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# GREAT CARE MEANS GRATEFUL PATIENTS

St. Paul's Hospital is blessed to have a dedicated group of excellent physicians and surgeons caring for the patients in our Hospital. We know that when people receive exceptional care, they often search for meaningful ways to express their appreciation to their physicians. One simple way to express your appreciation is by making a donation that will positively impact the work of your physician. For this reason, SPH Foundation is supporting the needs of our physicians and surgeons by fund raising for several pieces of equipment they have deemed as important to their work.

In this issue of *The Spirit*, we are featuring four of these fine physicians and surgeons. I hope you read on and learn more about Dr. Pylypchuk, Dr. Haimanot, Dr. Thomson and Dr. Wall, each of whom is providing tremendous care to patients here at St. Paul's Hospital and is contributing greatly to the Hospital's vision of a community of health, hope and compassion for all.

I want to express my own appreciation and say thank you to the dedicated volunteer committee members who worked so hard to put on two special fund raising events in support of St. Paul's Hospital this past August: *Evening Under the Stars* on August 13 and the *Driving Fore Prostate with Mike Babcock & Friends* golf event and *Off the Bench Community Breakfast* on August 19 and 20. Up next is our *25th Anniversary Mistletoe Charity Ball* on

November 15. I invite you all to join us in celebrating our anniversary of this popular event.

I am so pleased to report that we continue to work in partnership with the Saskatoon Health Region toward the creation of Saskatoon's first palliative care hospice. We strongly believe Saskatoon and area residents both need and deserve a palliative care hospice, and look forward to fund raising for this initiative.



*Bruce Acton, CFRE*  
*CEO, St. Paul's Hospital Foundation*

There is a difference in the care we provide at St. Paul's Hospital. When you donate to SPH Foundation, you are endorsing the model of faith-based compassionate care we provide to patients and families here at St. Paul's Hospital.

*P.S. With your continued commitment as a donor, St. Paul's Hospital will remain a powerful healing force in our community. Thank you.*

## SPH FOUNDATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



On April 24, 2014, at the St. Paul's Hospital Foundation Annual General Meeting, it was announced that in 2013 the Foundation contributed \$3,177,911 to St. Paul's Hospital. Since its inception, this is the largest annual amount the Foundation has allocated to the Hospital with funds supporting the purchase of urgently needed medical equipment, capital improvements, patient comfort care items, staff professional development, Spiritual Care and the Healing Arts Program at St. Paul's Hospital. St. Paul's Hospital Foundation has allocated more than \$48 million dollars to the Hospital since the Foundation was formed in 1982.

New inductees to the SPH Foundation's volunteer Board of Directors were Chris Boychuk, Dr. Vivian Walker and Neil Weber. Retiring Board Members were Dr. Judy Klassen, Sister Ludvina Scheck, Ken Horsman and Linda Arnot. The Foundation is very grateful for their service. The following officers were appointed for 2014: Colleen Cameron-Bergan (Chair), John Agioritis (Vice-Chair), Denise Frey (Treasurer), Darlene Cooper (Secretary) and Mercedes Montgomery (Past Chair).

*Standing Centre: SPH Foundation Board Chair Colleen Cameron-Bergan, and SPH Board Chair Bill Edwards.*

*Seated (l-r): Darlene Cooper, Chris Boychuk, Dr. Arne Paus-Jenssen, Melanie Hilkewich.*

*Back Row (l-r): Mercedes Montgomery, Dr. Vivian Walker, SPH President and CEO Jean Morrison, Barb Berscheid, John Agioritis, Alan Koop.*

*Absent: SPH Foundation CEO Bruce Acton, Neil Weber.*

## ADVANCING EDUCATION AT PYLYPCHUK HALL



*George and Shelda Pylypchuk (centre) and family at the grand opening of Pylypchuk Hall.*

Dr. George Pylypchuk and his wife Shelda are well-known faces at St. Paul's Hospital. Shelda Pylypchuk is a Registered Nurse who began working at St. Paul's in 1973.

Dr. George Pylypchuk came to the Hospital in 1967 as a second-year medical student and continued to serve as a physician following completion of his nephrology training in 1976. Dr. Pylypchuk has held several administrative positions at the Hospital, including serving on the Foundation Board of Directors for several years. In 1980, the Pylypchuks spearheaded the first Home Dialysis program in Saskatoon, which has since had a significant positive impact on countless patients throughout the province.

Both George and Shelda recount their experiences at St. Paul's as unique because of the warmth and familial atmosphere that the original and founding Grey Nuns brought to the facility. Stemming from their experiences of many years with the Hospital, the Pylypchuks knew they particularly wanted to support education at St. Paul's, which has been a teaching facility since 1926. George and Shelda share a strong belief that an integral aspect of

quality health care is a strong commitment to ongoing education, so they approached the Foundation with a significant gift and the idea to overhaul the under-

utilized auditorium. After many months of construction, the Grand Opening of the brand-new auditorium – Pylypchuk Hall – was celebrated on March 12, 2014. The fully upgraded facility boasts advanced technology including a Telehealth video-conferencing system that allows St. Paul's to extend education and information sharing regardless of distance. The Telehealth audio-visual equipment was generously funded by Areva Resources Canada and Areva Foundation in continued support of Renal Telehealth and Chronic Renal

Insufficiency Outreach programs at St. Paul's Hospital.

