

# PRESS RELEASE

## Advancing Cancer Care at The Moncton Hospital. Friends Foundation Wrap Up Annual Campaign.

**June 28, 2021 (Moncton)** – Giving patients access to modern diagnosis of lung cancer leading to quicker treatments with improved technology and creating a sunroom and garden space to inspire hope and healing, is one step closer thanks to our donors.

The Friends of The Moncton Hospital Foundation’s Annual Campaign, launched back in October, has raised over \$800,000 giving two urgent projects the go ahead.

Friends Board Chair Ryan Dillon says this year’s campaign will help us make a significant advancement to cancer care at The Moncton Hospital. “One thing this pandemic has reminded us of is the critical importance of local healthcare. Our donors didn’t stop giving, and for that we are deeply appreciative,” remarks Dillon.

### WHERE IS THE MONEY GOING?

#### ROOFTOP SUNROOM AND GARDEN SPACE

An outdoor area off the 30-bed oncology inpatient unit on the fourth floor of Horizon’s The Moncton Hospital will be transformed into a bright, hope-inspiring four-season sunroom and garden space for patients to relax and heal. This much needed area will foster wellness in a homelike environment for patients who are yearning for some peace, quiet and time to reflect outside of their hospital room. This is not currently possible. Oncology Unit Nurse Manager, Peggy Carter Emery, says a tranquil space, which will provide a significant improvement to a patient’s physical and psychological wellbeing, is needed now more than ever. “The pandemic greatly reinforced and highlighted the need for this project,” says Carter Emery.



#### A TOOL TO DIAGNOSE AND STAGE LUNG CANCER

When you consider that lung cancer is the deadliest cancer and the most commonly diagnosed cancer in Canada, it is critical that the medical team at The Moncton Hospital have the most modern device for diagnosis. This Endobronchial Ultrasound System (EBUS) allows patients to have their diagnostic procedure in a clinical setting with procedural sedation, eliminating the need for the operating room and a general anaesthetic. The Moncton Hospital was the first centre to offer this service in the Maritimes with the current donor funded EBUS purchased more than ten years ago. That technology is now beyond its life expectancy and must be replaced. The EBUS is a highly effective, minimally invasive diagnostic tool and the method of choice for respirologists and thoracic surgeons to accurately diagnose pulmonary diseases. In some cases, there is a 2-3 hour surgery, followed by 5-6 days in hospital and an 8-12 week recovery period. This modern EBUS allows patients to get back into their daily routines and activities, and permits them to spend more time doing what they personally enjoy, much sooner than ever before.

These projects will give the community peace of mind knowing that our friends, family and neighbours dealing with cancer, can receive world class care here at home.

You can still donate by calling the Friends at (506) 857-5488, visit online at [www.FriendsFoundation.ca/Donate](http://www.FriendsFoundation.ca/Donate) or mail to the Friends of The Moncton Hospital Foundation, 135 MacBeath Avenue, Moncton, NB E1C 6Z8.

The Friends of The Moncton Hospital has been the philanthropic arm of The Moncton Hospital since 1965. We work to inspire giving to fund new technologies, innovation, renovated spaces and placing the right tools in the hands of our medical staff to strengthen patient care.

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