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Daughter Appreciative of Care Provided to Mother in Her Final Days

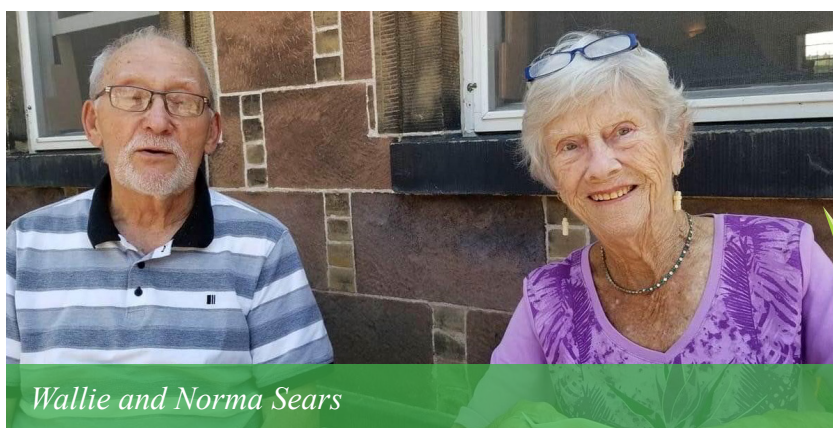
Although it has been a rough year with the passing of the beloved family matriarch, Paula Sears can't say enough about the care her mother received prior to her passing.

Long time Sackville resident Norma Sears was admitted to the Sackville Memorial Hospital (SMH) on March 7 after falling at home and breaking her femur. With the exception of eight days at The Moncton Hospital, all of her care was provided at SMH until her passing on April 16 at the age of 90.

I know my mom felt comfortable, was grateful and at peace while she was being cared for at our local hospital in her final days, says Sears.

Sears felt that it was important to extend a thank you and remark on exceptional care when it is warranted. She has nothing but praise for the amazing staff at the SMH.

"Each and every healthcare worker who entered my mother's room was professional and efficient, but just as important to my mom, they were kind and supportive, and even loving. I was so comfortable with my mom being a patient in Sackville; I knew when my family could not be with



Wallie and Norma Sears

her, she was being so well taken care of. The night of my mom's passing, her nurses were so supportive to me and made the sad experience more understandable and acceptable. These hospital angels helped me get through that difficult moment."

Sears stated that the extraordinary handling of the pandemic at SMH is also to be commended.

"The entire experience from COVID screening at the front, to food and custodial services, was pleasant and professional. Her physiotherapists were amazing and understanding, and her physician Dr. Kelly was a blessing. I simply cannot convey in other words how exceptional this hospital is - I am certain my mom's care was not unique, and that each

patient surely receives the same level of care."

Sears' parents, Wallie and Norma, who have lived in Sackville their entire lives and raised their family here, have always been thankful for having such wonderful care close to home.



The Sackville Memorial Hospital Foundation Wraps Up **Operate with Surgical Precision Campaign**

The Sackville Memorial Hospital (SMH) Foundation wrapped up its **Operate with Surgical Precision Campaign** which will see **\$200,000** invested in specialized equipment that will elevate surgical and emergency care. When you or your loved ones need surgery, complicated or not, you want peace of mind knowing our surgeons have the best tools to do their job. Surgeons performed over 800 procedures last year at the SMH, which due to COVID-19, was lower than usual. In order to be “a cut above”, the SMH needs new overhead operating room lights, anesthesia monitoring equipment, a sterilizer for medical device reprocessing, and a laparoscopic/arthroscopic tower (camera and monitor).

This cutting-edge camera offers sharper images that provide truer-to-life clarity and colour, giving surgeons a better look at the fine details – so important during minimally invasive surgical procedures. Although the equipment being used right now is fully operational, meeting our needs, and completely safe, it is essential that it be replaced to keep up with developing technology. The SMH is



Sterilizer for medical device reprocessing \$42,000

renowned for its outstanding Day Surgery Program offering over 40 different types of surgeries including: arthroscopic repair of ACL, knees and shoulder procedures (Ortho), breast reduction and augmentation, carpal tunnel repair (Plastics), cystoscopy, urinary incontinence repair (Urology), tubal ligation and hysteroscopy (Gynecology), hernia repair, varicose veins stripping, lumpectomy and gallbladder removal (General and Vascular).

It is important to note that having state-of-the-art technology makes it easier to recruit and retain surgeons and care for the patients we serve. In addition to the items for the surgical program, a cardiac telemetry system – a way to monitor a patient’s cardiac rhythm remotely and during any patient activity – will also be acquired for the Emergency Department.

Campaign Chair Pat Estabrooks says she appreciates the help of the Foundation’s loyal donors.

“Your donations will help our surgeons and the entire health care team provide better care for you, your family, friends and neighbours,” says Estabrooks.



Cardiac telemetry system \$22,000
Anesthesia monitoring equipment \$41,000



Laparoscopic/arthroscopic tower (camera and monitor) \$67,000

New overhead lights \$22,500

You can still make a donation by contacting the Foundation at 364-4205, dropping by the hospital, or donating securely online at www.smhf.ca/donate.

All equipment is expected to be on-site and operational in early 2022.

Foundation Bids Farewell to Two Long Time Board Members

In June, the Foundation recognized the tremendous contribution made by **Bill Evans** and **Sheila Parker** after each completing eight years on the board of directors.

Thank you Bill and Sheila for all that you have done to advance the mission of the Foundation.



Sheila Parker and Bill Evans were presented with flowers as a token of appreciation for their time on the board.

Foundation Awards Bursaries 2021

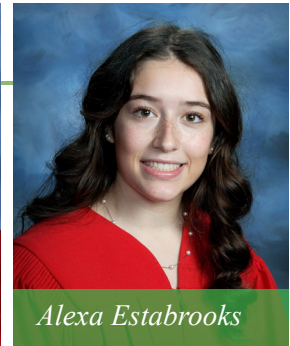
The Sackville Memorial Hospital Foundation awarded three \$1,500 bursaries to Tantramar Regional High School students who will be studying in the healthcare field. One of the bursaries was established in honour of Foundation board members who have passed away.



Jillian Wood



Alexa Sjodin



Alexa Estabrooks

Jillian Wood is attending Mount Allison in the Bachelor of Science Program.

Alexa Sjodin is attending the University of Western Ontario.

Alexa Estabrooks is also attending Mount Allison.

Congrats, ladies!

Donor Celebration Event Cancelled

Due to the ongoing pandemic and new safety protocols, we have decided to cancel our annual donor celebration event again this year. We are grateful for our donors every day and we will show our appreciation at a more appropriate time in 2022.

Please continue to be safe.

Accountability

View our audited financial statements online:
www.smhf.ca/en/auditedfinancialstatements.



Did you know?

Foundation-sponsored colouring kits are provided to families with children visiting the SMH to help keep kids occupied during their stay.



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