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Saunders to Retire as President & CEO of the Friends of The Moncton Hospital Foundation

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(Moncton, NB) - The Board of Directors of the Friends of The Moncton Hospital Foundation (FMH Foundation) has announced that Linda Saunders, President and CEO, intends to retire this fall after more than 31 years leading the organization.

As the first and only President and CEO for the Foundation, Saunders has built the FMH Foundation into an active and successful fundraising organization with thousands of loyal donors playing a critical part in helping The Moncton Hospital deliver exceptional healthcare to meet the needs of our communities.

"Through hard work and dedication and many years of loyal leadership, Linda has guided the Friends of The Moncton Hospital to become the respected and dynamic Foundation that exists today," says Patricia Armour, Board Chair of the Foundation. "We are tremendously grateful for her clear vision, her spirit of optimism and her genuine concern for the well-being of those in our community. Throughout Linda's years with the FMH Foundation she has been a light to the staff, to donors and volunteers, to our many Boards of Directors and to all who have met her in our communities and across the country."

In her development of the Foundation's fundraising identity, Saunders has led three successful capital campaigns, the most recent raising over \$10 million. Under her leadership, annual campaigns have raised more than \$40 million to enhance The Moncton Hospital's access to technology, innovation and renovated spaces. Currently leading the Foundation's "Be the Difference" campaign, Saunders is overseeing an adept fundraising team to support the creation of a Paediatric Complex Care Suite and the purchase of an advanced Ultrasound machine.

"We wish Linda well in retirement, a time when she can further enrich her own life as she has helped enrich the lives of so many others," says Armour.

"I have truly had the best job in the world," Saunders says. "Every day I have been privileged to work with wonderfully committed people - staff, volunteers and thoughtful, generous donors - who want to make a difference, who want to do their part to help The Moncton Hospital deliver excellent healthcare. We are seeing that caring commitment again now, as people reach out to support their hospital and its healthcare team during the Covid-19 crisis. I am sure it will continue, and continue to grow, in the years to come."

While Saunders will remain with the Foundation until September 2020, the Board has initiated the process of a search for her replacement, which will be facilitated by Executive Search firm KBRS.

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