



Message from our Chair, *Sean Sargent*

When looking back at the last year, the first thing that comes to mind is "I can't believe it's been a year already and what a year it has been". I would love to take this opportunity to share a few of our many positive events with you.

Last fall we worked with the Grande Prairie Rotary Club and this year they have taken over the Dream Home Lottery; it should benefit both organizations for years to come.

We have a synergetic, hard-working and committed board that the community should feel confident in, and my thanks to them.

After a long search to find a new Executive Director, we hired Cindy Park last January for the role. I will tell you that myself and the board expected big things from Cindy, and she has exceeded our expectations. The Hospital Foundation is in a great place with her leadership and should be for years to come. Thanks, Cindy, for the excellent job that you and your staff have been doing.

Of course we also had sod turned (finally) for our brand new Regional Health and Education Center.

We have also had a very positive year for donations and commitments...see below in this newsletter for some of the highlights.

Through our planning initiatives, hard work and community support, we are in an excellent position to continue to help our hospital bring the best healthcare possible to the Peace Country Region. My thanks to you for your support and confidence in the QEII Hospital Foundation.

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Welcome to the new newsletter format! Inside you will find messages from our Chair and Executive Director, Community Events, Festival of Trees and more!! Read on to see what's been happening at the QEII Hospital Foundation...



From our New Executive Director, *Cindy Park*

I am absolutely thrilled to join the Foundation as Executive Director and am looking forward to all the exciting opportunities we have before us. As Grande Prairie moves into the new decade, there are many changes within our community, so is the same for the QEII Hospital Foundation.

One of the changes so far this year has been the launch of our new website which among other things gives us the ability to provide the Festival of Trees ticket sales online. We continue to make improvements with our communication with the integration of Facebook and Twitter.

We have recently seen the sod turning of our new health centre, officially moving the project forward. I look forward to being a part of the good work that this community does to support our Regional Hospital and am proud to join the QE II Hospital Foundation.

DONATIONS REPORT

Tim Hortons

Cookie Fundraiser

Tim Hortons Raises \$11,541 for our local hospital! Through their Smile cookie campaign September 19th-25th, they sold all the cookies they had and were able to raise the money for the Pediatric Units.

Thanks, Tim Hortons! At \$1 each.... that's a lot of cookies!



(L-R) Cindy Park, Tim Hortons staff, Sean Sargent and Serge Allard.



(L-R) Derek Hall & Karen Munjak presenting to Cindy Park & Sean Sargent.

Dream Home 2011

The Lottery is a Success!

2011 was a new year for the Dream Home Lottery with the Grande Prairie Rotary Club running it. The Foundation was the recipient of \$50,000 after a successful lottery that concluded June 30, 2011.



New Cardiac Equipment

For the QEII Hospital

A \$147,861 donation from the Ken and Teresa Sargent Family Foundation to the QEII Hospital Foundation has purchased new Cardiac Monitoring Systems for the QEII Hospital and surrounding communities. Cardiac monitoring equipment is used to diagnose and determine treatment for cardiac patients. The new equipment is more reliable, more comfortable for patients and will reduce wait times.

On behalf of the Ken and Teresa Sargent Family Foundation (from left) Scott Sargent, Sean Sargent and Ken Sargent presented the donation to Christine Williams, senior cardiology technologist at the QEII Hospital, Cindy Park, executive director of the QEII Hospital Foundation and Dr. Joan Libsekal, vice-president QEII Hospital.



Holy Cross

School Parents Council

Carrie Pangracs, Stacey Twerdochlib of the Holy Cross Parents Council and the Holy Cross School have been hard at work raising funds through various fundraising events for the Therapeutic Clown Program at the QEII Hospital. These funds go towards this worthwhile program to provide laughter to sick children and other patients of the Hospital.

DONATIONS REPORT



[L-R) Sue Bilawchuk, Kevin Van-Natter, Dave Georgeson, Cindy Park, Wade Campbell, Sean Sargent, Darryl Van-Natter, Amber Livingston, Jim Clayton

Gregg Distributors

Grande Prairie Store has been hard at work raising \$14,280.80 for a new ECG machine for the QEII Hospital. They've had numerous fundraising events over a two year period and we are thrilled to receive funds for the purchase of this very beneficial piece of equipment. They have already begun raising funds for a portable ultrasound for the ER.

