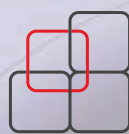


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## **Chris Lambiris: My CT scanner story**





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## Steve Shannon

We knew from Medical Imaging staff that Saskatoon City Hospital's CT scanner was well used. That's why the Foundation agreed to launch a \$3 million campaign for a new scanner that is faster, clearer, and safer.

What surprised us is not only how many people benefit from the scanner every year but how much they're helped. We've heard this from many patients and donors.

This includes a new Foundation board member who, prior to joining the board, needed scans when he experienced concussion-like syndromes. You can read in this issue how the CT scanner gives him peace of mind.

Medical imaging staff relayed the stories of patients with more severe cases such as the one who had a stroke while driving. Others were experiencing medical anomalies that, after CT scans, turned out to be serious issues such as a blood vessel blockage and an aneurysm.

But the most breathtaking and heartwarming note was the one we received from a donor who simply exclaimed, "the CT scanner saved my life."

It's reassuring to see and hear this support. The City Hospital CT scanner campaign is one of the largest in recent years and the largest amount the Foundation has raised for one single piece of equipment in decades.

It's also crucial to the hospital and the work it does. Every



year, 15,000 patients from 300 communities in Saskatchewan come for a CT scan. Often, those patients know something is wrong and are looking – hoping – for a diagnosis.

For those and so many other patients, it starts **here**.

The sheer number of patients serviced by the CT scanner is one reason a new one is needed. The current scanner will reach its end-of-life in 2026. Having a new scanner in place prior to that means appointments won't need to be postponed, moved elsewhere, or even cancelled.

Because the Foundation likes hospital staff to dream big when asking for equipment, the new CT scanner will be unique in the province as the only one with

dual source technology. This essentially means it spins faster and takes clearer images. Clearer imaging leads to more accurate diagnosis, which results in better treatment decisions.

It's also safer. Because it spins and images faster, patients are exposed to less radiation. Spending less time in the scanner means more comfort and convenience for patients.

Those stories that I mentioned earlier? They will only get better with the new scanner. But it starts here and it starts with you. Donate today and help patients get the answers they need. □

## City Hospital doctor second in world to perform procedure

Thanks to donors like you and also to supporters of the Hospital Home Lottery, a gastroenterologist at Saskatoon City Hospital has performed a historic procedure.

In October, Dr. Anil Bedi became the first doctor in the western hemisphere and just the second in the world to perform ERCP (endoscopic electrograde cholangiopancreatography) and endoscopic ultrasound (EUS) using a new Vantage-Fuji scope in the same procedure.

ERCP is a scope inserted through the throat, allowing physicians to examine the liver, gallbladder, pancreas, bile ducts and parts of the small intestine. An EUS is a similar scope that uses high-frequency sound to create detailed pictures of these and other adjacent organs. Until recently, ERCP and EUS were different scopes each requiring their own procedure.

"Being able to do this in one procedure rather than two is better for patient flow and better for the patient because you're not having to take one scope out and insert another in," Dr. Bedi says.

"The scope is an EUS but, because of the viewing functions of the scope and also the angle of the scope, it can also be used to perform ERCP," says Ashley Joyal with Vantage-Fuji. "Until Dr. Bedi, the only other place in the



**Dr. Anil Bedi, centre, became just the second gastroenterologist in the world to perform ERCP and EUS in the same procedure, using a new Vantage-Fuji scope. Pictured with him are Vantage-Fuji representatives, Ashley Joyal and Andreas Kukla. Thank you to supporters for making this innovation possible.**

world the procedure had been performed was the Netherlands."

"With the ERCP you can see through the scope but, with the EUS you also can see through the wall of tissue or organ surrounding the scope," Dr. Bedi explains.


"With a normal gastroscope, you're looking directly forward," says Andreas Kukla, the Germany-based representative for Vantage-Fuji.

"With a duodenal scope for ERCP, you want to see not only what's in front of the scope but also what's beside the scope, so you need the camera pointed in a different direction. The EUS camera is also placed differently so that makes it easier to move, look forward, and to see more."

The historic procedure happened as part of a trial of new scopes, Dr. Bedi reports. "We talked about the possibility of this and when we learned we could do it, we said let's try it out."

The new unit even expands the capability of the ERCP, Dr. Bedi adds. "With the ERCP there are times we can't get to the common bowel duct but the EUS imaging allows us access to it and now that's in the same procedure."