The Pylypchuks hope the new auditorium and meeting spaces will facilitate learning for everyone – staff, physicians, nurses and even the community at large.

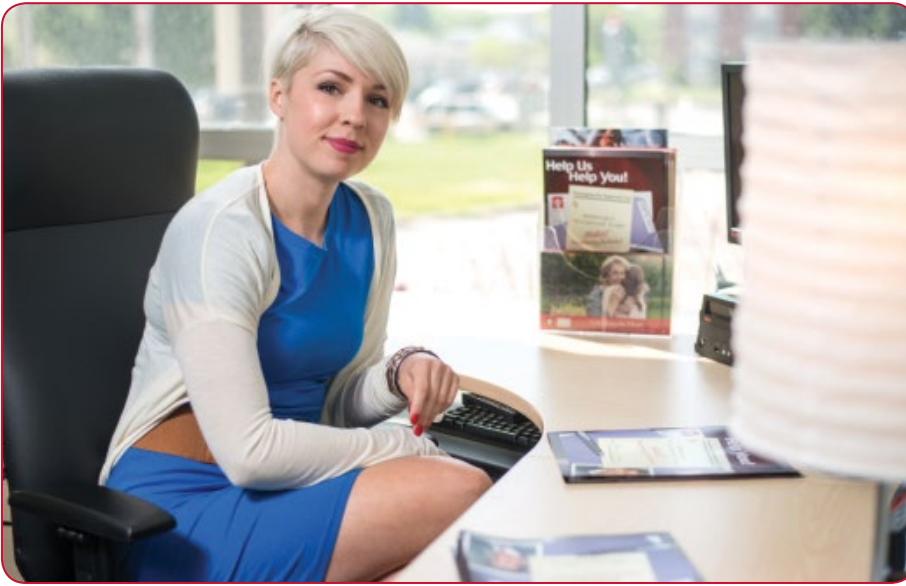
"People want to come together and be connected with each other," says George. "An auditorium like this now means we can be connected in a large group, with a place to meet and learn. This will have a significant positive educational impact not only in our Hospital, but also in our region."



*Attendees view the mural describing the teaching history of St. Paul's Hospital in the lobby of Pylypchuk Hall.*



# HELP US - HELP YOU: INSPIRED BY OUR PHYSICIANS



*Manager of Major Giving Lecina Hicke reviews the case for support for an Endoscopic Ultrasound Scope at St. Paul's Hospital.*

As the Manager of Major Giving at St. Paul's Hospital Foundation, I have the honour and privilege of personally thanking individuals who generously donate to our Foundation. In addition to saying thank you, I also ask one very important question: "Why?" There are hundreds of reputable and worthy organizations throughout our amazing city, and I am curious to know what inspires our donors to choose to give to us.

Almost one hundred percent of the time, the donor explains that it is a way of expressing gratitude for the kind, compassionate and expert care s/he received at our Hospital from our doctors, our nurses and our volunteers.

This sentiment inspires us to think about our work at the

Foundation and our intrinsic connection to our Hospital and the people delivering care within it. Although a large part of our job is to ensure that we have the very best medical equipment available, this equipment means nothing without the skilled and dedicated hands of our physicians and nurses. Essentially, it is another of the Foundation's primary goals to help the care providers who help you on a daily basis.

In recognition of this fact, we are pleased to provide this important perspective in our newest fund raising campaign: "Help Us - Help You." I am grateful to physicians Dr. Haimanot, Dr. Thomson and Dr. Wall, who have taken significant time away from their busy schedules to explain to me and my co-worker, Manager of Communications Sandhya Padmanabh, the purpose,

function and benefits of various new equipment. These doctors have participated in photo shoots, voiced radio spots and, in some cases, provided a personal gift in support of the equipment. They care about their patients, they want to make a difference and they are an inspiration to us all. I look forward to engaging with more physicians and practitioners as part of our "Help Us - Help You" campaign over the fall and winter ahead.

## **Lecina Hicke,**

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*Dr. Wall reviews the Case for Support for the Advanced Imaging and Biopsy Scanner with Manager of Major Giving Lecina Hicke.*

Dr. Haimanot cares about his patients. Help him provide immediate diagnosis to his patients, eliminating time spent travelling, waiting and worrying.

Support the purchase of an Endoscopic Ultrasound Scope at St. Paul's Hospital.

**Please Give**

For more information, please contact Lecina Hicke, Manager of Major Giving at 306-655-5832.

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*The latest fund raising advertisements for an Endoscopic Ultrasound Scope and Mini C-Arm X-Ray Scanner.*

Dr. Chris Thomson cares about his patients. Help him treat patients with serious hand injuries quickly and efficiently, eliminating time spent travelling, waiting and worrying.

Support the purchase of a Mini C-Arm X-Ray Scanner at St. Paul's Hospital.

