

PRESS RELEASE

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An \$880,000 investment will improve patient care at The Moncton Hospital

Friends of The Moncton Hospital Exceed Campaign Goal!

Moncton - Patients and their families are the big winners of the successful Friends of The Moncton Hospital Foundation's 2014-2015 Annual Campaign. The generosity of the community helped surpass the \$875,000 goal by \$5,000. This investment will allow for clinic renovations to enrich the care for the hospital's youngest patients, enable the purchase of critical equipment to provide for accurate diagnoses for sick and fragile babies, transform how specimens are processed leading to rapid diagnosis and treatment of infections, revolutionize pulmonary care in the ICU, support those recovering from orthopedic and soft tissue injuries and provide a tool to help patients recover from traumatic injuries.

\$185,000 in renovations will soon begin on a new **Pediatric Ambulatory Care Clinic** which will bring the current services for chronically ill children into a single, child and family-friendly location. "Unfortunately right now we put clinics wherever we can find space on the Pediatric Unit, so it's inconvenient for our patients, families and staff - we need one designated area to address our children's needs," says Dr. Bridget Freeman, Pediatrician.

Later this year, remarkable advanced imaging technology will be in the hands of our medical professionals to help in the care of our sick babies. A new **Mobile Digital Radiology System**, at a cost of \$218,000, will be available in our special care baby unit where newborns, mainly premature, experience serious to life-threatening conditions. Timely diagnosis is required in order to provide speedy and accurate treatment. Dr. Rody Canning, Neonatologist says, "When a life hangs in the balance, we can't have delays. We need answers immediately so we can assess and treat without a moment to lose."

New revolutionary equipment for Lab Services will completely change the way results are provided for our patients. This powerful **Bacteria Identification Technology**, which costs \$200,000, will help laboratory professionals provide a much more rapid diagnosis, leading to quicker treatment, appropriate antibiotic regimens, faster recovery, shorter stays in hospital, and lives saved. "The investment is large but the impact will be significant at The Moncton Hospital. It will save us time, money and most importantly...lives," says Dr. Dan Smyth, Infectious Disease Specialist.

A **Testing and Rehabilitation Testing System** and **Shockwave Therapy** are two physiotherapy technologies that will allow patients to recover sooner from injuries. The Testing & Rehabilitation System is an excellent form of therapy for those recovering from orthopedic injuries. It permits the therapist to assess joint movement and strength through various ranges, as well as providing exercise and training

programs specifically designed to meet the patient's needs. TMH is now able to offer Shockwave Therapy for pain management and mobility restoration.

Also featured in the campaign is a \$75,000 **Electrical Impedance Tomography (EIT) Unit for Respiratory Services** which is already operational. The EIT optimizes pulmonary care in the Intensive Care Units (ICU's). This non-invasive bedside diagnostic tool provides a view of the lungs in real-time, guiding the clinician in providing appropriate ventilation to patients who are unable to breathe on their own.

A cutting-edge vision assessment and training equipment for Occupational Therapy Services which has a price tag of \$20,000, is on-site and already helping patients recover from traumatic injuries (i.e. concussions, stroke, paralysis) and assisting seniors whose vision and reaction time may be affected.

Campaign Co-Chairs Tom Badger and David Savoie are delighted with the success of the campaign.

"Once again, our donors and friends have stepped up to help us strengthen patient care in turn building for the health and for the future of our community," say Badger and Savoie.

For more information on the Friends of The Moncton Hospital Annual Campaign, please call the Friends at (506) 857-5488, visit online at www.friendsfoundation.ca or mail to the Friends of The Moncton Hospital Foundation, 135 MacBeath Avenue, Moncton, NB E1C 6Z8.

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