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The Yarmouth Hospital Foundation's Annual Report is a comprehensive review of the Foundation's activities throughout the year. It is intended to give our donors, sponsors, partners and other interested parties information about the Foundation's activities and financial performance. This year's report includes stories that celebrate the Foundation's 50th anniversary.

Our Promise

Committed to quality healthcare delivery, we connect generosity to opportunities to change and save lives.

Our Mission

To support and enhance our hospital as a community and regional centre of excellence in healthcare.

Our Vision

Advancing opportunities that inspire donors, both of today and tomorrow, the Foundation strives to be a leader in healthcare philanthropy by building meaningful, life-long donor relationships. We encourage transformational giving to support healthcare innovation and excellence at the Yarmouth Regional Hospital and throughout the region for our families and the community.

Our Guiding values

Integrity. Credibility. Accountability. Sustainability. Philanthropy. Community. Inclusivity.

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Despite the challenges associated with the COVID-19 pandemic and its restrictions, you, the Yarmouth Hospital Foundation's donors, sponsors and supporters, ensured that the YHF not only achieved, but well surpassed, our fundraising goals for 2020.

Beginning with another record-breaking *WE CARE* Radiothon in February and through special spring and pre-Christmas appeals in 2020, you shared in the YHF's achieving fundraising revenues well beyond expectations. This occurred despite the necessary cancellation of two major fundraising events (the Spring Gala and Jody Shelley's Golf Fore Health tournament), management and staff working from home, and all board and committee meetings conducted through Zoom.

Investments in equipment purchases across 11 different hospital departments and in sponsorship of other community healthcare support programs exceeded \$750,000.

And all of this happened before we received notification in December of the extraordinary gift of \$22 million from an anonymous donor, which will serve our community for generations into the future.

In January the Board adopted a new five-year strategic plan for 2020-2025 that reorients our

approaches to fundraising, communications and stewardship of the resources and responsibilities you entrust to the YHF.

As well, more than 85 policies directing the governance, operations and oversight of Foundation activities were finalized for full national-level accreditation of the YHF as a certified philanthropic organization, expected to be approved in 2021.

Throughout the fall of 2020, the YHF celebrated its 50th anniversary, highlighted by 50 articles published and promoted on social media to applaud the many wonderful successes, patients served, and progress gained through years of service.

While 2020 taught us all how to be flexible and adaptable, it also gave you, our donors, an opportunity to shine through with generosity and commitment despite the social, economic and health challenges everyone shared. To each one of you, I shout out sincere thanks for your tangible and moral support. Together we have shown what collective generosity and willingness to share our many blessings can do to enhance healthcare in the Tri-County region we proudly call home.

~ Dr. Harold Cook
Chair, Yarmouth Hospital Foundation



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Message from the Managing Director:

2020 brought
out the best
in donors, staff,
volunteers



From start to finish 2020 has been an extraordinary year by any measure. As I look back, I feel a deep sense of gratitude and amazement to acknowledge what I already know about our community — we can count on each other when the need is greatest. This gratitude extends to our Board, staff, healthcare workers, donors, sponsors and volunteers.

Physical distancing did not stop our volunteer Board from making sound choices, exploring new avenues and building new relationships while strengthening existing bonds with our committed donors. Having an outstanding Board in challenging times like this is truly inspiring.

The year brought out the best in many, especially Foundation staff. Mary and Heather, your ability to pivot from an office environment to working remotely was amazing to witness. Your dedication and willingness to go the extra mile enabled us to maintain seamless operations.

A key relationship over the past year has been with the Yarmouth Regional Hospital Site Leader, Peggy Green. Peggy was instrumental in providing support and keeping the Foundation informed every step of the way as the pandemic unfolded. After many years of dedication in healthcare, Peggy retired from her position as Site Leader at the end of

December. We will miss you, Peggy. We wish you all the best in the next exciting chapter of your life.