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## DR. SAMSON HAIMANOT



*Dr. Haimanot and Equipment Resource Nurse Jennifer Samoleski at St. Paul's Hospital.*

Dr. Samson Haimanot is a passionate and dedicated physician at St. Paul's Hospital and specializes in Internal Medicine, Gastroenterology and Therapeutic Endoscopy. Married with two children, Dr. Haimanot was born and raised in Saskatchewan, attended medical school at the University of Saskatchewan then did his residency at Queen's University in Kingston.

Dr. Haimanot believes an Endoscopic Ultrasound Scope at St. Paul's Hospital will significantly improve patient care. Patients will no longer have to travel out of town for this procedure, thereby reducing stress, cost and inconvenience. The clear and detailed images provided by the scope will result in faster, more accurate diagnosis. Most importantly, this scope will provide physicians with the ability to obtain an immediate biopsy of any abnormality found. Dr. Haimanot is confident that an Endoscopic Ultrasound Scope will help him save lives, improve care and eliminate patient time spent travelling, waiting and worrying.



*Dr. Haimanot and family.*

*Help Us – Help You.*

*Support the \$115,000 purchase of an Endoscopic Ultrasound Scope at St. Paul's Hospital.*

## DR. CHRIS THOMSON



*Dr. Thomson discusses patient care with Amanda Dumond, Registered Nurse (centre) and Jennifer Samoleski, Equipment Resource Nurse at St. Paul's Hospital.*

Dr. Chris Thomson is a Plastic Surgeon at St. Paul's Hospital who is well known for his skill in major reconstructive surgery including complex hand surgery. Over the past few years, Dr. Thomson has seen a heightened number of workplace-related hand injuries due to unprecedented expansion in the farming, mining and construction industries in Saskatchewan. Since his patient's hands are essentially their livelihood, one of Dr. Thomson's goals is to help his patients get back to work as quickly as possible.

For this reason, he would like to see a Mini C-Arm X-Ray Scanner at St. Paul's Hospital.

The currently available equipment for treating hand fractures requires a day-long process that includes navigating different departments as well as a general anesthetic and the subsequent recovery process. A Mini C-Arm X-Ray Scanner device would enable assessment and treatment in one department and under local anesthetic, in a fraction of the time and with lower risk. It would also significantly minimize physician exposure to radiation, as well as dramatically reduce the need for patients to make repeated trips to the Hospital. Dr. Thomson understands that obtaining this new equipment is about more than simply treating his patients; it's about getting them back to work, and back to normal – a priceless commodity.



*Dr. Thomson prepares a southern barbeque for friends and family.*

*Help Us – Help You.*

*Support the \$110,000 purchase of a Mini C-Arm X-Ray Scanner at St. Paul's Hospital.*



## DR. CHRIS WALL



*Dr. Wall performs an ultrasound at St. Paul's Hospital.*

Dr. Wall is an Interventional Radiologist at St. Paul's Hospital who specializes in minimally invasive therapies. Dr. Wall received his medical degree from the University of Saskatchewan then completed his fellowship in Melbourne, Australia. Born in Kamloops and a Saskatchewan resident since the age of four, Dr. Wall cares deeply about his patients and would like to enhance and improve minimally invasive procedures in Saskatoon.

An Advanced Imaging and Biopsy Ultrasound will provide Dr. Wall and fellow radiologists with leading-edge imaging technology for hard-to-scan areas of the body such as the liver and pancreas. In addition, the device will provide improved accuracy when performing biopsies and treating tumours.

As an illustration of their belief in this technology and the care and concern they have for the health and well-being of their patients at St. Paul's Hospital, Dr. Wall and his colleagues at Associated Radiologists have pledged \$85,000 toward the purchase of an Advanced Imaging and Biopsy Ultrasound!

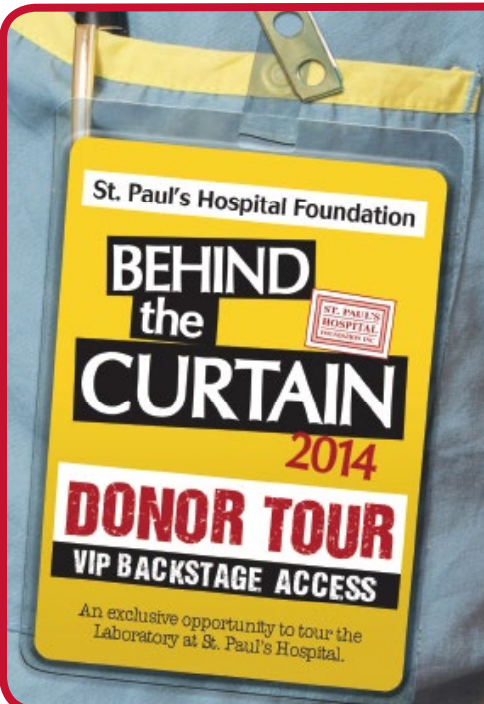
Dr. Wall and his colleagues know that an Advanced Imaging and Biopsy Ultrasound will help ensure patients receive safer, more effective and less invasive options for their patients.

