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### **Message From SPH Foundation**

Welcome to the newly designed SPH Foundation Spirit newsletter! We have listened to the feedback received from readers like you, and used it to make some substantial changes to this publication. Since you last received a copy of The Spirit, we reconsidered the story content, modernized the look, included more pictures and reduced publication to once a year. There are many wonderful stories in this issue for you to enjoy (I am particularly fond of the Michele Kiesman and Dr. Rick Jaggi story.)

We also recently introduced a new email donor publication called Kindred Spirit. Kindred Spirit shares even more St. Paul's Hospital stories of interest to our donors and is issued twice a year. If you would like to receive Kindred Spirit by email, please share your name, mailing address and email address with us at: info@sphfoundation.org and we will be sure to add you to the distribution list.

Thanks for reading and supporting SPH Foundation. I welcome your feedback.

Bruce Acton

Bruce Acton St. Paul's Hospital Foundation CEO

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# REVEALING THE WORLD BEHIND THE THE

We give because we can. We were blessed with the funds to be able to do this

– David and Karen Holst

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A special evening at St. Paul's Hospital Foundation's Behind the Curtain 2016 event celebrated state-of-the-art advancements funded by our many donors.

Snowflakes were falling as guests arrived at St. Paul's Hospital on Tuesday, October 4, braving the weather to attend the Grand Opening and exclusive tour of the new medical imaging SPECT-CT suite and Operating Room advancements at St. Paul's Hospital. The event offered attendees an opportunity to see, first-hand and on-site, some of the truly impressive changes and profound patient impact brought through donor gifts made to St. Paul's Hospital.

Pylypchuk Hall was loud with chatter that quieted as the lights dimmed, and St. Paul's Hospital Foundation CEO Bruce Acton and Board Chair John Agioritis took to the stage to express their deep gratitude to the donors in attendance. Bruce Acton thanked those who provided leadership gifts to the SPECT-CT purchase including Joe Remai, Jack and Shirley Brodsky, Dakota Dunes **Community Development** Corporation and PotashCorp, and also thanked Joe Remai for his gift in support of Operating Room advancements.

Manager of Major Giving Lecina Hicke then invited donors David and Karen Holst, who provided a gift of \$1 million in support of the SPECT-CT, to cut the ribbon, thereby officially opening the new David and Karen Holst Family Foundation SPECT-CT Suite at St. Paul's Hospital.

Laughter and commotion followed as everyone donned bright yellow smocks, worn as a health precaution throughout the tour that followed. The sea of yellowtheatres. Dr. Nijjar explained that post-surgery, Paul was also exhibiting a possible diabetesassociated infection that might necessitate the amputation of his foot - a condition that could be immediately diagnosed thanks to the SPECT-CT. During that leg of the tour, one of the children in attendance "took a ride" on the new SPECT-CT scanner and declared, "It's comfy!"

The SPECT-CT is a two-in-one machine, comprising a SPECT



Dr. Nijjar describes the patient case to a room full of participants at Behind the Curtain 2016

clad donors and guests followed tour guides who led them through the fabricated journey of a fictional patient named "Paul."

Dr. Sundeep Nijjar, Division Head of Nuclear Medicine for Saskatoon Health Region, explained Paul's case. Paul had arrived at the Hospital suffering an abdominal aortic aneurysm, a life-threatening condition requiring immediate use of the new SPECT-CT scanner and resulting emergency surgery in one of the new operating (single-photon emission computed tomography) scanner and a CT (computed tomography) scanner. The data it generates produces extremely clear images that provide health care workers will all they need to accurately diagnose and treat patients. Hospital specialists demonstrated how quickly the machine could switch from the CT to the nuclear medicine SPECT scanner function, the big machine slowly spinning into a new position in under a minute. Not only is the SPECT-CT

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faster and more efficient than the previous machinery; it also provides a much more detailed image that results in better diagnosis. It adds important redundancy: if one of the older CT machines "goes down," backup is immediately available.