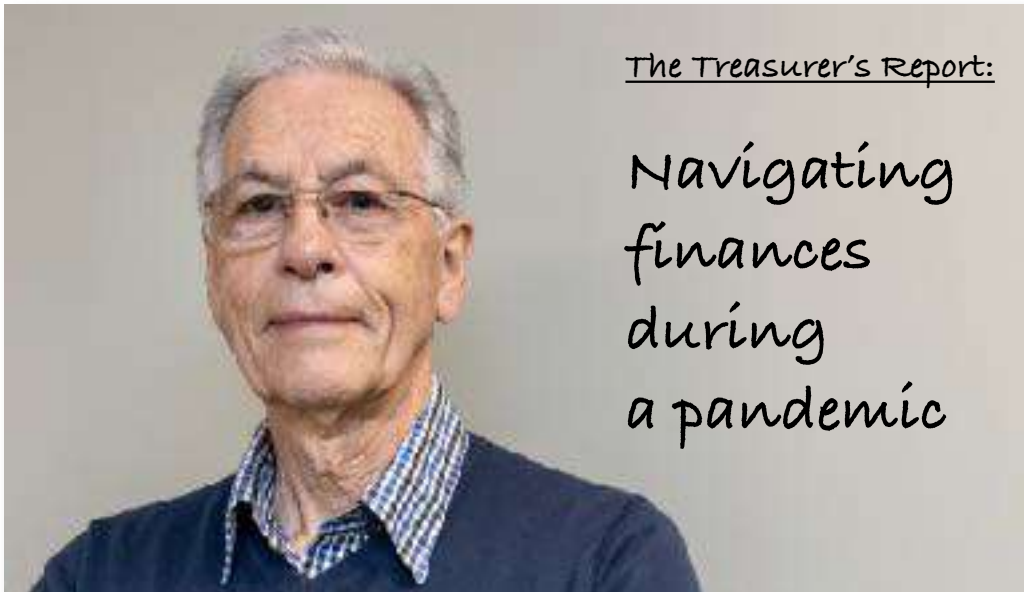
Speaking of retirements, after 18 years with the Foundation, 2020 marks my last full year with this stellar organization. Our regional health centre has an abundance of blessings in its hospital staff, medical professionals, YHF Board and staff and our legion of donors, sponsors and volunteers. It has been a source of pride, an honour and a pleasure to work with each and every one of you. These relationships with you will always be precious to me. Most importantly, all of you will continue to be central to future YHF successes.

The lessons 2020 taught us are as relevant now as when I was hired in 2002. You have reminded me that we are stronger together, we are hardwired in a time of need to reach out and help others, and we respond with compassion and a generosity of heart that reaffirms our humanity.

THANK YOU for everything you do to help ensure that YHF fulfills its mission to support and enhance our hospital as a community and regional centre of excellence in healthcare.

~ Paulette Sweeney-Goodwin, CFRE
Managing Director, Yarmouth Hospital Foundation





The year 2020 started quite normally; however, things quickly changed. The Yarmouth Hospital Foundation had already prepared an ambitious budget approving planned equipment expenditures of \$660,000 and commensurate fundraising activities and donations.

Then, in early 2020, COVID-19 descended on us. Needless to say, 2020 has been a very challenging year for all enterprises, the Foundation being no exception.

We had to cancel the Spring Gala and Jody Shelley's Golf Fore Health Tournament, two of the year's premier fundraising events that had been running since 2005. The Foundation turned to the sponsors of these events and its generous donors to make up the shortfalls created by those cancellations. It was very gratifying to see that all of you stepped up big time!

The Spring and Christmas appeals generated approximately 50% more donations than had been budgeted, enabling the Foundation to meet its commitments. Favourable market conditions further boosted our investments and endowments.

Also, the annual *WE CARE* Radiothon, held in February before the impact of the pandemic was felt, deserves special mention. In 2020 it raised

\$125,000, a substantial increase over that raised during 2019's event, which also bettered all previous efforts. This has been by far the Foundation's most dependable and productive fundraiser to date.

Thanks go out to the Radiothon Committee, radio station Y95 and the many volunteers who give their time to this event which has raised hundreds of thousands of dollars since being launched in 2017. A special thanks to Jeff Little, who chaired this committee and is retiring from the Foundation Board in 2021.