*Help Us – Help You.  
Support the \$235,000  
purchase of an Advanced  
Imaging and Biopsy Ultrasound at St. Paul's Hospital.*



*Dr. Wall enjoying some free time with his family*

***If you would like to make a gift toward the purchase of an Endoscopic Ultrasound Scope, a Mini C-Arm X-Ray Scanner, or an Advanced Imaging and Biopsy Ultrasound at St. Paul's Hospital, please contact Lecina Hicke, Manager of Major Giving at 306-655-5832 or email her at [Lecina.Hicke@saskatoonhealthregion.ca](mailto:Lecina.Hicke@saskatoonhealthregion.ca). To make an online donation, visit [www.sphfoundation.org](http://www.sphfoundation.org).***



### Wednesday, September 24, 2014, 7:00 pm

An exclusive opportunity for our donors to see, first-hand, the incredible change inspired by their philanthropy and enjoy 'backstage' access to our state-of-the-art Laboratory. Physicians and department specialists will provide a guided tour of the impressive facility and its impact in Saskatchewan, including:

- High Volume Laboratory
- Anatomical Pathology
- Mosaic Laboratory Home of the Kinsmen Telemiracle Digital Transmission Electron Microscope Suite
- Marc Baltzan Histocompatibility (HLA) Laboratory

**To secure a tour spot, please contact SPH Foundation before September 15, 2014, at (306) 655-5821.**

## DAVID AND KAREN HOLST FOLLOW THEIR HEARTS

For David's family, which farmed near Saskatoon in the town of Allan, St. Paul's was their "home" hospital because of its association with the Roman Catholic faith. So when St. Paul's Hospital Foundation approached David and Karen about making a donation in support of advanced patient care, they took note. "We were very impressed," says Karen. "They feel so strongly about their mandate and we feel good supporting that."

In 1984, David opened Warman Home Centre with business partner Frank Remai, building it into one of Saskatchewan's most successful home-grown companies with spinoff ventures in home construction. An avid golfer, David also developed the Legends golf course, donating it to the community of Warman where he and Karen live. Two years ago David sold the company, and with those funds the Holsts began supporting initiatives close to their hearts such as expansion of the St. Thomas More College at the University of Saskatchewan and construction of the new Holy Family Cathedral.

This is the Holsts' first donation to St. Paul's Hospital Foundation. "We are very grateful that David and Karen



David and Karen Holst in front of St. Paul's Hospital Core Values mural.

chose to support our Hospital, for their family and for all the families who find hope and healing at St. Paul's," says Bruce Acton, CEO of St. Paul's Hospital Foundation. The Holsts are hoping their donation will inspire others to give as well. "If we all give something, it doesn't have to be much, we spread the sharing and caring," says Karen. Adds David: "That's a good feeling for us."

## GIVING COMFORT IN MEMORY OF A DEAR FRIEND



Eileen and Gordon Bonnor in front of the Palliative Care Memorial Wall at St. Paul's Hospital.

In 2011, Eileen and Gordon Bonnor lost their friend Brent Brown to ALS or Lou Gehrig's disease. During his illness, they often visited him at home in Martensville and, in his final days, in the Palliative Care Unit at St. Paul's Hospital. "We really learned to appreciate the kind of excellent care that people receive in that unit," says Gordon.

In memory of their friend, the Bonnors made a gift of \$25,000 for the purchase of special palliative care beds

that offer the best in comfort and safety to patients during their final days of life. St. Paul's Hospital Foundation is raising funds to install these state-of-the-art beds in all twelve palliative care rooms.

"These beds allow two people to lie in bed at the same time, so a loved one can lie beside a patient and offer comfort," says Gordon. "We thought that was a pretty good way to spend our money." The Bonnors made the gift after selling a cabin, thus averting some capital gains tax in favour of charitable giving. St. Paul's Hospital Foundation is grateful for their thoughtfulness on behalf of their friend and all families who spend final days with loved ones in our Palliative Care Unit.

### *An Excerpt from a Letter from the Family of Brent Brown*

*When Brent could no longer be cared for at home, he was admitted to St. Paul's Hospital. The nurses, doctors, aides and patient attendants of the Palliative Care Unit did whatever they could to provide him with comfort and peace for the last three weeks of his life.*

*There are no words to properly thank them for the amazing job that they did and continue to do for other families that need their help. It takes very special people to care for others with such compassion.*

*We appreciate everything that they did for us. Their kindness will never be forgotten.*



# HOCKEY FAMILY HELPS ST. PAUL'S HOSPITAL REACH ITS GOAL



Nuclear Medicine Physician Dr. Abdulaziz Almgrahi with donors Jack and Shirley Brodsky and SPH Foundation CEO Bruce Acton.

As co-owner of the Saskatoon Blades for more than thirty years, Jack Brodsky knows the power of community support. Since selling the WHL hockey team last fall, he is giving back to the Saskatoon community in new ways. He and his wife, Shirley, have made generous donations to all three of Saskatoon's hospitals, including a

gift of \$100,000 to St. Paul's Hospital Foundation.

"We feel fortunate to be in this community. The people and the city of Saskatoon have been very good to us and we appreciate the opportunity to say 'Thank You' by giving back," says Jack, whose three children were born at St. Paul's. The Brodskys' gift

will advance the \$2.4-million project to purchase and install state-of-the-art 3-D diagnostic technology called SPECT-CT. Once installed at St. Paul's, it will be the most advanced machine of its kind in Saskatchewan, boosting the speed, accuracy and efficiency of diagnosing and treating medical conditions such as prostate cancer, breast cancer, kidney disease, bone disease, diabetic infections and brain tumours.