"That wasn't in mind when this endoscope was designed, it was more the therapeutic possibilities. So, we were grateful that the doctors helped us find out what we could do with our own scope," Kukla adds.

Thank you to all supporters for making this possible! 

## Departments benefit from community support

Thank you to operators, staff and customers of the Preston Crossing, Stonebridge and College Park Sobeys stores. The Pink Ribbon campaign last October raised funds to purchase a new mammography and biopsy chair for the **Breast Health Centre**.

The chair replaces a chair that's been used since the Centre opened in 2006. Utilized by a half dozen patients every day, the chair has a lower minimum height to the floor for easier patient transfer; it also has a higher weight limit. The chair allows staff to move patients from sitting to prone easier and more comfortably, while reducing the time it takes to acquire images.

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Last fall, the Foundation reported how the Mary Kolega Bucknam Geriatric Services Endowment Fund enabled the purchase of new equipment for the Transitional Care and Convalescent Units. This year, it's benefitting patients of the **NeuroRehabilitation Therapy Department**. The department provides treatment for individuals with a variety of neurological and musculoskeletal injuries, both on an inpatient and outpatient basis.

To assist with providing evidence based, effective treatment for these individuals, staff requested equipment that served a combination of ultrasound and electrotherapy. Ultrasound therapy is used to treat various musculoskeletal issues including pain, tissue injury and muscle spasm while neuromuscular electrical stimulation (NMES)

allows muscles that have been paralyzed or partially paralyzed by stroke or other injury to move again.

While ultrasound has been used previously in the department, a combined ultrasound and electrotherapy unit is new. Patients will benefit from up-to-date treatment options for pain control and tissue healing.

Mary was the widow of Lorne Bucknam, owner-manager of the Yellow Cab Co., who passed in 1967. She lived until 94 and, in later years, was a patient of the hospital's geriatric services. "The staff are so kind and wonderful," she said of the endowment. "I wanted to make a contribution to ensure that services could continue into the future."

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Last year's hugely successful Swinging with the Stars continues to reap benefits for the hospital's Eye Care Centre. The 2024 edition of the event raised more than \$300,000 for the Foundation, with proceeds



earmarked for the much-loved department of the hospital.

The most recent round of purchases has seen the centre replace well-worn equipment. This includes six new Keeler Vantage Plus ophthalmoscopes and six new All Pupil II ophthalmoscopes as well as two patient exam chairs and four Reliance Exam chairs.

Thanks again to everyone involved in Swinging with the Stars for making this possible! □





## Endowment funds province's only neuro-ophthalmologist

It's a true legacy story: An endowment created almost 30 years ago has seen a one-of-a-kind eye doctor in Saskatchewan.

After becoming a doctor of ophthalmology, Melody Wong chose to specialize in neuro-ophthalmology. She applied for and received funding from the Foundation through the Dr. Ronald M. and Muriel V. Bremner Neuro-Ophthalmology Endowment.

In 1997, the Bremners helped establish two endowments, The Lion's Eye Bank Corneal Professorship and The Lion's Eye Bank Neuro-Ophthalmology Professorship. These were named for them after their passings in 2011 and 2014.

The Neuro-Ophthalmology Endowment was ideal for Dr. Wong. She chose the University of British Columbia for her fellowship and says the experience was fantastic. "I studied under 10 different neuro-ophthalmologists, each with different ways of practicing. I was also paired with a neurology trained fellow, which was perfect because I'm ophthalmology trained."

She received funds in exchange for returning to practice in Saskatoon for at least a year. But the Regina-born Wong is dedicated to the community. "I love Saskatchewan and it's been home to me for a long time. Patients often ask me why I came back but I love it here and have no plans on leaving.

"As part of our programming at the University of Saskatchewan, we went to UBC to do a neuro-ophthalmology elective," Dr. Wong says, adding that it was a previously held attraction. "I was always interested in the neurological side of vision and how our brain uses the eyes to interpret the world. I was always interested in why the eye does what it does, how it makes those connections, how that relates to the rest of the body, and how we function in the world.

"I describe neuro-ophthalmology as the connection between the eye and the brain," she explains. "Cases that I would see on a day-to-day basis include double vision or unexplained vision loss. I might also see patients with optic neuritis in association MS, stroke-related vision cases, people with visual field deficits, and others with unexplained visual symptoms.

"These would be people with difficulty seeing things in their vision," Dr. Wong adds, "or difficulty doing things even though they have good visual acuity. I also see people with eyelid and pupil abnormalities."

