see their names on facilities such as the Irene and Leslie Dubé Centre for Mental Health, the Leslie and Irene Dubé Health Sciences Library, or the Leslie and Irene Dubé Centre of Care for Children.

While they donated quietly, the community, the country and even the continent celebrated them. In



2007, they received honorary Doctor of Law degrees from the University of Saskatchewan. The following year they received the Saskatchewan Order of Merit. In 2017, the Dubés were named Members of the Order of Canada, the first couple to receive the honour simultaneously.

In 2013, the Association of Fundraising Professionals, with thousands of members worldwide, bestowed them with the award for Outstanding Philanthropist. At the time they were the first Canadian couple and only the second Canadians to receive the award since its creation in 1980.

After the most recent gift to the hospital, Shannon says the Foundation also took an extra step to recognize Les and Irene.

“Outside of Medical Imaging, we placed a sign thanking them for their devotion. According to their wishes, we made it an inspirational sign.

“It was meant, as they wanted, to be motivational for others,” Shannon adds, “but we didn’t realize it would become a fitting tribute. Les’s absence will leave a big hole in the community and in the hearts of so many charities that they supported.” □



Irene and Leslie Dubé with CEOs of the four Saskatoon hospital foundations in 2013. The Dubés received the award for Outstanding Philanthropist from the international Association of Fundraising Professionals.

Great support leads to success for Foundation events

It was a stellar night as the 2024 **Ens Auto Swinging with the Stars** soared to new heights in January. Organizers were thrilled to announce that more than \$300,000 was raised but the final tally showed that number to be closer to \$350,000!

Proceeds supported the purchase of equipment at the Eye Care Centre – whether you were a sponsor, dancer, attendee, volunteer, or online voter, your efforts helped people see better.

The night's leap beyond the stratosphere was fueled by a competition between two dancers. Joshua McGowan and his partner, Tatum Wildeman, broke the Swinging with the Stars record by collecting more than \$125,000 in donations. For their efforts, they were awarded the coveted Crowd Favourite Trophy.

Sik Pics' Chris Sikorsky, dancing with Kennedy Hannay, was a very, very, very close second, raising more than \$110,000, still an incredible total!

Aimee Schneider from Unveiled Dress Co. and her professional partner Ervin Kormos captured the Judge's Choice award.

It was a close decision, though, as the crowd loved all the pairs, who gave the dance performances of their lives. This included CTV Saskatoon's Alex Brown, dancing on a fractured foot with partner Kelsee Douglas. The hospital's very own Dr. Gabriela Campos-Baniak, glaucoma surgeon, was



Eight celebrity dancers and their professional partners raised \$350,000 at this year's Ens Auto Swinging with the Stars!

dancing with Leah Frei and was several months pregnant!

Other pairs were the NSBA's Keith Moen and Ilaria Zuzak; Karen Churchill, CEO of Ag-West Bio dancing with Herb Clarke; and Saskatoon Public Schools vice-principal Lance Pollard, partnered with Ashley Berrns.

Thanks to all involved for making this a truly iconic night and especially to the committee: Nicole Husteij, Depesh Parmar, Mel Kozun, Stephanie Massicotte, Shannon Fitzsimmons, Zoe Vassos, Kris Stephenson, Joanne Morris, Jana Len, and Kim Fuller. For more, follow Ens Auto Swinging with the Stars on Facebook and Instagram.

There might have been 350 people who didn't feel too much like celebrating on St. Patrick's Day this year. That's because they partied the night away on March 16 at the Foundation's annual **Nutrien Black Tie Bingo**.

Marking its second year of returning as a live event, the crowd donned their best gowns and tuxes, and enjoyed a wonderful meal in the Sheraton ballroom, elegantly decorated by RSVP Event Design.

Then they picked up their dabbers and got ready to play some bingo. They were all hoping for some amazing prizes. This year's lot included a shopping spree from Klassique Designs in the Scotia Centre and weekend trips to Las Vegas, Vancouver and Toronto. The two major prizes were week-long getaways to Phoenix and Waikiki!

Attendees eagerly bid on two live auction prizes – a catered dinner for 50 from Boryski's and a Greenbryre golf tournament for 24 – that became four when second place bidders agreed to pay the winning amount.

There also was plenty of action at the silent auction. A stunning

piece of art from Atmosphere Interior Design commanded more than a thousand dollars while a stylish handbag by Louis Vuitton, supplied by Style Encore, raised more than two thousand dollars.

Our thanks to the Nutrien Black Tie Bingo committee – chair Tracy Kendel, Tom Eremondi, Nicole Husteij, Crystal MacLeod, Jocelyn Malcolm, Ashala Naidu, Kathryn Pally, Tim Phillipow, Deighan Remondous, and Steve Shannon.

Also thanks to Nutrien for being title sponsor, Diamond sponsors S.O. Asher and Associated Radiologists, all platinum, gold, silver, in-kind sponsors and donors, as well as all ticket purchasers. Special thanks to CTV Saskatoon’s Jeff Rogstad and Chantel Saunders, who served as emcees for the second year.