Paul's journey continued to unfold as everyone toured the new operating theatres, where Paul's aortic aneurysm was repaired. The advancements are visually impressive: bright white space with an array of technology circling the operating table. The upgrades include LED lights bigger and brighter than the old lights - that also keep the room cooler and support camera technology. Booms lift equipment off the floor, creating better space for the surgical teams moving through it. Monitors throughout

the theatre allow staff to view procedures from a variety of angles, and the telemonitoring system lets staff broadcast both video images and audio to elsewhere in the Hospital or indeed to anywhere in the world. St. Paul's is an acute care teaching Hospital, so the screens

and telemonitoring are especially useful for educating students. All of these impressive, upgraded technologies are built into the Hospital's infrastructure, making them one-of-a-kind advancements that are the first of their kind in Saskatchewan hospitals.

Paul's stay at St. Paul's concluded with a visit from the Healing Arts program. That evening, Artist-in-Residence Marlessa Wesolowski and Music Therapist Carmen Formanek-Loncar involved all the attendees in a relaxation exercise as well as the creation of artwork that eventually will be combined with patients' work to create a new and vibrant art piece for the SPECT-CT waiting room.

Behind the Curtain 2016 was a lively and educational evening, with visitors asking an array of questions at every station. Donors and guests embraced the opportunity to see the projects they had funded "in action" through witnessing Paul's story – which thanks to the new equipment, infrastructure and Healing Arts program, concluded with a happy and healthy ending!

Joe Remai Vascular Suite and **Operating Theatre** I'm in my twilight years, and I want to give back. As a Catholic, and with all choices being equal, I wanted to support a Catholic hospital 🦷 Joe Remai

Melanie Hilkewich (SPH employee and SPH Foundation Board member) demonstrates how the new SPECT-CT functions to Lecina Hicke, SPH Foundation Manager of Major Giving, Gurpreet Nijjar, Shirley Brodsky and other attendees

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Carol Yelland at the 2015 Mistletoe Ball





Carol Yelland's favourite part of the Mistletoe Ball is late in the evening, when the speeches are done and the event is in full swing

when she can take in the glittering decorations and watch the dancers swirl across the floor. As the Chair of the Mistletoe Ball's organizing committee, the window in which she gets to relax that evening is small but satisfying. "I like to see people enjoying themselves," she says.

The committee starts its work for each year's November event ten months earlier, in February. The members' first tasks are to contact sponsors and choose a theme, and after that they're kept busy with countless other details at their monthly meetings and work bees - all done voluntarily, in "their own time." Organizing a glamorous fund raising event like the Mistletoe Ball is no small feat, yet Yelland has been involved with the committee since 2007. As the current Chair, she keeps the committee on task with her eyes firmly set on the goal of raising money for St. Paul's Hospital. In every decision she makes, she puts the fund raising aspect first.

"We make a lot of our own decorations because it is far cheaper," Yelland says. The challenge every year is for the committee members to find the best bargains for fabrics and decorations while still maintaining the classy, elegant look the Ball is known for – and they always succeed. They never hire an event coordinator, because they want to ensure that as much as possible of the money raised goes to the Hospital. "As soon as you start hiring event planners, you lose a lot of money that would go to the Foundation," Yelland says. "And I think you lose the whole perspective. Volunteerism is really important if you're going to raise money for a cause." Committee members also pay for their own tickets to attend.

Yelland feels helping on the committee is her way of giving back to society; she sees it as a moral responsibility to help others if you are able to. "This Hospital is situated in [Saskatoon's] neighbourhood of greatest need, and so I think you are serving the people that have the least," she says. "It's a good cause. And I think everybody who sits on the committee thinks it's a good cause." There are thirteen committee members, plus the wider circle of support around them that includes friends and spouses who help with set-up and take-down each year. Yelland's own husband Joel is one of the spouses who helps.

It's a lot of work, but Yelland says she loves it. When she started with the Mistletoe Ball committee nine years ago, her only connection to the Hospital was her Catholic faith – but after so many years of working so closely with St. Paul's, she has created deep ties to the community and the people. Her final words: "You don't give this much time and energy to something you don't think is for a good cause.



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SAVE THE DATE FOR THE 2017 MISTLETOE BALL SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2017.