In addition to practicing, Dr. Wong also serves as an assistant professor in the department of Ophthalmology at the U of S, where she teaches both ophthalmology and neurology students as well as undergraduates.



**Dr. Melody Wong, the province's only neuro-ophthalmologist, received her Fellowship training thanks to funding provided by a Foundation endowment.**

"There hasn't been a stable neuro-ophthalmologist in Saskatoon for at least 10 years," Dr. Wong says, noting predecessors Dr. Edward Atkins and Dr. Shefalee Kent. "They were excellent neuro-ophthalmologists and we were fortunate to have them – people appreciated their time and service. I'm grateful for the opportunity to fill their shoes and continue the care they've given."

The Foundation is thrilled that Dr. Wong is here and also appreciative of the Bremners' vision for making her Fellowship training possible. □

## Wade Mitchell, 1957-2024

It was a bittersweet day last fall when Karen Mitchell visited the Foundation office with a generous donation. The gift was designated for the City Hospital CT Scanner campaign and came just a short month after the campaign was launched in late August.

The gift also was in memory of her husband, Wade Mitchell, who sadly passed away after a short and sudden battle with lung cancer last April.

Wade, the former owner of ASL Paving, was a longtime friend, volunteer and supporter of the Foundation. His association and affection for Saskatoon City Hospital began in 2006.

In August of that year, he suffered a bilateral brain stem stroke. He was rushed to Royal University Hospital and spent 10 days there, three of those in a coma. Wade

then spent seven weeks as a inpatient in the rehab department at Saskatoon City Hospital.

"It was like starting over with a blank page," Wade told the Foundation a few years later. "I couldn't walk, talk, write or do anything. I was confined to a wheelchair and needed people to help me do everything.

"Every day in the hospital was the best day of my life yet every day was the worst," he said.

"It was the best because my daughter and wife visited every day. Every night, before they left, my daughter would get a warm blanket from the blanket warming cabinet and cover me up. The worst part was seeing them leave. I hated that. It made me even more resolved to get better."

Wade did recover and returned to operating his business, despite the ongoing effects of the stroke

such as short-term memory loss, low body temperature, and involuntary muscle jerks.

But he was so appreciative of getting his life back that he became an ardent supporter and major donor of the Foundation. Wade was a regular sponsor of and committee member for the Black Tie Bingo. He agreed to star in television commercials for the Foundation. The Mitchells also made a large gift to the Breast Health Centre in 2017.

His visits to the office will be most remembered. Wade was friends to all staff, witty and always willing to chat.

Wade was survived by Karen, three children, and seven grandchildren who all adored him. The Foundation is appreciative of his support and love for the hospital but will miss his easy-going nature. □



**Wade Mitchell, a long time Foundation supporter and volunteer passed away in April last year. He's seen here at the Black Tie Bingo, an event he loved, with his wife, Karen.**

## Letting your legacy grow

You might have heard of a private foundation, but what you might not be aware of is an alternative that is much more accessible to many, with increased simplicity, flexibility, and similar benefits.

In fact, Mackenzie Investments found that only about 18 percent of Canadians had heard of these structures, but after learning about them, nearly 40 percent would consider using it!<sup>1</sup>

A Donor Advised Fund (DAF) is a simple, sustainable, and flexible option for charitable giving. Think of it as your personal or your family's charitable account to help you support the causes you care about the most.

A DAF is a tool that acts like a private foundation, without the initial and ongoing costs and administration. Simply, a DAF is a structure for a charitable gift, with funding from a variety of sources.

### So what are the advantages of a DAF?

#### 1. The tax receipt

When you donate to a donor-advised fund, you will receive a donation receipt equal to the value of the donation.

#### 2. Flexibility

Unlike a gift directly to charity, you aren't required to donate the funds immediately. Funds can remain in the DAF, invested or otherwise, and dispersed over time. This allows you to separate the tax receipt from the timing of the gift.

#### 3. Low cost and simplicity

A DAF is a much lower cost option to a private foundation and is relatively quick to establish.

#### 4. Legacy

From the name of your account to naming a successor donor, a DAF can be incorporated into your family's legacy.