"We like the idea that early diagnosis will save lives and give more people the quality of life they deserve. It is less stressful for everyone – patients and their families – and more efficient for the medical system. That's a win-win," says Shirley.

"We are extremely grateful for the Brodskys' gift," says St. Paul's Hospital Foundation CEO Bruce Acton. "Raising \$2.4 million is a major undertaking and we could not do it without the generosity of everyone who cares, as they do, for the well-being of our community."

## Circle of Angels

### Circle of Angels Donors

(as of June 1, 2014)

St. Paul's Hospital Foundation has a new monthly giving club! Monthly giving offers a quick and convenient way to make a significant contribution that will greatly improve the lives of many by helping to provide our patients and their families with the greatest of care – physically, emotionally and spiritually.

As a member of the Circle of Angels, you receive special recognition at our annual Donor Recognition Luncheon, acknowledgement in our Spirit Newsletter and invitations to special Foundation events, receptions and Hospital tours throughout the year.

*Bruce and Melanie Acton*

*Eddie Lynn Adriano*

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*Craig Ayers*

*Michelle Baumann*

*David and Gloria*

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*Bruce Bobinski and*

*Cornelia Kyba*

*Diane Boechler*

*Adam Bokshowan*

*Shirley Borisko*

*Audrey Brayshaw*

*Doreen Brinkhurst*

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*Olga Chalmers*

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*Anthony and M. Irene*

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*Diann Gettel*

*Angeline Gretchen*

*Velmarie Chaney Halyk*

*Shannon Harnett*

*Diane Haugen*

*Lecina Hicke*

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*Edwin Hoffart*

*Sheila Honeker*

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*Hilda Klughart*

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*Mary Korolewich*

*Paul and Marlene Kuch*

*Connie Lachapelle*

*Reg Lalach and Anne-*

*Marie Cey*

*Rita Lawrence*

*Jeannie Lealos*

*Gerald Lokinger*

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*Angie O'Shea*

*Pari Padmanabh*

*Sandhya Padmanabh*

*Shane Parker and*

*Patricia Serrano-Parker*

*Richard Perrier*

*Kathy Pickerl*

*Bill and Maureen*

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*Natisha Wiechnik*

*Brian Zimmer and*

*JoAnne Chrones*

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### HOLISTIC CARE & RESPECT FOR ALL



Henry (Boss) Gardipy explains the significance of the drum for ceremonial use at the Open House of the First Nations Prayer and Ceremonial Room at St. Paul's Hospital.

floor of the room now includes a sacred circle of four colours, representing the medicine wheel. The four colours represent wholeness and can be interpreted as the four directions, the four seasons and the four seasons of a human being's life (Birth, Youth, Adulthood, Elder). A drum and rattle will also now be available for patients and community to use during prayer and healing ceremonies.

The event was attended by many dignitaries and community members, and included a short program featuring an opening prayer by Cultural Support Worker Ron Thompson, a welcome by SPH CEO Jean Morrison, a drum song and explanation of the significance of the drum and rattle by Henry (Boss) Gardipy and an explanation of the new floor and artwork by our resident Spiritual Cultural Worker Delores Wuttunee-Gardipy. Following the program, refreshments including bannock were served and the public was invited to view the new artwork.

#### Beating to the Sound of a New Drum: Enhancements to the First Nations Prayer and Ceremonial Room

On June 18, 2014, St. Paul's Hospital hosted an Open House celebrating enhancements to the First Nations Prayer and Ceremonial Room. New sacred art has been painted on the walls by Saskatoon artist Fred Spyglass and SPH Artist-in-Residence Marlessa Wesolowski. The

The First Nations Prayer and Ceremonial Room is a centrepiece of respect and kinship amongst all of St. Paul's Hospital's populations. It was founded in 1998 and is the first of its kind in Saskatoon. The Open House was one of a number of educational opportunities and cultural events hosted by St. Paul's Hospital throughout the month of June in celebration of National Aboriginal Day.

### SUPPORTING THE SPH HEALING ARTS PROGRAM

*Painting occupies most of my spare time. Instead of boredom or feeling sad about myself, I have other ways of motivating myself. I don't have time to feel sorry for myself because I've lost most of my limbs. Instead of feeling that way, I feel more strength when it comes to painting . . . I can build up my self-esteem or the way I feel about life. I can express myself with this. I feel good that I am doing something.*

– Thompson Bird, SPH Healing Arts Program participant.



(Front Row l-r): Saskatoon Tribal Council Chief Felix Thomas; Tribal Vice Chief Mark Arcand; James Tucker, Treasurer.

(Back Row l-r): Marlessa Wesolowski, SPH Artist in Residence; Dwayne Paul, Vice Chair; Colleen Cameron-Bergan, SPH Foundation Board Chair; Leslie Pechawis; Senator Melvin Littlecrow.

Absent: Chief Austin Bear, Chair; Chief Shawn Longman; Dalyn Bear; Joe Crowe; Myles Heidt; George E. Lafond.