GP Chinese Association

General Donation

The Chinese Association of Grande Prairie generously donated \$ 1000 to the QE II Hospital Foundation from their Chinese New Years event held earlier this year. Thank you for your generosity.



[L-R) George Ding, Cindy Park, Sean Sargent



Breaking Ground

On the new Health and Education Centre!

This summer saw the ground-breaking ceremony of the new health centre in Grande Prairie. Named after a family from the Region, The Shields Health and Education Centre will include a state-of-the-art cancer centre, 200 acute care beds, and a health care training facility in partnership with the Grande Prairie Regional College.

“The Shields Health and Education Centre will support the evolving needs of this community as the area continues to grow and change,” said Ken Hughes, AHS Board Chair. “The new hospital will help front-line AHS staff and physicians continue to provide residents a comprehensive scope of services that address their local health needs.”

The QEII Hospital Foundation will be evolving to include the new Health Centre
...watch for future developments.

Robert Scott

Donation

Robert Scott contributed close to \$600,000 towards the Emergency Room Renovations project, Palliative Care and the purchase of specialized equipment for the Hospital. From needing acute care in our emergency rooms to experiencing comfort and compassion in our palliative care areas, Robert Scott impacted this hospital in a large way.

Robert (Bob) Scott, May 24, 1921 - April 19, 2010 was a long-time resident of Grande Prairie. He farmed in the area for nearly 50 years and in his early days was a known for being a fantastic car salesman and auctioneer.

Through the generous gifts Mr. Scott made over recent years and now through his estate, he truly made a difference to the lives of people in this community and will do so for many, many more years to come. We truly appreciate his philanthropic spirit.



Nov.16-20

2011 Festival of Trees
Event Tickets Now
Available Online

We are excited to announce new additions to our Festival of Trees this year. A new shop for the sweet tooth and a new way to peruse the Gingerbread creations - on a Gingerbread Train!

Also, along with our Premier Gala Night, we have a new event on Friday night - Mistletoe Magic - an enjoyable night of hors d'oeuvres and wine pairing, with entertainment of course.

Gala, Mistletoe Magic and Teddy Bear Breakfast tickets are on sale now.

Go to www.qe2festivaloftrees.com to purchase tickets online.

Interested in sponsoring part of the festival? Contact Chantale Doucette-Chalifoux at 780-512-7890

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Therapeutic Clown

Program

Therapeutic Clowns are paid professionals that work hand in hand with the health care teams under a code of ethics. This is a not-for-profit program dedicated to bringing the healing attributes of laughter and happiness to children in healthcare facilities. Our clown, Butterfly, minimizes the stress for our young patients and their families while having medical treatment here at the hospital. This unique program relies solely on the generous donations of caring individuals, corporations and organizations. Please consider supporting this worthy program. Your support can truly make a difference in the lives of children and their families, young and old alike.



The Visual Arts

Program

What's In A Garden? The Rooftop Garden Project

Some of you may have noticed a little bit of activity on the rooftop adjacent to the Pediatric Ward this summer. The Visual Arts Program, (or shall I say 20 incredible volunteers), started physically upgrading and rejuvenating the "Open Air Garden". The actual conceptualization process has taken over a year to complete. Although the public cannot physically access this roof garden there are several floors which overlook the area and can benefit from the visual display.

To date it is about 75% complete. We still have a little bit of painting, in addition to adding the finishing touches of the garden sculptures. These will range in size from a little fairy; to a giant mushroom; to four kinetic sculptures designed and fabricated by a local female welder! All will "top off" this very unusual roof with an abundance of things for the children to look at.

The major Sponsor of this project is Kev's Kids. Their very generous grant has allowed us to think outside the box. We have also been fortunate beyond belief to be given gifts in kind from Canadian Tire. You combine that with hours of volunteer time and it is a magic garden indeed. | Carrie Klukas - Visual Arts Coordinator

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EVENTS & PROGRAMS