#### 5. Anonymity

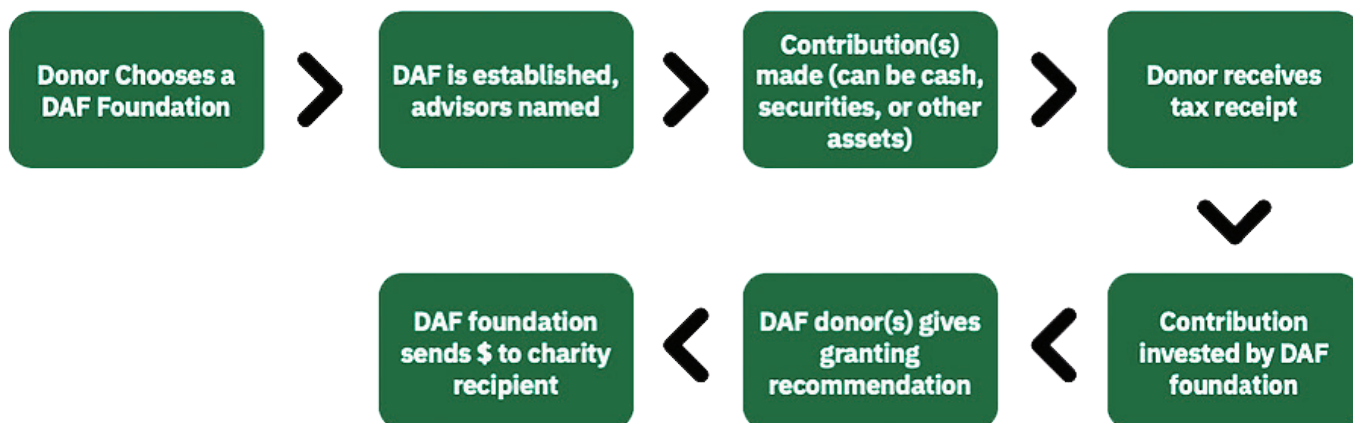
If you want, your disbursements from the DAF can be anonymous.



**Jordan Arndt, MBA, QAFP**  
**Enns & Baxter, Saskatoon**

Funding for a DAF can come in several ways, including cash, investments, insurance, a gift via your will, or others. Gifts are irrevocable and a DAF can be set up by a corporation or an individual.

KCI and the Canadian Association of Gift Planners (CAGP) Foundation have developed a succinct summary of the steps involved with a DAF<sup>2</sup>:





### Who could benefit from a Donor Advised Fund?

If you currently have a tax event, such as sale of business or disposition of property, then a DAF could be a tool used to offset your taxes owing. Especially if you don't want to give all the money away at that time.

Or perhaps you are simply interested in creating a family legacy of generosity. A DAF can be an efficient structure to do so.

Do you give money to several different charities? Then a DAF could be a simple way to organize your giving and reduce the number of donation receipts you need to keep track of. The misconception is that a DAF, or foundation, is only accessible to the wealthy. That is simply no longer true given the current

options. DAFs are a fantastic solution to create a meaningful legacy without going through the hassle and expense of a private foundation.

This article just scratched the surface of what is possible with a DAF. If you are interested in proceeding with a DAF solution, there are many providers. From community foundations, in-house options, financial institutions, and more. As each solution has varying terms and conditions for contributions, granting requirements, etc., it would be best to consult with your advisors before selecting an option.

1. Mackenzie Investments Charitable Giving Survey
2. Source: KCI and the CAGP Foundation "Influence, Allience & Opportunity: Donor-advised Funds in Canada"

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# Your legacy



# It starts **here.**

A man with short dark hair and a beard, wearing a dark purple zip-up hoodie and black pants, stands with his hands in his pockets next to a large white CT scanner. The scanner's circular opening is prominent on the right side of the frame. The background shows some medical equipment and a white wall.

# CT scanner brings peace of mind

## *CT important to former athlete*


Since the launch of the Saskatoon City Hospital CT scanner campaign last August, you've likely heard how important it is for diagnosis.

For Chris Lambiris, the CT scanner plays a crucial role in monitoring his health.

He says it's because of his past as an athlete. "I played high school football and after graduating in 2003, I had the opportunity to play in both the Canadian Junior Football League and with the University of Saskatchewan Huskies, for a total of six years."

It was just the second year of his post-secondary career when Lambiris experienced his first concussion. He remembers it vividly. "I played defensive back and also on special return teams. My first concussion happened on a punt return."





He says concussions tend to happen on kick returns because of how players are sprinting longer distances and at greater speed – this is why leagues such as the NFL have recently altered some kick return rules.

“It was a play that I just let up on, so I was running slower when a player running very fast hit me.”

Lambiris missed games to recover but, being young and eager, admits he made a mistake.

