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“The Sackville Memorial Hospital has been a Godsend”

It started out as a routine September morning when 85-year-old Joyce O’Neil, lifelong resident of Sackville, was eating breakfast and sipping on a cup of coffee.

“I noticed I was having a hard time chewing, my jaw felt funny, and my left arm was just not right,” said O’Neil.

O’Neil thought she was perhaps imagining things, but to be on the safe side, her partner Ray drove her straight to the Sackville Memorial Hospital (SMH).

Upon arrival, O’Neil was placed in a wheelchair and taken to the Emergency Department right away, where she underwent several tests and constant monitoring before being sent by ambulance to the Intensive Care Unit at The Moncton Hospital. As it turns out, O’Neil suffered a heart attack. Three days later, she was off to the Saint John Regional Hospital where she had a stent put in.

“I’m so thankful for the kind-heartedness of the medical team at all three hospitals – the compassionate care was second to none.”

O’Neil admits if the hospital wasn’t so close by – she might not have taken action.



Joyce O’Neil and her great granddaughter, Jayden Novak.

“Having access to top-notch health care just a stone’s throw away is not only convenient, but reassuring, not just for myself, but for all Tantramar area residents.”

O’Neil has entered the doors of the SMH on several occasions over the years, including the births of all three of her children – two of whom still live locally. It puts her mind at ease that they, and her cherished grandchildren and great grandchild, have a local hospital to turn to when in need.

O’Neil, who worked at Atlantic Wholesalers for 42 years, is no stranger to giving back to the community she loves. Her involvement in and dedication to the town includes serving on council for 16 years. In addition, she is the current Fund-raising Chair for the SMH Auxiliary.

O’Neil has fond memories of the hospital being built right after the war and remembers when her mother made jam and pickles for the kitchen.

“I watched the hospital grow and I will continue to sing its praises well into the future.”

Donor Impact – Look Where Your Donations Are Going

The Foundation's 2021 campaign raised close to \$200,000 which was invested in specialized equipment that will elevate surgical and emergency care.



MDR employees Brandon Stone, Bonnie Brownell, and Melissa Partridge in front of the new sterilizer.

Sterilizer for Medical Device Reprocessing (MDR)

To avoid any risk of infection by a contaminated device, reusable devices undergo “reprocessing,” a detailed, multi-step process to clean and then disinfect or sterilize them.



Cardiac Telemetry System

This new system provides a way to monitor a patient's cardiac rhythm remotely and during any patient activity.



Overhead Lights in the Operating Room



Arthroscopic Tower in the Operating Room

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.

Thank you for your generosity!

Foundation Supports Breakfast Program in Port Elgin

The Foundation provided a \$3,000 grant to the Port Elgin Regional School's (PERS) Breakfast Program to help pay a local resident to keep the program operational. Normally the program is run by teachers, however, they were otherwise assigned to other duties during the pandemic. The person's responsibilities included coming in early, restocking food bins, baking and cooking hot breakfast items, making smoothies and maintaining high level sanitation practices.

Access to healthy food is a key determinant of health and the Foundation is pleased to support such an important initiative.



"I like that every child gets something healthy to eat each morning," said Melissa Sweeney, who runs the Breakfast Program each morning at PERS.

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.

DONATION FORM

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Foundation Bids Farewell to Long Time Board Member

The Foundation recently recognized the tremendous contribution made by Pat Estabrooks. Pat served on the board from 2006-2014 and 2016-2022. Thank you Pat for your tireless efforts in advancing the Foundation's mission.



Foundation Provides Cheer to the Drew Nursing Home Staff

Four baskets full of goodies were delivered to the Drew during a lockdown. The baskets were placed in each staff room to show the Foundation's support during the pandemic.



Staff Education: A Foundation Priority

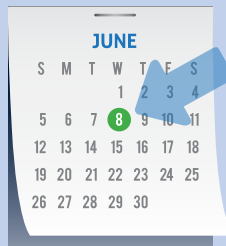
The following Horizon Health Network staff were awarded funds in 2021-2022, which in turn benefits patients and their families. Education funding is a partnership between the Foundation, SMH and the SMH Auxiliary. Due to COVID-19 the educational opportunities were affected. Close to \$1,500 was invested in the staff education opportunities below.

Staff person	Department	Participated in
Julie Martin, RN	Emergency	Trauma Life Support Course
Jennifer Newman, Student	Physiotherapy	Lumbar Spine Online Course

You're invited to our AGM

The Sackville Memorial Hospital Foundation's Annual General Meeting will be held on **Wednesday, June 8** at 7 pm. Location: TBD.

All are welcome!



Donor Recognition Display Updated

The donor recognition display in the main Hospital lobby has recently been updated.

When things get back to "normal", please feel free to check out our list of generous donors.

Accountability

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



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Did you know?



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



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.