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“The Sackville Memorial Hospital Emergency Room (ER) Saved My Life”

My name is Geoffrey Patridge and I am a 77-year-old retiree who, in 2019, moved from Toronto to live in Sackville. Until two years ago, I never knew how grateful I would be to have access to healthcare so close to my home. On this particular occasion, I developed symptoms of a urinary tract infection. It was serious enough for me to immediately summon a friend to bring me to the Sackville Memorial Hospital (SMH), which is just minutes away. Upon arrival, I was shivering, feverish and delirious. After being triaged by the efficient Emergency Room (ER) staff, I was quickly transferred to the Intensive Care Unit at The Moncton Hospital (TMH) for more complex care. I was told by medical personnel there that only the speed of which I got to the ER saved my life. If I would have had to travel to Moncton, I might not have made it in time and things could have turned out much differently.

I am indebted to the swift-acting medical team at the SMH ER.

If I should have a similar attack (and I have had several) I may not be so lucky next time. On previous occasions, the symptoms were noticed by doctors whom I was consulting for other reasons and preventive methods were taken



Sackville resident Geoffrey Patridge

before an attack occurred. I cannot guarantee the same good fortune all the time.

I am thankful for the kindness and compassion of all staff at both SMH and TMH. I have stayed in a number of hospitals over the years and the Sackville Memorial Hospital is the first one I have been to that provided tasty meals!

My parents, who lived permanently in Sackville, enjoyed long and healthy lives partly due to the excellent treatment they received at our local hospital. I look forward to continuing that tradition.

Thank you Geoffrey, for sharing your positive hospital experience with us.

Donor Impact – Look Where Your Donations Are Going

The final piece of equipment from the **Operate with Surgical Precision Campaign** – new **anesthesia monitoring equipment** – is in and has been operational since March. The 2021 campaign raised close to **\$200,000**, which was invested in specialized equipment to elevate surgical and emergency care at SMH. In order to be “a cut above,” the Foundation also purchased **overhead operating room lights**, a sterilizer

for medical device reprocessing and a laparoscopic/arthroscopic tower (camera and monitor).

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 – was also acquired for the Emergency Department.

At right: Anesthesia Monitoring Equipment



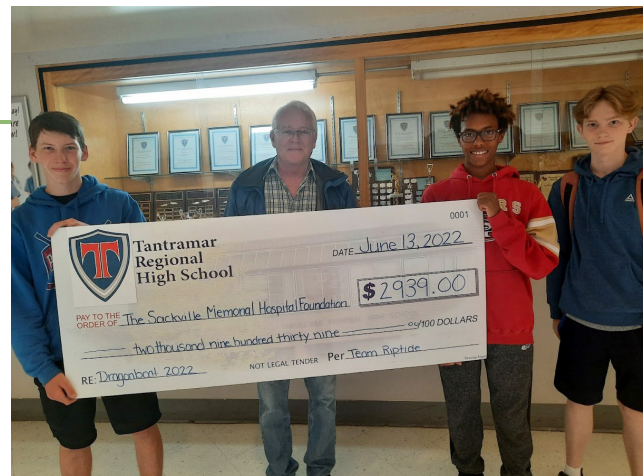
SMH Foundation Awards Bursaries 2022

The Sackville Memorial Hospital Foundation awarded three \$1,500 bursaries to Tantram 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.

From left to right: Hannah Kenney, Mikaela Reyes, Emily Patterson.

TRHS Dragonboat Team Riptide Gives to Foundation

Presenting a cheque for \$2,939 to Foundation Chair Bill Evans are, from left to right, Tantram Regional High School Dragonboat team captains, Oliver Hicks and Levi Neuman, accompanied by team drummer, Braxton Currie.



An Update from Horizon

If you have been to Horizon's Sackville Memorial Hospital lately, you may have noticed a few new faces and positive changes underway.

Improving our processes within the Emergency Department and addressing staffing challenges with a significant increase in recruitment resources continue to be our top priorities.

Two new Nurse Practitioners joined the Emergency Department team to support with the lower-acuity patients who still require important care, four newly graduated Registered Nurses were hired recently, and most of the Emergency Department nursing positions have been filled.

You may also see a supportive helper in the waiting room assisting patients in accessing alternative options for care and making the wait more comfortable.

Collaboration of the Sackville Rural Health Action Group team members, including Horizon members and various community stakeholders, has been an important driving force for the improvements. In fact, a digital marketing campaign was launched by the group to health care workers in smaller communities across Canada to highlight Sackville and our career options.



There is still a lot of work to be done, but we are well on our way to improved efficiencies and access to care for Sackville residents, and better work-life balance for all of our health care workers.

Christa Wheeler-Thorne
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*Executive Director,
Horizon's The Moncton Hospital
& Sackville Memorial Hospital*



New Campaign!

The design is already underway for a different kind of project, and we are very excited about this bold, new campaign for the hospital. The plan is for an outdoor area designed to promote patient healing, foster wellness, and provide comfort for families and staff. The campaign launch and donor appreciation event will be held in early Spring 2023.

*We are grateful for our donors every day,
for their support of the Foundation's
commitment to keep our hospital vibrant.*

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Outgoing Auxiliary President Recognized

The Foundation presented outgoing SMH Auxiliary President **Audrey Hicks** with flowers to thank her for her outstanding contribution to our hospital. Audrey, who has worked tirelessly on behalf of the Sackville community for many years, can always be counted on to lend a hand, and makes a significant difference in the lives of many.

The Foundation would like to wish a hearty welcome to the incoming Auxiliary President **Katherine Heughan-Marlin**.

Accountability

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



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Give a Little Help A Lot Campaign

For a two-week period over the summer, **Rose's Your Independent Grocer** customers were asked to donate to the SMH Foundation – and donate they did, raising \$3669.93! Thanks to those who gave a little to help a lot.

From left to right: Cindy Ward and Teena Smith, Front End Supervisors; Matt Rose Owner/Operator; and Bill Evans, Foundation Chair.

Health and Wellness 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.



Staff Education: A Foundation Priority

The following Horizon Health Network staff were awarded funds in 2022, which in turn benefits patients and their families. Education funding is a partnership between the Foundation, SMH and the SMH Auxiliary. Due to COVID-19 the educational opportunities were affected. Close to \$1,000 was invested in the staff education opportunities below.

Staff person	Department	Participated in
Tina Hall	Brunswick Unit	The New Brunswick Hospice Palliative Care Association Annual Conference
Cynthia Power	Diabetic Education Centre	Learning Path Advancing Obesity Management Online Course
Jennifer Newman	Physiotherapy	Physioplus Membership – Online
Tina Hall	Brunswick Unit	Wound Course



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.