“I came back too soon and knowing that I wasn’t a hundred percent but still chose to step out on the field. I ended up missing the rest of the season.”

He would go on to play another four seasons and experience another three concussions. While none of these were career threatening, he attributes the recurrences to numerous factors.

“Because I was more of an undersized football player, I definitely had to be a little bit more reckless or careless with my tackling to stay competitive.”

He also notes a willingness to play around a concussion to avoid missing games.

Still, he notes that, “there were never really issues after the concussions that I felt like I had to stop playing football. I was able to end my playing career on my own terms, complete university and call it a day.”

Fast forward nearly two decades – Lambiris went on to earn an

## **“It was about three years ago that I started experiencing concussion symptoms again. These were headaches, migraines, and sensitivity to light.”**

undergrad degree and an MBA from the University of Wyoming, then became a wealth advisor and sports agent. In 2023, he represented Chad Kelly when he signed what was then the largest contract in CFL history.

Prior to that, though, the spectre of past football injuries returned. “It was about three years ago that I started experiencing concussion symptoms again. These were headaches, migraines, and sensitivity to light.

“You see it with many athletes who sustain concussions, how it does come back later in life. I’d always thought about what I would do if my symptoms came back and to make sure that it wasn’t other contributing factors unrelated to the concussions.

“I’m big on mental health, making sure there are no issues like stress, nutrition, or sleep. I looked at everything to ensure that something else wasn’t throwing it off but ticked off all the boxes.”

Lambiris went to his family doctor. “He did a physical exam and what I guess is the typical round of testing, trying to rule

out other things. In the end, the doctor suggested I go for medical imaging.”

This is where the CT scanner at Saskatoon City Hospital began to play a large and vital role in Chris’ health.

“CT imaging of the head following traumatic head injury is typically used to identify potential skull fractures, brain swelling, bleeding, calcification, and potential atrophy of the brain,” reports Brenda Lock, Saskatoon manager of Medical Imaging for the Saskatchewan Health Authority.

“CT scans on patients with concussions are predominantly performed to rule out more serious traumatic brain injury such as intracranial bleeding and swelling. After a concussion is identified in a patient, they often undergo follow-up CT scans to ensure the patient has not developed complications such as cerebral contusions that can increase in size over time.

Having a clear scan and then realizing this type of diagnostics is available was important to

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Lambiris. "It's definitely provided me with more peace of mind. I know I can talk to my GP about it and that the CT scanner will be there when I need it."

City Hospital's CT scanner would come to play another role in his life. "I've always volunteered and done lots in the community so I decided I wanted to elevate this by joining a board. I was really interested in City Hospital because of my experience as a patient and also the realization that almost everybody will need the hospital in some capacity at some time in their life."

He joined the Foundation's volunteer board of directors in spring of 2024, and went to his first meeting in June.

"I was surprised to learn that the Foundation's major focus was going to be a new CT scanner and it was part of the It Starts Here campaign. It motivated me to think that, when it came to my symptoms and their diagnosis, it really did start at City Hospital."

The new CT scanner will do even more for patients like Chris, Lock explains. "It will perform a virtual non-contrast study that allows images to be reformatted to have the contrast virtually removed

from the field. This will provide the radiologist with additional images without increasing the radiation dose to the patient while decreasing the required scan time for patients."

"I know that I'll be going back for more CTs in my life so I'm personally motivated but I also know that it's going to be a better scanner and it's going to take better pictures so it will benefit many others," Lambiris comments. "But, like I said, knowing that it will help monitor my health gives me peace of mind. Now I want to make sure others have access to the same and even better equipment. I encourage everyone to donate."

**"It's provided me with more peace of mind. I know the CT scanner will be there when I need it."**

To do so, visit [SCHFGO.com](https://SCHFGO.com) and click "donate." You also can call 306-655-8489 or donate in person at the Foundation office, located next to the front entrance of the hospital. □





## Kaye Family Learning Day celebrates 23 years

Originally known as the Kaye Lecture, last October saw the 23rd version of the Eye Care Centre event that is now titled the Kaye Family Learning Day.

The day is presented by the Ludwig & Olga & Constance Kaye Pediatric Ophthalmology Endowment. It was created by the late Ludwig and Olga Kaye, who passed away in 2001 and 2023 respectively. It served to honour the care their daughter, Constance, received as a child from the Eye Care Centre at Saskatoon City Hospital.

Constance, who died in 2011, was born with Rubella Syndrome. At just seven months old, she underwent cataract surgery and was a frequent patient at the Eye Care Centre throughout her life.