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When you give a gift to St. Paul's Hospital Foundation, you are saying thanks to God for His blessings

– Gwen Wurm

# ives Intertwine at St. Paul's Hospital

Both Gwen Wurm and Lionel Gilbertson had been living and working in Saskatoon for 50 years before they met each other and then became husband and wife. Both had lost their first spouses in 2007, in the same month and on close to the same day. They had buried those spouses on the same day, in the same cemetery. And after they started dating, they found out that they had married their spouses on the same date at the same time nine years apart.

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They also discovered a shared interest in philanthropy. Gwen and Lionel have decided to leave gifts to St. Paul's Hospital Foundation as part of their Wills. They have separate estates and Wills, and each independently is giving gifts to the Hospital. "We can be Jesus' disciples," Gwen says. "We can't directly heal people in today's world as Jesus did in His day, but we can enable our doctors and nurses to heal the sick for us by providing them with the best equipment to diagnose and treat people who are sick."

"Hospitals always need updated equipment and technology, and that's quite important to me," Lionel adds. Lionel says he's also interested in the tax breaks that charitable donations can provide. He'll be working with his financial advisors to help make decisions about how he can best donate to St. Paul's Hospital Foundation.

While they see the good St. Paul's Hospital does in many areas of care, Gwen and Lionel are especially interested in Palliative Care and Hospice Services. Both Gwen's mother and her first husband received palliative treatment through St. Paul's Hospital, as did Lionel's first wife. And through working as a registered nurse specializing in senior care, Gwen also saw many of her own patients navigate end-of-life care.

"Choosing to support St. Paul's Hospital Foundation gives us an opportunity to 'Do unto others as you would have them do unto you," Gwen explains. She wants to see everyone treated with the same high level of care she would want for and has experienced herself. Lionel has had surgery at St. Paul's, and both have received emergency care there.

"If you've got the means to donate, do it, because if you ever wind up as a patient at St. Paul's, you'll understand why," Lionel says. "You can really appreciate the staff after you've been there. I had excellent care." He would like to ensure that all people continue to receive the same high-quality care well into the future. They're also happy to give a gift to a hospital that so closely represents their faith values. St. Paul's is an independently owned Catholic facility. "When we give a gift, we are helping others and we're also saying thanks to God for His blessings," Gwen concludes.

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Jeannette Jones Circle of Angels Monthly Donor

Tam grateful to the Grey Nuns who established this amazing Hospital, and I give to St. Paul's because of the love and care the doctors and nursing staff have afforded us. Giving monthly is easy and a little goes a long way.

We believe angels are watching over us and guiding us in our work every day, and the Circle of Angels Monthly Giving Program is another way you can impact the lives of St. Paul's Hospital patients and families.

**You can join today! Contact:** St. Paul's Hospital Foundation: 306-655-5821 info@sphfoundation.org or sign up online at sphfoundation.org.

# Upcoming Events



APR 27	SPH Foundation Annual General Meeting St. Paul's Hospital 12:00 noon	
MAY 2	Donor Appreciation Luncheon Western Development Museum 12:00 noon	
MAY 31	Community Day St. Paul's Hospital Front Lawn	
JUN 14	Foundation Draws St. Paul's Hospital 12:00 noon	Community Day 2015
JUN 29	SPH Annual General Meeting Room G30, St. Paul's Hospital 11:00 am	
JUL 18	Driving Fore Prostate Golf Classic Dakota Dunes Golf Links	
ост 10-13	Mission Week and Foundation Professional Development Awards St. Paul's Hospital	Dziving Fore Prostate 2016
ост 26	SPH Long Service Recognition Banquet & Av Western Development Museum 5:30 pm	vards
Nov 6	The Gormley Gathering Cocktail Party Persephone Theatre 5:30 pm	
Nov 18	Mistletoe Charity Ball Sheraton Cavalier 6:30 pm	Mistletoe Ball 2015

Having my treatment here in Saskatoon has had such a huge impact in my life and my family's life. For nine years, I was just constantly (worrying). Today, it's a whole different world. A great world!

