



# Between Friends

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FALL 2015

## Luc's Road to Recovery

September 7th, 2014 started out like any other Sunday for 32 year old Luc Gagnon of Notre Dame. But it certainly didn't end that way. On the way home from a drive, he lost control of his truck and ended up in a ditch suffering a traumatic brain injury from the single-vehicle accident. He spent the first few weeks in Neuro Intensive Care at The Moncton Hospital (TMH) before being transferred to the Rehabilitation Unit where he spent several more weeks re-learning how to walk and how to do regular daily activities such as making a meal. After being discharged, Luc continued to progress in the Rehab Day Treatment Program at TMH for three months. The road to recovery has been a long one and there is still a lot of work to do. A year later, his days are still filled with many therapy appointments but he is grateful to be alive. His long-term goal is to return to work at his father's roofing business. He credits his family and friends and the exceptional staff at The Moncton Hospital who worked hard



at helping him heal and recover from his traumatic brain injury. *"The staff in the Neuro Rehabilitation Program gave me my life back and I will be forever grateful,"* says Luc. **Over the years, the**

**Friends Foundation provided over \$1 million on renovations and equipment in both these areas that Luc and the healthcare team were able to use as part of his recovery.**

# Friends Celebrate 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

## Five Decades of Fundraising Excellence



In September, close to 100 people gathered to celebrate the many accomplishments the Friends Foundation has made over the past five decades. Those with strong ties to the Foundation, past and present, including board and committee members, as well as other long-time friends, were thanked for their volunteer commitment which helped enhance and heighten the course of health-care at The Moncton Hospital (TMH) and in our community, for a number of generations. Master of Ceremonies and former Friends Chair, Sandy Gillis, remarked that their dedication to TMH enabled the Friends to support medical professionals with the latest technology, improvements and expansions to facilities which continue to optimize patient care. Linda Saunders, Friends Foundation Executive Director, provided an insightful and touching overview of the past 50 years to the delight of our guests.



*Mabel Deware, (board member from 1988-1991) and Jim Kelly, (board member 1990-1995) with his wife Marie.*



*Maria Cormie (board member from 2001-present), Peggy Lockhart (board member from 1987-2003) and Jim Bateman (board member from 1985-1991).*



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**You Are Invited!**

The public is invited to attend the launch of the **Friends Foundation's 2015-2016 Campaign**. Please join us on Wednesday, **October 21<sup>st</sup>** at **10 am** in **Theatre A** located on the **main floor** of **The Moncton Hospital**.



# \$400,000 to be divided between both Moncton Hospitals

## Saint John man wins grand prize in Hand in Hand Dream Lottery and Colpitts Settlement Woman Wins 50/50

Mark Dupuis of Saint John was shocked to learn that he was the grand prize winner in the 2015 Hand in Hand Dream Lottery.

“No way, and wow ... isn’t that something,” were the first words uttered after getting the call from Friends 1st Vice-Chair David Savoie who delivered the good news following the draw held in July.

Given a choice of prizes between the luxury home at 286 Yvonne Street in Dieppe plus \$100,000 and an Audi Q3, building this dream home on a lot of his choosing plus \$150,000, or \$700,000 cash, Dupuis opted for the cash.

April Caissie of Colpitts Settlement was equally ecstatic to learn she won the 50/50 draw which amounted to \$197,205.

“No,” responded Caissie when she received word by telephone.

“Are you serious? No. Really? I can’t believe it. “You’re not joking?” Caissie said she



Mike and April Caissie of Colpitts Settlement embrace after learning of their big win

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purchased the ticket for her husband Mike, for his 50<sup>th</sup> birthday. Proceeds from the lottery help enhance patient care at The Moncton Hospital and the Dr. Georges-L.-Dumont University Hospital Centre.

**For a complete list of winners visit [www.handinhandlottery.com](http://www.handinhandlottery.com).** Plans are already underway for the 2016 draw!

# Oncology Clinic Patients Big Winners in First Annual Cycling Event

The New Brunswick Doctors Cycling Against Cancer Ride raised over \$42,000 in support of the Oncology Clinical Trials Program at The Moncton Hospital. The event, conceived of by Oncologist Dr. Mohammed Harb, was an uplifting 5 day, 500+ km cycling event throughout New Brunswick. Eight cyclists, including Dr. Harb, his wife Rita and son Soma, Dr. Paul Goobie, Dr. Tooraj Shakerinia, Dr. Nizar Abdel-Samad, James Currie and Andre Robin cycled through good weather and bad from June 15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>.

Oncology Clinical Trials, a program to evaluate the effectiveness of cancer medications and treatments, “is an essential component of our Oncology Department,” explains Dr. Harb, “The technology we have purchased from this event has already improved access to care and further investments in medical equipment will ensure quicker and more accurate results for patients enrolled in the program.”

Margaret A. Carroll is one of the 133 patients currently enrolled



in the Oncology Clinical Trials program and was touched to learn of this event and the many Oncology Clinic staff members who volunteered their time to make this event a success. “The staff in the Oncology clinic are a special breed,” says Carroll.

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# Donor Dollars at Work

## Revolutionizing Pulmonary Care in the Intensive Care Units at TMH

One of last year's campaign purchases, an electrical impedance tomography (EIT) unit for respiratory services, is in place and already assisting patients who are unable to breathe on their own. This non-invasive bedside diagnostic tool provides a much more efficient method to view of the lungs in real-time, guiding the clinician in providing appropriate ventilation therapy in patients with serious pulmonary diseases, resulting in damage prevention. The EIT has a pricetag of \$75,000.



*Standing around the EIT is Lynne Ward, Respiratory Therapist, Dr. John Crompton and Stephanie Clarke, RN.*

## Cutting-Edge Vision Assessment and Training Equipment

This tool, for Occupational Therapy Services, will help patients recover from traumatic injuries (i.e. concussions, stroke, paralysis) and assist seniors whose vision and reaction time may be affected. This straightforward, game-like training accurately measures and records how quickly a patient physically responds to what they see, increasing their awareness of their visual limitations. This training improves a patient's ability to compensate for their visual restrictions, allowing them to adapt more quickly to types of changing situations they may encounter in the community (i.e. driving, work, shopping and leisure activities). This equipment costs \$20,000 and was also purchased through funds from the 2014-2015 Annual Campaign.



*Carrie Wilson, Pediatric Occupational Therapist and Gwen Grondin, Director of Therapeutic Services, show off the new vision assessment and training equipment for occupational therapy services.*

If you are already supporting the Friends as a financial donor...

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# DID YOU KNOW?

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