The event is designed to provide ongoing education opportunities for eye care professionals in

Saskatoon. It chiefly funded what became known as the Kaye Lecture of the annual Saskatchewan Orthoptic Provincial Seminar. The event is now held virtually, allowing eyecare professionals from both Saskatoon and beyond to attend.

The keynote speaker for the 2024 Kaye Family Learning Day was Dr. Ezekiel Weis. Dr. Weis is currently associate professor in the department of Ophthalmology & Visual Sciences in the faculty of Medicine & Dentistry at the University of Alberta.

His main presentation was entitled "Corneal Neurotization Using Surgical Nerve Grafts." Dr. Weis also presented talks that were named "Thyroid Related Orbitopathy," "Strabismus Related to Oculoplastics," and "Uveal Melanoma Update." The day ended with case presentations and then a bonus

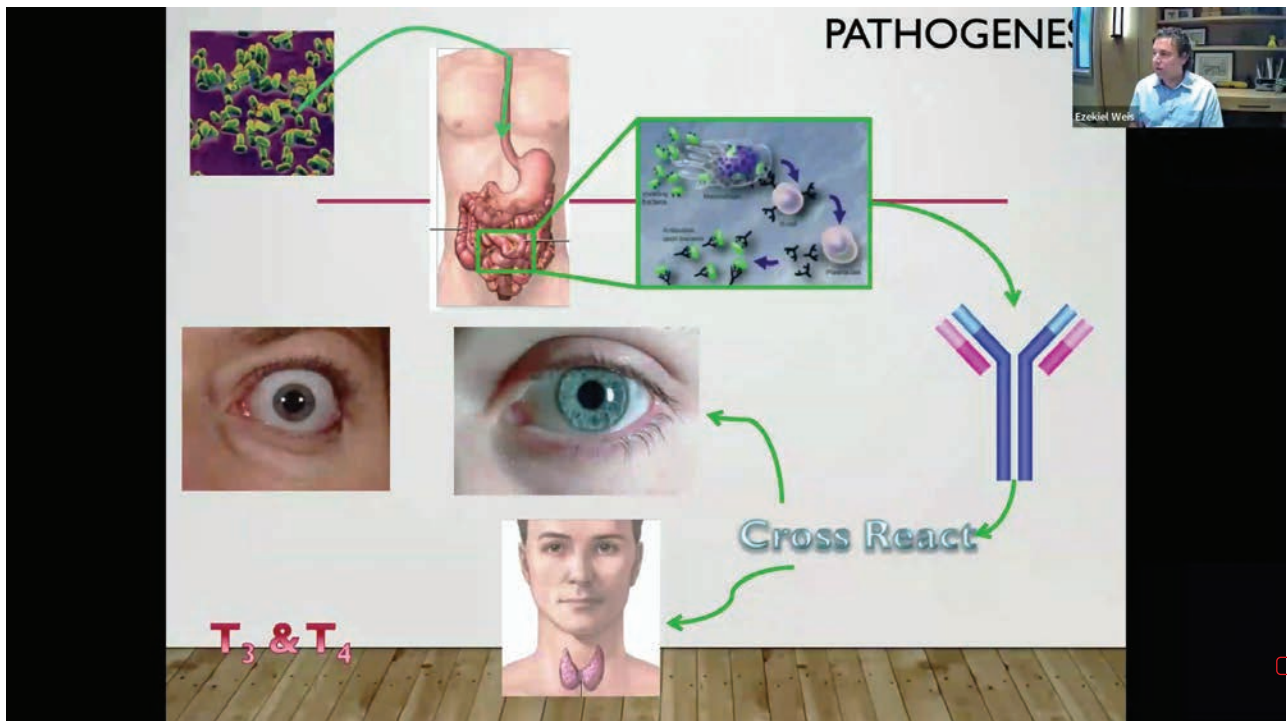


**Dr. Ezekiel Weis**

session, which featured highlights of a talk on external beam radiotherapy that Dr. Weis recently delivered at the World Ophthalmology Conference.

All these presentations are available to watch on the Foundation's YouTube channel –@StoonCityHospFound.

The Foundation appreciates the Kayes for creating this perpetual learning opportunity and their legacy of eye care at the hospital. □



## Foundation events light the way

Every year Foundation events sparkle and thousands of people like you are the reason why!