All this occurred before December when the Foundation received an anonymous \$22 million donation. The Foundation, on the advice of a special committee created for this purpose, will be working diligently to assign the income from this phenomenal gift to projects that will undoubtedly enhance our ability to "improve the provision of healthcare in the area served by the Yarmouth Regional Hospital." That was the direction stipulated by the donor.

For this and the ongoing support of all donors, we are very grateful.

~ Allan Boudreau

Treasurer, Yarmouth Hospital Foundation



Financial Highlights for 2020

With the continued support of you, our valued donors, the Yarmouth Hospital Foundation was successful in its fundraising efforts during this past challenging year during the pandemic.

Thank you!

In December of 2020 the YHF was entrusted with an amazing gift of \$22M from a donor who wished to remain anonymous. The Foundation will honour the wish of the donor to improve the provision of healthcare in the area served by the Yarmouth Regional Hospital now and for future generations.

Financial Highlights for year ending December 31, 2020

REVENUES:	2020
Donations & Fundraising	\$23,140,191
Investment Income	\$488,591
Rental Income	\$25,000
Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy	\$40,423
Total Revenue	\$23,694,205
DISBURSEMENTS:	
Contributions of Yarmouth Regional Hospital & donations to charities	\$735,901
Physician recruitment initiatives & nursing scholarships	\$30,291
Fundraising expenses	\$83,184
Administration & Employee Compensation	\$339,236
Total Disbursement:	\$1,188,612
OPERATING SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR	\$22,505,593
*Unrealized gain on equity investments	\$1,219,212
Excess	\$23,724,805

* An unrealized gain is the increase in the fair market value of an investment over its cost for investments that are not sold. In compliance with the Accounting Standards for Not-For-Profit Organizations (ASNPO), charitable organizations must record their investments for financial statement purposes at fair market value. The change in the year-end difference between the organization's investment cost and fair market value is recorded as an unrealized gain/loss for that year.



Our Impact / 2020

The generosity of the many donors who contributed in 2020 has allowed for over \$766,000 in purchases of vital equipment items and for program support for several departments of your regional hospital. *Thank you!*

Respiratory Services: Pulmonary function testing systems, sleep study units, CPAP, BiPAPs, oximeter, spirometer, cough assist, other miscellaneous items — **\$175,826**

4 North EOL: Hospice Society project — **\$58,081**

ICU: 14 ceiling lifts — **\$131,674**

Nutrition & Food Services: Blast chiller; combination oven — **\$59,801**

Peri-Operative Services: OR stretchers, portable laparoscopic tower — **\$53,695**

Collaborative Learning Centre: Nursing Anne simulator & education software — **\$60,000**

Renal Dialysis: Home dialysis project, portable work stations, transonic ultrasound — **\$48,333**

Cancer Centre: Two virtual care mobile units, patient file cases — **\$36,693**

Medical Device Reprocessing Department: Two height-adjustable work stations — **\$18,584**

Oncology: Blood pressure equipment, wheelchair, chart rack, mastectomy garments — **\$8,080**

Lab: Slide labeler — **\$14,985**

Pharmacy: OmniLinkRX MMS server upgrade — **\$9,778**

Veterans Unit: Furniture units — **\$11,015**

Rehabilitation Services: Two IFC ultrasound units, pressure relief equipment — **\$15,044**

Mental Health: Beacon of Light Park project, New Attitudes pilot project — **\$6,471**

Physician Recruitment Initiatives & Dalhousie School of Nursing scholarships (Yarmouth site) — **\$30,291**

Digby and Area Health Services Charitable Foundation & Roseway Hospital Charitable Foundation — **\$7,675**





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Foundation Board Member Joy Gillespie-Hatfield and Stella.

Joy brings frontline experience to the Board

Joy Gillespie-Hatfield retired as nurse manager for the cardio-vascular units at Yarmouth Regional Hospital in May of 2020. In June she joined the Board of the Yarmouth Hospital Foundation.

Joy brought with her a wealth of experience in the nursing field, including as an instructor at the Dalhousie School of Nursing, Yarmouth Site.

Her goal in joining the Board was to bring her frontline experience and perspective to the table.

“I’ve only been on the Board for a few months, but I get the sense that members are very fiscally responsible for the money that has been entrusted to them, but at the same time they are committed to support the hospital, the patients and the healthcare of the people of the Tri-Counties,” Joy says.