Dakota Dunes Community Development Corporation has provided a generous gift of \$25,000 in support of the Healing Arts program at St. Paul's Hospital. The program assists patients and families by facilitating bedside arts activities, distributing art supplies, providing basic instruction and encouraging art creation in a healing and supportive environment. Over 350 Healing Arts program works of art are displayed throughout St. Paul's Hospital.

In appreciation of the corporation's generosity, a painting by St. Paul's Hospital Healing Arts participant Thompson Bird was presented to members of the Dakota Dunes Community Development Corporation Board of Directors. Thompson Bird is a dialysis patient who spends several hours per week painting while undergoing dialysis treatments. This is the fourth year Dakota Dunes Community Development Corporation has supported the Healing Arts program. St. Paul's Hospital Foundation is very grateful for this gift, which fosters the spiritual and emotional health of patients, families and caregivers through the creative arts.

# SPH FOUNDATION DRAWS



*SPH Foundation Board Members Darlene Cooper and Melanie Hilkewich draw for one of the SPH Foundation Draws Awards.*

When health care organizations set their budgets, their first priorities are to meet the most urgent health care needs. Quite often, the available financial resources are allocated to major purchases and little funding remains for "smaller" items. However,

these latter items are no less important in meeting patient and staff needs. That is why every year SPH Foundation allocates \$100,000 toward the Foundation Draws, where "wishes" submitted to the Foundation by SPH departments are drawn for each

June. Items funded through the SPH Foundation Draws are those that otherwise would not receive funding from other sources, but nonetheless do much to improve the Hospital experience for our patients, their families and our dedicated staff.

The following are some of the purchases made possible due to the 2014 Foundation Draws: an Emergency Room Bladder Scanner; a cooling tower vacuum pump for the SPH Energy Centre; an Acute Response Cart for the Community Dialysis Unit; waiting room chairs and furniture for a number of areas throughout the hospital; a blanket warmer for the Operating Room; a new wheelchair/ IV pole unit; additional examination lights and thermometers; and many more items. We are very grateful for the generosity of donors whose gifts to the Foundation make these draws possible, contributing to the fulfillment of the Hospital's vision of a community of health, hope and compassion for all.

## GIFTS IN ACTION



### PALLIATIVE CARE BEDS

We are so grateful for the generosity of all the donors who have responded to our Easter 2014 request for help to furnish St. Paul's Palliative Care Unit with new palliative care beds. Thank you to Golder Associates Ltd., who generously matched dollar-for-dollar (up to \$25,000) every donation SPH Foundation received toward these beds for Palliative Care.

In the Palliative Care Unit, family members and loved ones regularly express their desire to spend as much time with and be as physically close as possible to those in our care. As our patients in that unit eventually spend more and more of their lives in bed, their hospital rooms become gathering places, and the bed itself becomes the central place for family and others

to talk, share, curl up, offer comfort and focus on living for the day. You, our donors, are making end-of-life wishes come true by providing a bed appropriate to accommodate sharing the physical space with loved ones. Thank you!

### HEMODIALYSIS CHAIRS

Thank you to all the donors who made gifts to our Foundation in response to our Easter 2012 request for support for the purchase of hemodialysis chairs. Your thoughtfulness and financial support have made it possible to purchase seventeen new hemodialysis chairs for the Hemodialysis In Centre at St. Paul's Hospital.

Hemodialysis patients at our Hospital must spend as much as four hours a day, three days per week, in a hemodialysis chair, while connected to a machine. Your gifts have helped to create a significantly more comfortable environment for our patients with chronic kidney disease, and are greatly appreciated. Thank You!



*Tyrell Saskatchewan, one of our youngest hemodialysis patients, spends many hours each week in one of the new hemodialysis chairs at St. Paul's Hospital's Hemodialysis In Centre.*



## GRAND OPENING OF THE DIGITAL TRANSMISSION ELECTRON MICROSCOPE



Guests at the Grand Opening of the Digital Transmission Electron Microscope.

On April 11, 2014, St. Paul's Hospital Foundation celebrated the Grand Opening of the new Digital Transmission Electron Microscope (TEM) at St. Paul's Hospital. The \$1.4 million TEM is the only one of its kind in the province used for clinical diagnosis, and is a life-saving piece of technology.

"Having highly skilled physicians and technologists is Step One, and providing them with the best tools available is Step Two; both are essential for the best patient care available," says Dr. Joseph Blondeau, Interim Head of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine for the University of Saskatchewan and Saskatoon Health Region. The TEM

enables examination of tissue samples at the cellular level, and is the standard for kidney care around the world. Almost every patient requiring a kidney biopsy must undergo tissue examination with a TEM, and often treatment cannot begin until the final pathology is done. The TEM is a significant addition to St. Paul's patient care capabilities and will reduce waiting times for biopsy results by as much as three weeks. "As an acute care teaching facility, St. Paul's Hospital will also use the TEM for teaching and research," says Dr. Joanne Kappel, Head Division of Nephrology for the University of Saskatchewan and Saskatoon Health Region. "This advanced diagnostic tool will be an important part of nephrology training in Saskatchewan."

