

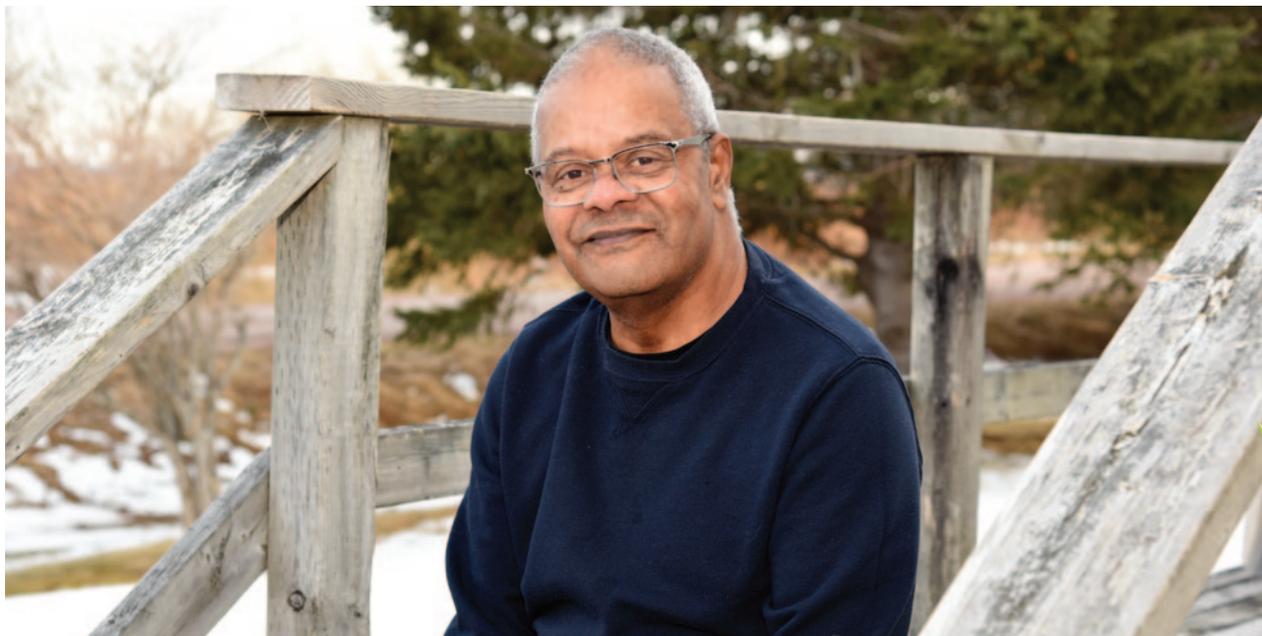


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"I don't know what we would have done over the years had our hospital not been available for our family." Greg Martin

*Aulac Resident Appreciative for Years of **Outstanding Care at Sackville Memorial Hospital (SMH)***

Last December, 72-year-old Greg Martin, life long resident of Aulac, was not feeling 100%. He woke up feeling light headed, which continued to worsen throughout the day. With nudging from his wife Denise of 47 years, he took a taxi to SMH that afternoon to seek medical attention. He was quickly triaged and after a complete set of tests was transferred to The Moncton Hospital where he was told he suffered a mild heart attack. After a cardiologist put in a pacemaker to regulate his heartbeat,

Greg was sent to the New Brunswick Heart Centre in Saint John to undergo a quadruple bypass (performed when four blood vessels are blocked and need to be bypassed).

A busy few months followed as he had to return to Saint John for additional mapping and visited SMH on several occasions to remove stitches and for bloodwork.

Greg and his family's roots run deep with their local hospital. Greg, a semi-retired security guard who worked at the SMH for over 16 years,

was happy to be near friends, relatives and the staff with whom he was very familiar.

"I can't stress enough how relieved and grateful I was knowing the hospital and its exceptional care team was close by as I navigated through this healthcare predicament."

Greg and his wife fostered over 70 children over the years; each one of them treated at the SMH at one time or another. It was comforting to know care was just a stone's through away.

MILESTONE CELEBRATED

Foundation Thanks Donors for Exceeding Most Ambitious Goal in its History



Thanks to our generous donors, the Foundation's **X-ray Vision that Delivers Campaign** raised **\$280,000, \$20,000 over their fundraising goal**. The 2019 project marked the most ambitious campaign in the Foundation's history aimed at improving the stellar care the hospital's medical imaging professionals deliver by providing advanced imaging technology for those whose lives depend on it.

The Foundation celebrated this milestone with donors at an event held in the hospital atrium last November. The Foundation invested these funds in a critical **Mobile Digital X-ray Unit** (\$240,000) and a **Modern Radiology Table** (\$20,000).

An upgrade to a mobile digital unit allows the Medical Radiation Technologists (MRTs) to take X-rays at the bedside throughout the hospital when a patient is too ill to have their procedure completed within the Medical Imaging Department. These images are sent electronically to a radiologist at The Moncton Hospital where they will be read to determine accurate diagnoses and to provide appropriate interventions. When the unit is not traveling throughout the hospital, it will perform general radiology examinations within the Medical Imaging Department.

Other advantages of this new Mobile Digital X-ray Unit include having a quick turnaround time increasing efficiencies and significantly improving workflow for MRTs eliminating the need to move heavy equipment and cassettes around. The advanced unit



MRTs Ali Earle and Courtney Smith give a demonstration on how the new equipment operates to Megan Mitton, MLA, Memramcook-Tantramar and Foundation Board Member Cindy Crossman.

has an ergonomic design and offers instant low dose, high-quality image capture. In addition, all images are available in the patient's electronic imaging record within seconds.

