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The Friends of The Moncton Hospital Foundation Raises \$10.1 Million to Transform Patient Care

Goal exceeded by over \$2 Million thanks to Generous Donors



Moncton, September 26, 2019 - Today, the Friends of The Moncton Hospital Foundation announced that the Extraordinary Care Campaign, launched last November, raised **\$10.1 Million, more than \$2 Million over goal**. This marks the Foundation's most ambitious campaign to date and one of the province's largest healthcare campaigns. This amount, combined with the Province of New Brunswick's multi-million dollar commitment, will allow for two critical areas at Horizon's The Moncton Hospital to be brought into the twenty-first century. The vision is to build two new state-of-the-art areas of strength that will completely change the way health care is being delivered; with the creation of a **Maternity and Newborn Unit** and the relocation and expansion of the **Cardiac Care Unit**.

Extraordinary Care Campaign Chair, Robert K. Irving, led a team of 60 community volunteers. "When we kicked off the Extraordinary Care Campaign, we knew we had an ambitious goal! But we were confident that our campaign cabinet and community could do it," said Mr. Irving. "A huge THANK YOU to all donors and volunteers who not only answered the call but truly went above and beyond. We proved once again that together we can accomplish Extraordinary results! We will help provide first-class facilities to better care for our friends, family and entire community."

MATERNITY AND NEWBORN UNIT

The plan is to create a more family-centred Maternity and Newborn Unit by expanding and enhancing the Labour and Birthing Unit (LBU), Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NNICU) and the Maternal Fetal Medicine Clinic (MFMC). These three units will be relocated and merged into a newly constructed building between the Professional Arts Building (Arden Street) and the hospital's main entrance on MacBeath Avenue.

This new space will create more modern and individual patient rooms for all stages of birth, each with private washroom facilities. This is expected to improve outcomes for the mother, reduce the length of hospital stay, prevent the spread of infection and provide superb patient care and a safe and seamless work environment for the staff. The Neonatal Intensive Care Unit will also feature single private rooms, which provide a model of care that actively involves the parents in the care team. There will be improved patient and family privacy and confidentiality, while another initiative will control noise in the unit, a best practice in the provision of neonatal intensive care services. In addition, the Maternal Fetal Medicine Clinic will create a comfortable and modern space for women during high-risk pregnancies. It will be adjacent to the

other two units, providing the seamless continuity of Extraordinary Care that our patients and families deserve.

Construction on the Maternity and Newborn Unit is expected to begin in Spring 2020 with occupancy in late 2022.

CARDIAC CARE

The plan is to relocate and expand the Cardiac Intensive Care and Cardiac Stepdown Units into one larger, modern space purposely designed for optimal care and recovery. The units will be adjacent to one another to enable medical professionals to provide more seamless patient centred care while offering greater comfort and private rooms for patients and their families. Construction will begin when the Maternity and Newborn Unit has been completed.

Chief of Staff at The Moncton Hospital, Dr. Ken Gillespie, says this project will make a fundamental and enduring contribution to your family's health by providing modern facilities for our medical team to do their job.

"Many of Atlantic Canada's top health experts work right here at The Moncton Hospital, but currently parts of our facility do not match the level of expertise provided by our people. We are changing that. It is exciting to be part of that change," said Gillespie.

"With the community's support, we now have the power to do something extraordinary," commented Patricia Armour, Chair, Friends of The Moncton Hospital Foundation. "Thank you to all of our donors for **"Join the Giving"** to ensure access to cutting-edge patient care for all."

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