St. Paul's Hospital Foundation is very grateful for the generosity of the many donors who contributed to the purchase of this game-changing technology. The new facility housing the TEM will be called the "Mosaic Laboratory" in recognition of the major gift provided by The Mosaic Company, a leading corporate citizen that strengthens Saskatchewan's communities through its commitment to excellence and innovation. The new laboratory will be home to the "Kinsmen Foundation Electron Microscope Suite" in recognition of the major gift made by the Kinsmen Foundation. Through the annual Kinsmen Telemiracle fundraiser, the generosity of the people of Saskatchewan themselves made this latter donation possible.

## ROCK 102 CAGED FOR THE CURE RAISES A RECORD \$150,506 FOR PROSTATE HEALTH



Front Row (l-r): Rock 102 Morning Hosts Shack, Watson and Whitney.

Back Row (l-r): Harreson James (Rawlco Radio Assistant Program Director), Michelle Baumann (SPHF Manager of Operations), Bruce Acton (SPHF CEO), Shannon Harnett (SPHF Manager of Annual Giving), Nicole Kelly (Rawlco Radio Promotions Director), Josh Hourie (Rawlco Radio Promotions Coordinator).

After 36 gruelling hours and with the help of the Saskatoon community, Rock 102's radio hosts Shack, Watson and Whitney wrapped up the fourth annual Caged for the Cure radio marathon at The Centre Mall, raising a new record total of \$150,506 in support of St. Paul's Hospital's Leslie and Irene Dubé Urology Centre of Health. This the most successful Caged for the Cure event to date and we are very grateful for the generosity of everyone who made pledges. We are especially appreciative when organizations take the initiative to host fund raising events in support of our Hospital, as did Rock 102 and Rawlco Radio for the radio marathon.

Prostate cancer is the most common cancer to afflict men. The Leslie and Irene Dubé Urology Centre of Health at St. Paul's Hospital provides the best detection and treatment options available along with a patient advocate to help navigate patients through the care system. Two summer events, "Driving Fore Prostate with Mike Babcock and Friends" and "Off the Bench Community Breakfast with Mike Babcock" will also support Rock 102 Caged for the Cure fund raising initiatives.

# 2014 DONOR RECOGNITION LUNCHEON HONOUREES



On May 6, 2014, St. Paul's Hospital Foundation's annual Donor Recognition Luncheon was held at the Western Development Museum to recognize those individuals and organizations who either are new contributors to the Foundation or, through their continued generosity, have advanced a level in our donor categories. Thank you also to guest speaker Dr. Tamalina Banerjee, SPH Staff Pathologist, musician Arlen Wutch, artwork courtesy of SPH Healing Arts Program, photos by Milton Tayler - Imagery and table flowers by Early's Farm & Garden Centre. Thank you for supporting St. Paul's vision of a community of health, hope and compassion for all.

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## SPH FOUNDATION FEATURE EMPLOYEE: SHANNON HARNETT, MAJOR GIFTS OFFICER



Shannon Harnett with Dr. Stakiw, the St. Paul's Hospital physician who delivered her.

Shannon Harnett is one of the longest-standing employees at St. Paul's Hospital Foundation, having held a number of positions since she took on her first role as Administrative Assistant in 2005. This June, she moved into an exciting new role with the Foundation as Major Gifts Officer. "Everything we

do at the Foundation supports helping people – physically, emotionally and spiritually – every day!" Shannon says. "I'm looking forward to further developing the many relationships I have already established and moving into the heart of philanthropic giving."

Shannon's previous positions with the Foundation have given her extensive experience with fund raising, donor research strategies, direct mail, donor stewardship and event management. Her new position as Major Gifts Officer will provide her with the opportunity to deepen these relationships and take her fund raising goals to the next level. "I look

forward to further engagement with Hospital physicians and practitioners to ensure they have the tools they need to do their jobs to the best of their abilities," she says. "The Foundation has a skilled and dynamic team of individuals and it is a blessing to come to work every day with these folks."

Shannon has been an active member of the Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP) since 2005, and is currently working toward her Certified Fund Raising Executive (CFRE) designation. When asked what she loves best about her job, Shannon states: "Being able to do important and meaningful philanthropic work while looking out my window to see my kids playing on the front lawn of the Hospital at the Spadina Early Learning Centre. What more could I ask for?"

## FOUNDATION SIGNATURE EVENT

*The Mistletoe Charity Ball – Celebrating 25 years!*

**Saturday, November 15, 2014**  
**Sheraton Cavalier Hotel**  
**6:30 pm Cocktails**  
**7:30 pm Dinner and Dance**  
**Black or White Tie**  
**Presented by**



**Ticket Prices: \$500 per person or \$4,000 per table of eight (a partial tax receipt will be issued).**

This November, St. Paul's Hospital Foundation will be celebrating the 25th Anniversary of the Mistletoe Charity Ball. Volunteer committee members are already very busy organizing the Ball, which is sure to be the most elegant event to date! Since its inception twenty-five years ago, the Mistletoe Charity Ball has raised over \$1.5 million in support of St. Paul's Hospital. Proceeds from this year's event will support the purchase of an Ear, Nose and Throat CO<sub>2</sub> Laser for advanced care at St. Paul's Hospital.