“I appreciate that our donors get the importance of raising money for the big ticket items — the CT-scanners, the x-ray machines and the like — and of course they are vital,” she says. “But there are many other pieces of equipment that are far less costly

that can make all the difference for patients and nurses on the basic medical-surgical floors.”

Some years ago, when Joy’s mother was a patient on 4East, her family made a donation to purchase a blood pressure machine and a commode for the unit but the path to get to that end was not simple.

Then the Foundation created a Reserve Fund with an annual budget of \$10,000. Departments that don’t require costly equipment may apply for up to \$1,000 a year for equipment such as commodes, lap restraints and stethoscopes. “This really made a huge difference to the patients and staff,” Joy says.

She’s also making a difference as a member of the *WE CARE* Radiothon Committee.

Joy’s volunteer efforts aren’t restricted to the Foundation. She serves on the board of Juniper House and is also a member of the Yarmouth Chorale, the Community Band and the YARC, acting in several of its productions. She had a side gig as a wedding planner for years but now she indulges her love of weddings as a Justice of the Peace.





Message from the Site Leader:

Teamwork
is the key to
dealing with
challenges

This year the emergence of the COVID-19 pandemic has been both frightening and challenging, but it has also demonstrated what can be achieved when everyone pulls together for the safety of all.

Strict protocols were implemented for protecting our patients and staff and fortunately our facility escaped the worst of the pandemic. These good outcomes were the result of teamwork at the local level and also provincially as Nova Scotia Health teams worked together to develop a province-wide approach to dealing with this health crisis. We also have to recognize the care and commitment that citizens of southwest Nova made to follow the Public Health Orders.

Yet again the Yarmouth Hospital Foundation stepped up to offer its support quickly after the pandemic was declared and later to fund additional video conferencing equipment for our cancer care unit. This meant that no cancer patient had to miss care or consultation with specialists in Halifax.

By a fortunate coincidence, we were well-equipped with respiratory equipment, which is so vital to those in breathing distress from COVID-19. The Foundation's 2020 *WE CARE* Radiothon in February raised money to purchase two transport ventilators and a BiPAP machine, all of which deliver oxygen to a patient experiencing respiratory failure.

The Foundation continues to be an essential partner in supporting healthcare in the Tri-County area and, specifically, in the Yarmouth Regional Hospital. The Foundation plays an essential role in making sure we have the appropriate equipment to support the various services that happen in the hospital — be it very expensive equipment such as CT-scanners to the far less costly transport wheelchairs required to move patients around the hospital.

With my retirement pending, this will be my final report as Site Leader for YRH. I'd like to take this opportunity to extend my appreciation to our amazing teams and people who work together every single day to make sure the folk who come through our doors get the best possible healthcare we can provide. Our teams include our dedicated medical and health professionals as well as all those who support the teams keeping the boilers and computers running, who make the meals, clean the rooms and so much more.

I'd also like to thank all the volunteers and staff of the Yarmouth Hospital Foundation for the amazing work they do ensuring all our staff have the tools they need to give the best possible care to the citizens we are privileged to serve.

~ Peggy Green

*Site Leader, Yarmouth Regional Hospital
Director Health Services, Western Zone*





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Dr. Brian Moses demonstrates the portable ultrasound machine in the ICU.

Dedicated doctors, nurses put the CARE in ICU

If you're really, really sick, the best place to be is in the Intensive Care Unit (ICU) at the Yarmouth Regional Hospital, where the dedicated staff go all out to get you well enough to get out of there.

The ICU typically cares for patients who've had severe heart attacks, severe pneumonia where they can't breathe on their own, septic shock from a really bad infection, or poorly controlled Type 1 diabetes, explains Dr. Brian Moses, the internal medicine specialist who heads up the 7-bed unit among his many other responsibilities.

"Most patients recover enough to be moved to a regular floor bed in a few days, but occasionally those

more problematic conditions could be there on a ventilator for a substantial length of time," he says.