– Michele Kiesman

# LASER POWER

### ENT Laser makes a profound difference in the life of Michele Kiesman

The recent purchase of an ear, nose and throat (ENT) laser for St. Paul's Hospital has definitely changed Michele Kiesman's life for the better.

ine years ago, Michele started having difficulty breathing. She could barely hold a conversation, couldn't go for a walk and couldn't help bring in groceries. Even taking a few stairs was a challenge. Being unable to take a breath led to anxiety, and her distress made her husband, Andrew, and her two boys anxious as well.

Michele was diagnosed with Idiopathic Tracheal Stenosis – a condition where scar tissue builds up in the trachea, slowly closing off the windpipe. Michele found it could be treated with an ENT laser in a minimally invasive surgery that removed the scar tissue buildup, but with no such laser available in Saskatoon, she had to travel to Vancouver for the procedure. To complicate matters, at the time she was also taking care of her mother, who was dying from amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS).

"The hardest part was having to leave my mom," says Michele. "Her illness was quite advanced, which is why I quit my job, to care for her

until she died ... I thought, how am I supposed to leave her?" But she did. Then, only six months after Michele's first surgery, her mother passed away. To this day, that time spent away still weighs heavily on her mind. "[The ENT laser] would have made a huge difference had it been here nine years ago," she says. While Michele was still coping with her mother's death, the scar tissue began to build up again. Three and a half years later, she had to travel to Vancouver again for follow-up surgery. The trip was a financial and emotional burden, but without an ENT laser in Saskatoon, she had no choice.

Then Michele connected with St. Paul's Hospital ENT specialist



(I-r) Dr. Rick Jaggi with patient Michele Kiesman

Dr. Rick Jaggi – and discovered she could have her treatment right here in Saskatoon, thanks to the Mistletoe Charity Ball 2014 and all the donors who contributed to the campaign to buy the ENT laser! For her next treatment, she only had to travel as far as St. Paul's Hospital. "The purchase of the laser has had such a huge impact in my life and my family's life," says Michele. "The donors who have been so generous have given me the ability to be able to lead a relatively normal life ... it's a tremendous gift."

With the new laser at St. Paul's. Michele's health and her entire life will be more consistent. Dr. Jaggi provides her with regular follow-up care, and together they have come up with a plan to keep Michele's condition at bay by having surgeries every six months or so. "I'm going to have to deal with this for the rest of my life," Michele acknowledges. "But it's such a huge difference having the ENT laser right here in Saskatoon where I can get regular treatments from Dr. Jaggi. My entire world has changed for the better, and I'm incredibly grateful to the donors and the Foundation."

St. Paul's Hospital saved his life – the extra time I have with my uncle is a blessing I will never forget

– John Agioritis

(I-r) Dr. Peter Stafford with Nino and John Agioritis, SPH Foundation Board Chair

# An Uncle's Experience Inspires a Nephew to Serve

John Agioritis, Chair of the St. Paul's Hospital Foundation Board of Directors, has a friendly smile and a welcoming attitude that instantly puts you at ease. A clear influence and role model is his uncle, Nino Agioritis, who is similarly cheerful and gregarious. John readily says that his Uncle Nino "has been like a father to me in so many ways."

In 2008, Nino received some outof-province medical treatment and had been given a clean bill of health. Shortly thereafter, however, he met with Dr. Peter Spafford, an otolaryngologist (ear, nose and throat doctor) at St. Paul's Hospital, "just in case." Dr. Spafford ordered another round of tests, and discovered cancer of the larynx.

Nino says Dr. Spafford told him, "You are not going to die, but you're going to have to quit smoking if you want me to operate on you. Otherwise, there's no point because the cancer would come back." He quit smoking the next day: "When you know you're going to die, you quit. It's a good motivation when your life is on the line."

Nino required invasive surgery, and the insertion of a

tracheostomy tube. He spent 21 days in St. Paul's Hospital, healing and working with a speech therapist who taught him how to speak again. He recalls that "The nurses and the doctors and everybody I met there, they did an excellent job."