**To become a sponsor of this signature event, please contact Grace MacLennan, Manager of Annual Giving, at (306) 655-5835. Tickets are available at the St. Paul's Hospital Foundation Office at (306) 655-5821 or online at [www.sphfoundation.org/mistletoe](http://www.sphfoundation.org/mistletoe).**

# DENNIS BALON – BUILDING A LEGACY OF CARING AND GIVING AT ST. PAUL'S HOSPITAL



*Donors Dennis and Shell Balon.*

Twenty years ago, Dennis Balon had his eye on the future. As a successful businessman, Balon began the process of establishing a legacy gift to St. Paul's Hospital that would touch his community for years to come.

Working with Continuity, a succession and estate planning firm, Balon made a planned gift of \$1.4 million in private company shares and life insurance to be shared by six hospitals in Saskatoon, Prince Albert and North Battleford. Of the \$1.4 million in planned giving, Balon has generously committed \$200,000 in support of St. Paul's Hospital Foundation. "Hospital foundations are the very best way to give money," he says. "That money goes to work as soon as a piece of equipment is bought."

Balon also believes in working with professional advisors to make the most of charitable giving. "They find creative giving solutions that are a win-win for the charity and for the donors that fit with each person's financial picture," says Balon, who grew up near St. Paul's Hospital. After graduating from Mount Royal Collegiate, he worked in

the car industry as a salesman and general sales manager, purchasing North Battleford's Frontier Ford as a fifty-percent partner and, in 1990, becoming the sole owner of Lakeland Ford in Prince Albert. Now in semi-retirement, Balon has made annual gifts at several hospitals toward the purchase of vital medical equipment in addition to his \$1.4 million legacy gift. This year, he has graciously provided \$28,000 toward the purchase of a new Advanced Imaging Ultrasound device at St. Paul's Hospital, which will positively impact patients from across the province.

"Typically, entrepreneurs are the most generous people within any community," says Jerry Gedir, Managing Partner at Continuity. "It starts with heart, somebody who's a true philanthropist. Dennis Balon and his wife Shell are true philanthropists."

"People simply don't realize how easy it is to work with their advisors to come up with ways to give," says Balon. Now a grandfather of four, he feels it is important to build a better health care system for the future. "When you support hospitals, everybody gets treated equally, and I like that very much," he says.

"We are extremely grateful for the generosity of Dennis and Shell Balon. We look forward to the installation of the Advanced Imaging Ultrasound and to allocating the legacy funding in support of priority equipment that will improve diagnosis, treatment and patient care for our patients and their families," says Bruce Acton, CEO of St. Paul's Hospital Foundation.



*Continuity's Gerry Gedir discusses giving options with donor Dennis Balon.*

## The Gormley Gathering

In support of the Leslie and Irene Dubé Urology Centre of Health at St. Paul's Hospital.

Tickets: \$150.00 each

November 3, 2014  
5:30-7:30 pm

Persephone Theatre  
Saskatoon, SK

Tickets available by calling  
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### UPCOMING EVENTS

**September 20, 2014**

Mogathon, [www.mogathon.com](http://www.mogathon.com)

**September 24, 2014**

Behind the Curtain SPH Laboratory, 7:00 pm

**October 14-17, 2014**

**Mission Week**

St. Paul's Hospital, activities all week.

**October 15, 2014**

Mission Week Feast Day for  
St. Marguerite d'Youville at 11 am, and  
SPH Foundation Professional Development  
Awards at 12 noon. SPH Cafeteria

**October 16, 2014**

Mission-In-Action Awards  
SPH Cafeteria, 12 noon.

**October 17, 2014**

Mission Week Commitment Ceremony  
Pylypchuk Hall, 11:00 am

**October 23, 2014**

SPH Long Service Recognition Banquet  
Western Development Museum, 6:00 pm

**November 3, 2014**

The Gormley Gathering  
Persephone Theatre, 5:30 pm

**November 4, 2014**

W. F. Mitchell Bioethics Seminar  
Keynote Speaker: Margaret Somerville  
Pylypchuk Hall, SPH, 10:30 am

**November 15, 2014**

25th Anniversary Mistletoe Charity Ball,  
presented by PotashCorp  
Sheraton Cavalier, Saskatoon, 6:30 pm

### THANK-YOU NOTES

*A Collection of Patient, Family and Staff  
"Thank You"s*

I was hospitalized as I had a fall and cracked three ribs and a composite fracture. The reason I am writing this letter is to thank the Doctors and Nurses and everyone that helped me. The meals were great. I told some of the nurses I was going to do this. Something else... I am 76 years old and the last time I was in your hospital was 1968 with a gall bladder operation. That's 46 years ago. I am recovering at home now.

Yours sincerely,

Don

I have just recently been in your hospital. For nearly two weeks I had the best of care by both the nurses and the doctors.

Ruth

### NEW FACE AT SPH FOUNDATION

**Grace MacLennan,**  
Manager of Annual Giving

Grace joined our team in June 2014 after Shannon Harnett transferred to a new position with the Foundation. Grace is an experienced professional with a diverse set of skills in strategic development, event coordination, and community and volunteer engagement. Grace has held several philanthropic fund raising, communications and administrative positions in Saskatchewan, and comes to SPH Foundation from the Children's Wish Foundation, where she worked as a Development Coordinator. Welcome, Grace.



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