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David R. Hall funds nursing scholarship

A few months ago, Yarmouth businessman David R. Hall decided to make a contribution to the Yarmouth Hospital Foundation that would have an impact on health-care education.

He decided to establish a scholarship for a first-year student from the Tri-counties enrolled in the Yarmouth Site of the Dalhousie School of Nursing.

As a result of his charitable gift of \$50,000, an annual \$5,000 David R. Hall Scholarship in memory of Dr. Margaret Churchill was established. The scholarship will be awarded in October each year and payable over four semesters. The first recipient of Hall's generosity will be announced later this month.

Hall, former owner of Motor Mart (now Murray GM) and Tri-Star Industries, established the scholarship in memory of his late great friend, Yarmouth pediatrician Dr. Margaret Churchill. It will be awarded annually for 10 years.

"Margaret Churchill was a wonderful doctor, remembered by every kid who ever went to her," Hall says, adding that she was the first to train a Nova Scotia nurse practitioner in pediatrics.

Hall, a former member of the Yarmouth Hospital Board, says he wanted to make a tangible difference to both the community and to an individual. A substantial scholarship to a nursing student felt like a good fit.

“I enjoyed my time with the hospital board, finding out what the government does and what they don’t do,” he says, explaining that quality health care is very close to his heart.

“Mr. Hall’s gift will be a tremendous contribution to a nursing student’s success, and another demonstration of this community’s commitment to providing quality health care,” says Greg Barro, Chair of the Yarmouth Hospital Foundation. “His generosity is an inspiration.”

“The first-year students at the Yarmouth site of the Dalhousie School of Nursing now have a third and very substantial scholarship available to them,” says Adele LeBlanc, the school’s site administrator. One year’s tuition in the nursing program, plus books and materials, is more than \$10,000, she points out.

Yarmouth Hospital Foundation has been awarding a \$5,000 scholarship since 2005 and last year two former Yarmouth physicians, Dr. Rajender Parkash and Dr. Asha Parkash, established a \$50,000 Endowment Fund for a \$1,500 annual scholarship.

Information on the three scholarships, along with an application form, is available at the School of Nursing or may be downloaded from the Foundation’s website:

www.yarmouthhospitalfoundation.ca.

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