The new unit and radiology table were displayed at the event giving donors the opportunity to see what their donation purchased. Also, at the celebration event, donors were able to view the updated donor recognition wall located in the hospital lobby.



Louise MacKinnon & Robert Inglis spoke about how grateful they were to have the SMH close by after their daughter Mariah was diagnosed with Type 1 Diabetes.

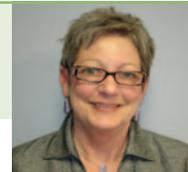
Congratulations to the **Auxiliary**

The Sackville Memorial Hospital Foundation Board congratulates our healthcare partner, the **Sackville Memorial Hospital Auxiliary** on its 75th anniversary of supporting our hospital.

For close to eight decades, and with contributions of \$1.6-million to the region, the Auxiliary has played a key role in enhancing patient care at the Sackville Memorial Hospital.

75
YEARS

Letter from the Chair



Dear Donors,

As I am sure you are aware, the Provincial Government announced Health Care Reform changes on Tuesday, February 11 that would affect the Sackville Memorial Hospital. Starting on March 11, the Emergency Department would be closed from 10 pm until 8 am; day surgeries would be cancelled within six months; and all inpatient beds would be converted to chronic care beds with no acute care beds available. After wide-spread protests in the days that followed, Premier Higgs announced on Sunday, February 16, that he was cancelling the health care reforms due to “gaps” in the plan presented by the two regional health authorities and, instead, would “personally visit these communities to initiate the process to ensure that we hear from

community leaders, the people delivering care and concerned citizens” in April and May.

This news shocked members of the Foundation who had no indication changes were being considered. We were pleased to hear that the implementation of these proposals would be postponed pending consultation with the stakeholders in the spring.

Because of the current uncertainty, there will not be an annual fundraising campaign at this time. We want to thank you for your unwavering support in the past.

With your help, we have raised over \$1.2 million over the past 10 years at the Sackville Memorial Hospital for equipment which continues to be used on a daily basis.

We assure you that we will do everything in our power to oppose these changes on behalf of all of the citizens of Sackville and the surrounding area and I encourage you to do anything you feel might help to fight these proposed cutbacks in support of a fully functional Sackville Memorial Hospital.

Sincerely,
Elaine Smith, Chair

You're invited to AGM!

The public is invited to attend the Sackville Memorial Hospital Foundation's Annual General Meeting to be held in the hospital boardroom on **Wednesday, June 10 at 7 pm.**

All are welcome!



DONATION FORM

Yes, you can count on my support!

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thank you!



Staff Education: A Foundation Priority

The following Horizon Health Network staff were awarded funds in 2019-2020, which in turn benefits patients and their families. Education funding is a partnership between the Foundation, SMH and the SMH Auxiliary. \$10,305 was invested in the staff education opportunities below.

Staff person	Department	Participated in
Julie Pepin	Physiotherapy	Dynamic Neuromuscular Stabilization Course
Britt Gothreau	Brunswick	Palliative Care Conference
Beth Black	Brunswick/ Emergency	National Emergency Nurses Conference
Alex Colpitts	Emergency	National Emergency Nurses Conference
Rachelle Kingsler	Laboratory	Labcon Conference
Joanne Smith	Laboratory	Labcon Conference
Angela Mundle	Laboratory	Labcon Conference
Christine Daigle	Administration	Registration Workshop
Donna Steeves	Admitting	Registration Workshop
Elaine MacDonald	Telecommunications	Registration Workshop
Christine Dean	Day Surgery	CSPS 2019 Annual Meeting
Chantal Pillman	Day Surgery	Plastic Surgery Conference
Nadine Boudreau	Social Worker	Mental Health and Aging Workshop
Angela Tower	Nurse Practitioner	Nurse Practitioner NB Annual Conference
Tammy Allen	Occupational Therapy	MoCA training
Suzanne Surette	Health Records	CHIMA Certified Coding
Stephanie Hatcher	Physiotherapy	NS College of Physiotherapists Conference
Corinna Power	Port Elgin Nurse Practitioner	CAMH Addressing Cannabis use in Primary Care Online Course

Did you know?

If you would like to learn more about listed securities or legacy giving, please contact H el ene Ouellette at 860-2307.

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Marie Reinsborough-Wadden and Krista Royama from Iris Counselling and Amanda Marlin from EOS after a climate stress workshop.

We support community health & wellness initiatives

EOS Eco-Energy was recently awarded funding from the Foundation to offer a series of workshops on managing climate change stress, with the goal of preventing more serious and costly mental health interventions. EOS observed that climate change stress can be mentally taxing. People are worried about flooding, storms and power outages, and the effects on property value. Some wonder what to tell their children, mourn the loss of species and habitat, and feel isolated with their concerns. But we can't give up hope. If everyone is engaged in order to address climate change, there is an opportunity to bring people together to turn stress into action in order to better our communities.

Together with IRIS Community Counselling, EOS hosted seven workshops, including two for youth. Participants learned how the brain functions during stress and how to identify when climate stress may require professional interventions. They learned a variety of coping strategies, as well as ways to harness stress and turn it into something positive.

EOS is grateful for the support of the Sackville Memorial Hospital Foundation.

Funding Available

If you have a health and wellness project that focuses on improving the well-being of our community, the Sackville Memorial Hospital Foundation may be able to help. Community groups and not-for-profit organizations throughout the Tantramar area are encouraged to apply for funding for health and wellness initiatives. Application guidelines and application can be viewed on www.smhf.ca/healthandwellnessfunding. Please note that limited funding is available and not all projects will be accepted.



MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Sackville Memorial Hospital Foundation is to raise funds and administer its resources to preserve, maintain and enhance the quality of health care in the Tantramar region.