John Agioritis says the people at St. Paul's Hospital, and Dr. Peter Spafford in particular, saved Nino's life, and the extra time he has with his uncle is a blessing he'll never forget: "The care he needed in order to save his life was right here, at St. Paul's Hospital. That's an extremely important thing for me. You don't have to go far to receive excellent care from extraordinary people, and that level of care is here at our Hospital in Saskatoon."

His uncle's experience at St. Paul's Hospital inspired John to join the SPH Foundation Board in 2011. "It's an honour to serve on this Board," he explains. "It's also such a growth and learning opportunity. You have the ability to contribute your time, knowledge and skills in assisting an organization that has a significant community impact, but at the same time, the organization and the group of people you work with also make you grow and learn, both personally and spiritually."

John is grateful to the people who work with him on the Board, as well as to the staff at the St. Paul's Hospital Foundation: "It's an extremely talented group of people who direct the affairs of the organization. It takes a considerable amount of effort to make an organization like the Foundation run, and to make the Hospital what it is. I'm grateful to work alongside them."

# THE CHANCE OF A LIFETIME

We're all Saskatchewan guys giving back to Saskatchewan. We want to lend support to our home province

– Bryan Trottier

### Hockey Stars Inspire Young Players at Inaugural "Kids on Ice" Hockey Camp

Ron Hyggen is a lifelong hockey player, and a fan of the game. As **CEO of Athabasca Basin** Security – presenting sponsor of the 2016 **Driving Fore Prostate** Golf Classic featuring hockey celebrities Willie Desjardins and Bryan Trottier – Ron has loved bringing in and meeting star players. A member of the committee organizing the event for the past four years, he also saw a new opportunity.

"It was a shame to bring in all of that hockey talent, and not have kids involved," Ron explains. Thus, "Kids on Ice" was born. Ron engaged the support of the Saskatoon Blades as the sponsor for "Kids on Ice" Hockey Camp, and he and a Driving Fore Prostate subcommittee

worked hard to make it a reality. Athabasca Basin Security had its start in Northern Saskatchewan, and Ron wanted to support the communities where it first began. In its first year (2016) in addition to the young players up north, West Wind Aviation provided flights and the Park Town Hotel provided rooms. Cameco provided jerseys for all the participants, and the Blades



(I-r) Ron Hyggen, CEO of Athabasca Basin Security with SPH Foundation CEO Bruce Acton

from Saskatoon and area who participated, "Kids on Ice" also

> sponsored players from Black Lake and Fond-du-Lac. The one day camp was held on July 18, 2016.

"We wanted to give them the chance of a lifetime; to meet,

hang out with and skate with professional hockey players," Ron says. For the kids from offered up players to help with the camp. The afternoon training session put the players through drills in basic hockey skills, but Ron says the most important part of the day was giving the kids a chance to play with the pros.

Leading the camp was head coach of the Vancouver Canucks Willie Desjardins, who was joined by NHL players Taylor





Willie Desjardins at the "Kids on Ice" hockey camp

Leier and Linden Vey as well as former NHL players Curtis Leschyschyn and Hockey Hall of Fame inductee Bryan Trottier. Trottier's long list of achievements includes receiving the National Aboriginal Achievement Award (now called the Indspire Award), which celebrates and encourages excellence in the Aboriginal community.

"I was one of these kids," Trottier says. "I wanted to play in the greatest league in the world. Now, I want to give back to the community, and inspire young athletes to dream and hopefully to go on to do great things.... We're all Saskatchewan guys giving back to Saskatchewan. We want to lend support to our home province." It was a day none of the young players will ever forget, and a feat Ron is proud to have been a part of. "Hopefully this inspires them, and shows them what it takes to succeed in hockey and in life," Ron says. "You need to focus; you can't take 'No' for an answer. You have to work at it, and you have to fight for it."



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# **Giving Back** Goes Way Back for the Sharfe Family

It means nothing if we are not part of a collective community. To be a part of it just feels right.

> - Kevin Sharfe, Sherwood Chevrolet



The Sharfe family's appreciation for community stems far back to when Kevin's ancestors left Poland to settle in Naicam, Saskatchewan. He recounts the story of how their First Nations neighbours came to the rescue of a family who did not know the first thing about surviving a winter in Saskatchewan: "They looked at the hut my family was living in and said, 'You are going to die here. Live in our hut; we will take care of the rest.'