It all began on November 14 and 15 when more than 17,000 strolled through the **BHP Enchanted Forest** for the Saskatchewan Blue Cross Light Walk. They were the first to see the Forest's newest additions - dozens and dozens of trees wrapped in dazzling lights. Already home to millions, thousands of added lights made it even more spectacular!

The event continued for drive-throughs from November 16 to January 5. With a variety of weather as the backdrop, the BHP Enchanted Forest again proved to be a top winter attraction. In total, more than 83,000 viewers passed through.

This year was also bittersweet as the Saskatoon Zoo Foundation and Saskatoon City Hospital Foundation said goodbye to Hugh and Bev Vassos and their family. The Vassos' have been the marketing team behind every one of the Enchanted Forest's 26 spectacular seasons. They have brought joy to so many. In appreciation, the Enchanted Forest named them as permanent, honorary sponsors of the new tree clusters. Thank you for everything you've done!

The other much-loved harbinger of Christmas is the **Festival of Trees**, which ran for nine days from November 22 to 30 at the Western Development Museum.



**Above: Long time marketers of the Enchanted Forest, Hugh and Bev Vassos were honoured by the event this year. Below: The Festival of Trees enjoyed another successful week at the Western Development Museum.**

While final attendance numbers were still being calculated, the Festival did report that more than five dozen trees, wreaths, centrepieces, and other displays lined the Boomtown street. The event saw sales of 22,000 regular and 12,000 mini gingerbread cookies, while 20 gingerbread houses were showcased at Gingerbread Lane.

2024 saw some new additions to the Festival. This included the first annual Festival of Trees holiday market, featuring 30-plus artisans with locally made items.

Also making its debut was the brand new Fa-la-la-la Festival Feast. Special events that gladly returned were the Royal Brunch, Father/Daughter Gala, Christmas Carnival, and Brunch With Santa.

An online 50/50 hosted by the Foundation during the Festival of Trees saw a jackpot of \$9,980 with the winner taking \$4,990. The Festival thanks its volunteer Board of Directors, planning committee and the more than 250 volunteers, including designers, who work so hard to bring the sparkle and magic to the Festival!



While the event took place just as this issue was going to press, it looked like the 2025 **Supplement World Swinging with the Stars** on Jan. 25 was going to be huge.

The celebrity dancers were Andrew Scott, technical director and owner of Island Media; Colleen Podhordeski, founder and owner of Infinity Management; Brad Hyde, realtor with Boyes Group; Haylie Lashta, owner and physiotherapist, Warman Physio; Nicole Onufreychuk, senior VP, chief people and culture office, Saskatchewan Blue Cross; Kirby Wirchenko, director of events and community engagement, TCU Place; Greg Porter, president of Autobox Garage Interiors; and Michael Linklater, community leader.

For an update on the night and more details, follow on Instagram @swtsyxe and Facebook @SwtsSaskatoon. A full report will be printed in the next issue.

That issue will also see more details on the 2025 **Nutrien Black Tie Bingo**. The night of



**The Supplement World Swinging with the Stars celebrity dancers and the professional partners took to the TCU Place stage on Jan. 25.**

fun, fashion, and fantastic prizes is scheduled for Saturday, March 22 at the Sheraton Cavalier. This is the 27th edition of the Bingo, one of spring's most fun events.

If you're reading this in early March, there may be the odd ticket available. Visit the events section of SCHFgo.com or email info@schfgo.com to learn more.

There also may be tickets available in this spring's **Hospital Home Lottery**. The Grand Prize is an amazing Net Zero Ready Home by Hometown Homes. Designed to save energy and reduce costs, this 3,482 square-foot home welcomes you with natural light, earthy tones and soaring vaulted ceilings.

The Early Bird prize offers a 2025 Porsche Cayenne and a seven-night getaway for two to Secrets St. Martin Resort & Spa or \$125,000 cash. Other top prizes are a 2025 Range Rover Velar SE, and vacation packages such as five nights in New York, a week in Vienna, a week in Prague, and \$9,000 or \$5,500.

Don't forget the 50/50 Add-On. Last year's jackpot was almost \$600,000. To purchase tickets and see a complete list of prizes, visit [HospitalHomeLottery.org](https://HospitalHomeLottery.org). □



**This spring's Hospital Home Lottery features a grand prize by Hometown Homes.**



## In-hospital events popular with staff, public

Pancakes and cookies, gingerbread houses and stars. These are just a few of our favourite things at Saskatoon City Hospital Foundation.