Your support saw \$91,000 raised for the hospital. Thank you!

To stay in touch, follow Nutrien Black Tie Bingo on Facebook.



Attendees at the Nutrien Black Tie Bingo enjoyed a very fun night.

This past spring’s **Hospital Home Lottery** was an official sell out and it’s no surprise why. The grandprize was a gorgeous \$2-million home from Fraser Homes. With 4,100 square feet of space, it featured a double-sided fireplace, gourmet kitchen with two islands, five bedrooms, a home theatre and a secret library. It’s lucky winner was Jamie Stow of Martensville. Congratulations!

The early bird prize – a stunning Maldives vacation and an all-electric Mercedes-Benz or \$120,000 cash – was claimed by Greg Bachman of Rocanville.

Meanwhile Saskatoon’s Bev Schaff won the bonus prize of an 11-day yacht holiday in Australia.

Once again, the 50-50 Add-On surpassed a million dollars, reaching almost \$1.2 million. That means Marguerite Wapple and nine friends from Biggar claimed \$597,235 dollars. Other offerings were a four-night stay in an Irish castle, Apple technology, and Caribbean or European vacations as well as electronic, leisure, and recreational prizes.

Tickets for the fall’s Hospital Home Lottery will go on sale in late June. Visit HospitalHomeLottery.org for more information.

The last issue reported on the tremendous success of the 2023 **Festival of Trees**. Now we can report that proceeds were \$109,000. Funds benefitted the OR through the purchase of new gas machines and monitors.

Our thanks to the organizing committee for a great job. For details on the 2024 Festival, visit festival-of-trees.com. □



Steve Shannon, centre back, posed with the Festival of Trees organizing committee after receiving proceeds of \$109,000!

Endoscopy department needs new scopes

In the past few years, Foundation donors have purchased several pieces of equipment to enhance endoscopy at City Hospital.

This is crucial because of the vast array of procedures the department conducts, starting with general gastroscopies – to look at the esophagus, stomach and first portion of the small intestine – and colonoscopies, which are scopes through the rectum to look at large intestine and lower portion of small intestine (ileum).

“Those are what we consider the general endoscopy procedures,” reports Richard Le Tang, Endoscopy’s clinical coordinator.

“We also do advanced procedures such as Radio Frequency Ablation (RFA). These are normally used for patients

who’ve had gastric reflux and developed what’s known as Barrett’s esophagus, which can turn into cancer. Through RFA we go in with cautery pads and burn the abnormal tissue so that new, healthy tissue grows.”

Another noteworthy procedure is endoscopic ultrasound (EUS), he adds. “This procedure uses a flexible scope like a gastroscope. It can target tumours, lesions or masses – things that can be cancerous – and take tissue samples to be sent for analysis. It’s essentially diagnostic testing without major surgery or exposure to radiation through MRI or x-ray. You also get results quicker.”

With 5,000 scoping procedures annually, Le Tang notes that it’s important to replace or upgrade scopes frequently. “The ones we’re using now are quite dated;

seven years or older where average scope life is seven to five years. So, these are at or beyond end of life.”

Le Tang says new scopes use advanced technology such as artificial intelligence that automatically recognizes abnormalities and places warnings on screen for physicians. “It catches things that might be missed so physicians can take a second look.

“As well, resolution and imaging is better,” he adds. “For example, traditionally a white light is used. This is like looking with a flashlight. New scopes use four- or five-light systems that let doctors see things such as blood vessels much better.”

To donate, visit SCHFgo.com or call 306-655-8489. □



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North Prairie donates to Eye Care Centre

Saskatoon company North Prairie Developments believes in building great things. Fortunately, Saskatoon City Hospital is one of them. The company recently donated \$26,000 to the Foundation to purchase much needed equipment in the hospital's Eye Care Centre.

"We were approached by Steve Shannon, whom we have a great deal of respect for," North Prairie CEO Andrew Williams says of the donation. "He provided us with the recent campaign funding goals and opportunities. Through a few discussions, it was recommended that our donation level would be suited for much-needed Keeler slit lamps."

Andrew adds that the company and family didn't have a specific attachment to the equipment or centre, "but we recognize that the physicians and ultimately patients benefit from having state-of-the-art equipment. Part of our philanthropic focus is to give back to the communities that have supported us.

"So, this donation is really our way of saying thank you."

The gift means North Prairie has now donated almost \$50,000 to the Foundation. "The Foundation plays an important role in ensuring our patients have access to state-of-the-art care," Andrew says. "In a lot of ways, we have similarities in our mission as we are also focused on innovation which drives affordability for our communities and impacts our communities in a positive way."

He notes that this is North Prairie Developments' overall approach to all charitable giving. "Philanthropy is a major part of our DNA. Giving back to the communities and people who've supported us over the years is one of our company's top priorities.

"We're so fortunate to do what we love in a province that we are so passionate about. If our donations can make the province and cities better by helping to provide state of the art equipment and services, we feel it should

be a top priority for every company that does business in Saskatchewan."

