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Retired teacher and grateful patient, Jim Hopkins.

“When you are not well it is a great comfort to know our hospital is only minutes away and ready to help.”

Three years ago, long-time Sackville resident Jim Hopkins knew something wasn't right when he was having difficulty swallowing. After several medical appointments and tests at the Sackville Memorial Hospital (SMH), as well as Moncton and Amherst Hospitals, he found out his instincts were correct. The retired teacher remembers vividly the day in July 2016 when he learned the disheartening news that he had esophageal cancer. Although it has been a rough road, Jim took on this healthcare challenge with vigor. This diagnosis meant numerous chemotherapy treatments in Moncton, which

were not easy. But, he had a wonderful support system, foremost from his family, but also from staff at SMH.

“From the moment I approached the registration desk, I was treated with the best of care. The doctors, nurses, LPNs, food service personnel as well as the paramedics and Extra-Mural staff; all went beyond the call of duty,” states Jim.

After each treatment, Jim required an extended stay at both SMH and The Moncton Hospital, and had nothing but praise for the compassionate care he received at every stage of his journey.

In January 2017, Jim had surgery to remove the tumour and received the wonderful news that he was “cancer free”. He is feeling much better now and enjoys spending time with his wife, Shirley, and two daughters, Shawna and Andrea, as well as attending sporting events for his grandsons, Elliot, Harrison and Oliver.

“The Sackville Hospital was there when I needed it and for that I will be forever grateful. I encourage everyone to support the Foundation so they can continue to purchase modern tools for our staff to do their jobs.”

A New Level of Imaging

The SMH Foundation has launched the most ambitious campaign in its history with a **\$260,000** fundraising goal for 2019. This year the Foundation will invest in a critical **Mobile Digital X-ray Unit (\$240,000)** and a **Modern Radiology Table (\$20,000)**.

Community support is needed once again to ensure that the **Medical Radiation Technologists (MRTs)** have the best technology leading to the most accurate results for the over 9,000 radiology exams performed at the SMH each year.

An upgrade to a mobile digital unit will allow the 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.

Amanda Wilson, Director of Diagnostic Imaging, Moncton Area, Horizon Health Network, is delighted that staff will have leading diagnostic tools to view more crisp and detailed images.

"This purchase will be a huge advancement from the existing 2004 analog unit. The current unit requires the image be captured onto an X-ray cassette, which in turn has to be



Courtney Smith, Medical Radiation Technologist and 'poster person', Tammy Woodworth, Radiology Supervisor, and Amanda Wilson, Director of Diagnostic Imaging, attend campaign launch.



Grateful patient Marion Holder praises the care she received at SMH.

returned to the Medical Imaging Department for processing. The image is then validated by the technologist, ensuring the image is acceptable for physician interpretation. With this advancement in technology, image quality will be vastly improved," states Wilson.

Other advantages of a new Mobile Digital X-ray Unit include having a quick turnaround time, increasing efficiencies and significantly improving workflow for MRTs, eliminating the



Linda Tingley, President of the SMH Auxiliary (left) presented a \$25,000 lead gift to Elaine Smith (centre), Foundation Chair, and Pat Estabrooks, Campaign Chair.

need to move heavy equipment and cassettes around. The advanced unit has an ergonomic design and offers instant, low-dose, high-quality image capture. In addition, all images will be available in the patient's electronic record within seconds.

If you would like to make a donation, you can contact the Foundation at 364-4204, drop by the hospital, or donate securely on-line at www.smhf.ca/donate.



Donor-funded **Chemistry Analyzer** Makes New Home at SMH

Foundation offers thanks to those who contributed to last year's **Accuracy is the Best Result** Good Chemistry Campaign

In November, donors attended a celebration for successfully raising **\$110,000; \$10,000 over goal!** Funds were used to purchase a sophisticated **Chemistry Analyzer** to ensure our laboratory professionals have the best technology to do their jobs. This modern unit provides quick and accurate results allowing physicians to make the correct diagnosis and administer prompt treatment to patients. The Chemistry Analyzer provides fast and precise analysis of blood samples and is used for many things including testing liver, kidney and heart function. Glucose is the most frequently performed clinical chemistry procedure used in the diagnosis and treatment of Diabetes. The lab, which performs over 61,000 tests per year, is arguably the Hospital's most vital service. Diagnostic tests are often the least

expensive component of the health care pathway, yet they influence more than 70% of all health care decisions. The dedicated team of medical laboratory professionals at SMH process over 250 specimens per day from admitted patients, the Emergency Department, Extra-Mural Program, long-term care facilities and various clinics throughout the Tantramar area.



Foundation Chair, Elaine Smith, presented a copy of *A Duty Toward the Living*, a history of healthcare in Tantramar, to Karen McGrath, President and CEO of Horizon Health Network, who attended the donor appreciation event.



Medical Laboratory Technologists Allison McKellar, Shawna Alberts and Angela Mundle pose proudly with the new Chemical Analyzer.

DONATION FORM

Yes, you can count on my support!

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Staff Education: A Foundation Priority

The following Horizon Health Network staff were awarded funds in 2018-19, which in turn benefits patients and their families. Education funding is a partnership of the Foundation, SMH and the SMH Auxiliary. \$8400 was invested in the staff education opportunities below:

Staff person	Department	Participated in
Julie Pepin	Physiotherapy	Dynamic Neuromuscular Stabilization Course
Rachelle Kingsler	Laboratory	Labcon Conference
Angela Tower	Family Practice/ Nurse Practitioner	Cognitive Behavioural Therapy Course
Tammy Allen	Occupational Therapy	2 Conferences
Nadine Boudreau	Social Work	Conference
Christine Dean	Day Surgery	Conference
Chantal Pillman	Day Surgery	Operating Room Nurses Association of Canada Conference
Holly Wry	Physiotherapy	Basic Mental Health First Aid
Marilyn Goodwin	Diabetic Clinic	Canadian Society of Endocrinology and Metabolism Professional Conference
Angela Tower	Family Practice/ Nurse Practitioner	Nurse Practitioner NB Annual Conference
Christine Dean	Day Surgery	Atlantic Operating Room Nurses Conference
Julie Pepin	Physiotherapy	DNS Movement flow

Your Donations Purchased Bariatric Wheelchair for SMH

The Foundation recently purchased a \$600 bariatric wheelchair. This heavy duty chair is made wider to accommodate larger patients.



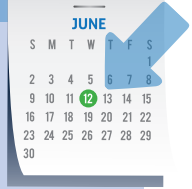
Service with a smile!

Fundraising Breakfast and Bake Sale held Saturday, March 23 raised \$2,165 for the 2019 campaign. From left to right staff volunteers Sarah Hicks, Kim Hicks, Roland Stewart, Emilie Doucet, Jessica Novak and Brent Johnson.

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 12 at 7 pm.**

All are welcome!



We support community health & wellness initiatives

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.

Most recent projects that the Foundation has funded include:

- **Open Sky Co-operative Ltd.**, to hire a university student to input and crunch data for the *Transitioning for Life Project*.
- **Sackville Memorial Hospital Auxiliary** in support of the mental health therapist at TRHS.
- **Marshview Middle School** in support of external counselling done by Iris Community Counselling & Consulting.



Did you know?

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