Whether it's treating staff or making spirits bright, the Foundation enjoys the happy looks and comments. □



**Above: The Breast Health Centre Silent Auction raised almost \$3,000. Below: More than 500 staff members and volunteers showed up for the SCHF pancake breakfast on October 3.**







**Top: Foundation staff greeted hospital staff with gingerbread cookies on Dec. 6. Middle: Winners of the annual Gingerbread House Contest. Bottom right: The Christmas Village and Find-a-Star Contest saw hundreds of entries and many winners of Enchanted Forest passes.**



## Donors and patients appreciate hospital

Email, cards, notes...we love hearing from you and sharing your words and stories!

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"Heard this morning that a new CT scanner is needed. Hope this donation helps"

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"I'd like to donate \$500 to your Foundation. I had bilateral hip surgery this year. My stay was enjoyable and the staff and food was wonderful!"

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"It's a start. More later."

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"In appreciation of great medical care!"

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"Your CT scanner saved my life! A scan led to emergency surgery



**This year's Sobeys Pink Ribbon Campaign raised more than \$16,000, bringing the total over the past two decades to more than \$600,000. Thank you to all managers, staff, and customers!**

where they found a hole in my bowel – it was close to rupturing. I am ever so grateful."

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I was there for a double mastectomy and the medical staff at the hospital are incredible. I was very impressed with the degree of care I received."

Our great-granddaughter was saved from brain damage due in part to a CT scan.

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"I needed CT scans in my life 16 years ago. Thank you, I'm wonderful and healthy now." Thank you for a world-class Eye Care Centre.

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"We are fortunate to be able to participate in the CT Scanner campaign."

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Thank you for the excellent care and quick service I have received when I needed scans.

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You are always helping to ensure that we have even better healthcare - Thank you!



**The Wheatland Express Excursion Train crew presents a cheque to the Saskatoon City Hospital Foundation crew for \$4,982.32.**

## Former nurse remembered in special ways

The **Wheatland Express Excursion Train** is running at full steam and Saskatoon City Hospital Foundation is benefitting. Every year, Wheatland pulls out all the stops and presents a generous donation. This year it was an impressive \$4,982.32.

It's great to see this local success story flourishing but equally great that patients at Saskatoon City Hospital get to ride along! Thank you to Wheatland and all its staff for making this possible.

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Three **Sobeys** stores in Saskatoon – Stonebridge, College Park, and Preston Crossing – once again joined forces for the Pink Ribbon Campaign. The stores and their wonderful customers raised more than \$16,000, with proceeds going to the Irene and Leslie Dubé Centre of Care Breast Health

Centre for a new mammography and biopsy chair.

Sobeys stores have been supporting the Foundation for decades. This year's campaign brings their total raised to more than \$600,000. Thank you to all for the wonderful support.

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Linda Beebe was obviously a treasured person. Born in Porcupine Plain, she trained as a nurse at Saskatoon City Hospital. Known for great care and compassion, Linda's nursing career spanned five decades.

After her passing in July last year, friends and relatives made several donations to the hospital in her memory. Linda also was an avid quilter and her friends with the Saskatoon Modern Quilt Guild held a special sale in her honour.



They gathered meters of fabric and carefully selected scraps that included vintage, modern, and seasonal as well as patterns, books, notions, storage units and other supplies.

These were sold at the Guild's annual Modern Quilts in the Park in late August and to other guilds, family and friends. The sales resulted in a gift to Foundation of \$1900. Thank you to all for honouring Linda this way. □

## IN MEMORIAM

Donations were made from July 1 to November 30, 2024 in memory of the following people:

Linda Beebe

Connie Bews

William D. Bishopp

Cathy Haugen Dalman

Grant C. Davis

Wayne Denesuk

Bob Dilts

Manojbhai Gajjar

Lorne Jamieson

Rose Jarman

Robert J. Klassen

Marlene Lawby

John A. Mann

Kenneth James Livingstone Morton

Karen Rogers Nelson

Hilda (Rempel) Nickel

Pat Oie

Lindsay Rose

Donna Britton Rousseau

Nellie Saul

Frank Stange

Nestor Tkachuk

Marion Wilson

Dale Zoerb

## IN HONOUR

Donations were made from July 1 to November 30, 2024 in honour of the following people:

Henry Hebert

Glenn McDonald



# Your diagnosis



# It starts **here.**

Donate to the Saskatoon City Hospital CT campaign and you'll be helping 15,000 people from more than 300 communities across Saskatchewan. Your friends. Your neighbours. Your loved ones. You.

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