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This long-standing and inherent appreciation for community support and family values is evident in the Sharfe family leadership in the Saskatchewan community. In addition to the multitude of other ways their family has given and continues contributing to Saskatoon and area, their familyrun business, Sherwood Chevrolet, has been supporting St. Paul's Hospital since 1985. Their most recent offer - to match up to \$20,000 in community support to advance the technology

in our Hospital's Thoracic Operating Theatre – has inspired many others to donate. Sherwood Chevrolet also offered to provide a free car to the winner of the Hole-in-One Challenge at Driving Fore Prostate 2016, the Foundation's charity golf classic, and over \$3600 was raised in support of St. Paul's from the sale of over 700 burgers at the Sherwood Chevrolet Family Day 2015.

"I have great respect for the enormity of the situation for caregivers and family members when someone is seriously injured or ill," says Kevin. "St. Paul's Hospital and Foundation – they are a critical part of the wellness of our community. This is why it's important to be supportive and charitable – it's a simple way to help make people well."

We are very grateful to Sherwood Chevrolet and to the Sharfe family for their dedication and commitment to our Hospital and Foundation. They are truly helping our Hospital to achieve its mission of a community of health, hope and compassion for all.

## Thank you...

A STREET

The 2016 and 2017 Spring and Fall Hospital Home Lottery proceeds will support state-of-the-art advancements in St. Paul's Hospital's operating theatres. These advancements will improve patient care and provide efficiencies and enhanced treatment options. They will also provide crosssite, peer-to-peer videoconferencing and improved learning environments for acute care education and training.

To purchase Hospital Home Lottery tickets, call 1-866-957-0777 or visit HospitalHomeLottery.org





Thank-You Mates

We love St. Pauls Hospital. Quite recently, [My wife] was admitted to the Emergency Department at the hospital. To say the least, she was in very bad shape. Neither of us could believe the thoroughness of the treatment she received. All kinds of tests were immediately administered, resulting in an evaluation and treatment. [She] stayed in the hospital for two weeks, every day getting better and better. Without exception, every health care person she came in contact with went that extra mile. That special care [she] received was greatly appreciated. Ted

Since January of 2014, the Catholic parishes of Kerrobert, Dodsland, Luseland and Major, Saskatchewan, have committed to donating five percent of our Sunday offering to charity. For the month of June 2016, we have chosen to direct our five percent offering to Palliative Care at St. Paul's Hospital. In light of the recent legislation concerning assisted suicide in our country, palliative care at St. Paul's Hospital. In light of the recent nations, for it is there we see what true compassion is all about. In addition to our financial support, please be assured of our prayerful support. – Father Daniel Yasinski

I was very impressed with the care provided by the Nursing Staff on the 6th floor. It was always delivered with the wellbeing of the patient in mind. Even though the nurses were very busy, they always made a person feel that their situation was important to them. They are a credit to St. Paul s Hospital and our health care system as a whole. - John

My pranddaughter was in St. Paul & Intensive Care Unit [and passed away there]. I want to thank the staff for their compassion and professional care and for keeping the family informed. Your care and compassion were also shown to me and my family. May God bless St. Paul & Hospital and staff as they continue to serve the community. Beatrice

J wanted to express my gratitude to the St. Paul's Hospital Foundation for their support in my endeavor to enhance my knowledge. J have always been prond to say that J have worked at St. Paul's Hospital. Whenever J am at a work-related event or visiting a friend or family member hospitalized at St. Paul's Hospital, J still feel the sense of a community at St Paul's, a unique occurrence in a large city. - Kathy

I am very grateful for your generous financial support as I head into my third year of nursing studies. I chose to pursue nursing because I value helping others achieve their highest level of health through holistic means. Being day by my peers, patients and instructors to always learn more and go that extra mile. I hope to one day be a caring and competent nurse, as well as influence others to strive to always question how we provide care and can improve the quality of care our patients neceive. Thank you again for your wonderful







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