



YARMOUTH HOSPITAL FOUNDATION  
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*To Your Health!*

## MDRD works quietly to keep hospital operations safe, sterile

"The heart of the Yarmouth Regional Hospital lies deep in the basement, but we do one of the most important jobs," says Danny LeBlanc, Manager of the Medical Device Reprocessing Department (MDRD).

The department processes all of the instrumentation from the operating rooms and nursing units at the hospitals in Shelburne, Digby and Yarmouth, as well as a number of clinics in the Tri-Counties, Danny says.

This fall the YHF's Christmas Appeal is focusing on raising \$95,000 for a second washer/disinfector.

"We are finding the volume of reprocessing is getting to be more

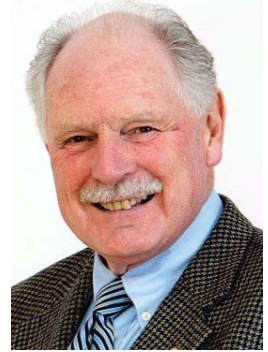
than we can effectively get clean and sterilized in a timely manner," says Lorraine Oxner, Team Lead for the department.



*Lorraine Oxner  
assembles an OR kit.*

"Getting a second unit will allow the MDRD to better cope with the volume of reprocessing." Each piece of equipment goes through three cleaning steps before it can be used — washing/decontamination, disinfecting and finally sterilization. Before the items go into the sterilizers, they are carefully inspected for debris and assembled into kits for various medical procedures.

You may make your Christmas donation online, by mail or in person.



*Harold Cook*

## Strategic planning key for new Chair

"Our purpose is primarily fundraising to enhance health care services in the Tri-Counties," says Harold Cook, the new Chair of the Yarmouth Hospital Foundation Board.

"The Foundation's fundraising efforts have been very successful, but there's always room for improvement," he says, noting that a consulting firm has been hired to undertake a strategic review of the YHF's organization and goals.

Harold has retired twice — first as Dean of Medicine at Dalhousie and then as Principal/Dean of Dal's Agricultural Campus in Truro. He and his wife, Helen, live in South Ohio.

## Beacon of Light Park welcomes visitors

Hospital staff and visitors can now find a quiet respite at the Beacon of Light Park, behind the hospital.

Opened Sept. 14, the park was developed by the Foundation with generous donations from community members and businesses.

The gazebo was built by the carpentry class at NSCC.



*Bill and Sabrina Elkington returned to Yarmouth to dedicate the gazebo to their daughter, Erika.*

*"If you haven't any charity in your heart, you have the worst kind of heart trouble." — Bob Hope*



**Jody Shelley's Golf Fore Health: \$43,000**

## 2019 Signature Events



*The Yarmouth Hospital Foundation's three signature events promote community support of the Foundation's work to enhance health care in western Nova Scotia.*



**WE CARE Radiothon: \$95,500**

**Spring Gala: \$56,000**

### Did you know?

**Gift in your will:** By leaving a bequest to the Foundation, you will continue to enhance health care in your community beyond your lifetime. Our staff are pleased to provide more information and assistance.

**Bean There Ran That:** The annual marathon has donated nearly \$45,000 in the past 10 years to support patients who suffer from kidney disease and to improve dialysis facilities at your regional hospital.

### Coming events

**Giving Tuesday:** The annual antidote to Black Friday, the start of the holiday shopping season, falls on Dec. 3 this year

— a great opportunity for one-stop Christmas giving.

### **2020 WE CARE**

**Radiothon:** Mark your calendars for Thursday, Feb. 6, when Y95-CJLS will once again broadcast from the lobby of Yarmouth Regional Hospital.

### Ways to give

- Donate by cheque, credit card or online.
- Set up a monthly donation.
- Leave a bequest.
- Make a memorial donation.

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## Facilitator aims to attract and support new doctors

As Community Navigator, Rebecca Cassidy Rose has been hired to help find new doctors and support them as they move into the community.



*Rebecca*

Her position was created as result of a joint effort of the Foundation, the Town of Yarmouth, the municipalities of Yarmouth, Barrington and Argyle, the province, the Yarmouth and Area

Chamber of Commerce and Doctors NS to address the doctor shortage issue.

The stakeholders are contributing nearly \$160,000 a year.

Rebecca will work with Nova Scotia Health Authority's recruiters and will also provide support to medical and pre-med students from southwestern Nova Scotia to help them come back home to work.

A massage therapist, the Yarmouth resident also has a degree in social statistics.