North Prairie was founded in 1987 by Andrew's parents, John and Bernice, who remain shareholders in the company. In recent years, Andrew Williams was appointed the dual role of president and CEO, taking over the reins in the company. His siblings Tyler and Angela Williams are also shareholders in the family company.

"Although John and Bernice hold a more passive role in North Prairie these days, we're fortunate to have their continued support and guidance. In 37 years, John and Bernice cultivated a set of values and principles focused on corporate innovation and success. This ultimately helped create a strong Saskatchewan company that can provide donations to our local charities."

Thank you to North Prairie Developments and the Williamses for your continued philanthropy! □



Two generations of the Williams family, operators of Saskatoon's North Prairie Developments, have supported the hospital through Saskatoon City Hospital Foundation.

Your vision for tomorrow: It starts here

What do you think City Hospital will be like in five years? How about 10, 20 or 50 years? Do you want to ensure that Saskatoon City Hospital is able to offer kind and compassionate care while also adapting to new technologies?

It's daunting to think about but there is something you can do to make sure the hospital becomes what you envision.

"A gift in your Will to Saskatoon City Hospital Foundation is a promise to provide health, hope and love to your neighbours, forever," says Nicole Semko, director of Development.

"With your future support, we can invest in the most innovative technologies and expand our courageous approach to exploring better and simpler ways to deliver healthcare for the best possible outcomes for tomorrow's patients and families."

Your future gift can take many forms such as specific, residual or contingent bequests. There also are other beneficial options such as life insurance policies, RRSP's or RRIF's, and charitable remainder trusts.

"We encourage you to work with your financial or legal advisors to determine what vehicle of giving works best for you, your family and your situation," Semko says. "We can also assist by providing documents or the correct legal wording if it's required."

She adds that the Foundation offers ways to recognize your future gift now. "If you inform the Foundation of your plans, we're pleased to accept you into the Century of Care Legacy Society.

"This includes, if it's your wishes, to be recognized on the Foundation's donor wall in the hospital, in our donor magazine, Well Aware, and in media or online on the platforms you feel most comfortable with.

"Being a member of the Century of Care Legacy Society also entitles you to receive updates and reports about your generosity in action at the hospital as well as special invitations to Foundation events."

Semko points out, though, "If you choose not to be recognized, that is completely understandable. The Foundation understands that everyone has different levels of comfort and is willing to work with you however you wish.

"We'll be happy to work with you," Semko says, "because your vision for tomorrow starts here."

If you have questions or want more information, feel free to contact Nicole Semko, the Foundation's director of Development, at 306-655-8538 or nicole.semko@schfgo.com.

At SCHFgo.com under the Ways To Give tab, you can view more information and stories of others who've left gifts in their Wills. □



Donors appreciate hospital care and staff

Keep those cards and letters coming, they used to say in the old days of TV. Now you can add emails, texts, social media comments, and phone calls. Whatever it is, the Foundation loves to hear from donors, patients and visitors!

"The next time you see Dr. Samson Haimanot, please recognize him and his team for their expertise at the hospital. My experience was very good. I am grateful for the efficiency of the procedure. It is a BIG DEAL! Thank you!"

"A big thank you to those giving their valuable time on the Foundation to organize Swinging With The Stars each year raising funds designated for equipment in the various medical specialties housed at City Hospital."

"When my husband had an eye injury last week we went to Saskatoon City Hospital ER. He was treated quickly and cared for with empathy. The emergency department, medical imaging and Eye Care Centre staff were amazing. Thank you for making our bad day a little easier."

"I had a procedure in Day Surgery yesterday afternoon - and was treated royally. Thanks to the caring staff both in "day" and "general" surgery. You are wonderful!"

"Thank you for the great care that the rehabilitation unit provided my father for his spinal cord injury."

"Thank you for all of your great work for the people of Saskatchewan."

"Thank you for the excellent care during my day surgery!"

"Enclosed is my donation to the Saskatoon City Hospital Foundation which I would like designated for the Eye Care Centre at the Hospital. I am one of Dr. Campos-Baniak's glaucoma patients and am extremely happy I do not have to travel out of province to see a specialist in glaucoma. Dr. Campos-Baniak is a dedicated specialist."

"Greetings to all at Saskatoon City Hospital Foundation. We enjoy reading your periodical reporting on and describing the care and support you are providing for our community. Here is our current gift of support, with our prayers and encouragement for your continuing program development." □

IN MEMORIAM

Donations were made from Dec. 1, 2023 to Mar. 31, 2024 in memory of the following people:

Sri Sathya S. Baba

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Donations were made from Dec. 1, 2023 to Mar. 31, 2024 in honour of the following people:

Irene & Leslie Dubé

Dr. Tracy Guselle

Dr. Samson Haimanot and team at SCH

Douglas Neil McDonald

Steve and Cindy Shannon

Mr. Lindsay W. Siple and Mrs. Patricia Siple



It starts **here.**

It feels good to give. And it's easy, too, if you're wanting to give to Saskatoon City Hospital Foundation.

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