Each room is equipped with high-tech beds, IV poles and pumps, and monitors to keep track of cardiac activity, blood pressure and respiratory rate, as well as all of the other equipment that's standard in all hospital rooms. Because of COVID, one room has been adapted to be completely self contained so no cross-contamination can occur.

The unit has its own portable ultrasound unit — donated by the Yarmouth Hospital Foundation — which can be moved to the bedside to help with diagnosis. It also gives doctors the precise information they need to insert lines in a patient's jugular vein, for example, Dr. Moses explains.

Another larger room is used for treatments such as inserting a temporary pacemaker.

Currently five doctors work in the ICU along with three full-time RNs per shift, plus a team lead nurse on the day shift.

Dr. Moses is Chief of Medicine for the Western Zone and Co-site Medical Lead, YRH, among other responsibilities. He also supervises the training of two internal medicine fellowship candidates.



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Dr. Brian Moses goes over a patient's chart with RN Carole MacDonald.

A lift for patients, staff

Staff in the Yarmouth Regional Hospital's Intensive Care Unit have literally gotten a lift from the public's response to the Yarmouth Hospital Foundation's 2020 Christmas Appeal.

The appeal's goal was to raise money to equip all seven ICU rooms with ceiling lifts, including a bariatric lift for larger patients. The appeal was so successful that 14 lifts could be purchased, allowing them to be installed in rooms in other areas of the hospital. Before that, the hospital had no ceiling lifts at all.

The Foundation has budgeted for 41 more ceiling lifts this year -- 36 regular and 5 bariatric.



RN Annette Landry and Dr. Brian Moses demonstrate one of the new ceiling lifts installed in the ICU.

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These lifts benefit both patient and staff, explains ICU manager Debra Theriault. They improve staff safety by reducing injuries from lifting and repositioning patients and they provide a more positive experience for patients by maintaining their dignity and increasing their comfort.

Telehealth makes life better for cancer patients

Videoconferencing with his oncologist in Halifax has made a big difference to retired Barrington teacher Robert Byrne.

Robert, 65, was diagnosed with prostate cancer in 2016. He dreads the drive to Halifax but finds the trip to the cancer unit at Yarmouth Regional Hospital much less stressful. He has endured several rounds of chemotherapy, oral chemotherapy and injections and was recently put back on IV chemo.

"With Telehealth you're really face to face with your doctor so he can pick up visual cues as well as what you tell him," Robert says. A nurse interviews him to begin with, then accompanies him into a special suite for the consultation with the doctor who accesses medical records electronically. "There's a good-sized TV but not as big as you'd want for watching football," he quips.

The reality of COVID-19 means that something had to be done immediately to protect vulnerable cancer patients from the dangers of travel, says Board Secretary Dr. Shelagh Leahey, who is also on the Enhancing Cancer Care Committee.



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Robert Byrne and RN Sarah Hobbs prepare to videoconference with his oncologist.

Within days of the province's introducing pandemic protocols, the Board reached out to the hospital to offer support. Shortly after, it committed to purchasing two units, which would offer high quality audio and video as well as effective privacy protection.

"When you have a life or death provision of service need, that's the kind of turnaround time that you can depend on," Dr. Leahey says.





Dr. Abir Hussein (centre) with the 2020 graduating class (L-R): Dr. Zara Zalnieriunas, Dr. Madeline Arkle, Dr. Anshuman Sood, Dr. Andrew Welton, and Dr. Michael La Delfa.

Training medical residents pays off

The success of Yarmouth Regional Hospital's family medicine residency program can be measured by the number of graduates who decide to stay in Southwest Nova to practice family medicine.

All five of the 2020 graduating class of family medicine specialists are staying on, says Dr. Abir Hussein, Site Director of the residency program which launched in 2014. Each year, five residents come from across Canada to enter the two-year program which is designed to train family doctors for rural areas. Each is paired with a local doctor and undergoes training in a wide range of medical areas by the specialists on staff.

Last year the Dalhousie Faculty of Medicine set up a second residency program in Yarmouth, this time for community general internists who will complete their final two years of training under the supervision of Dr. Brian Moses, Chief of Medicine Western Zone.

A general internist is a specialist who looks after complicated non-surgical cases, Dr. Moses explains, adding that the first two residents will complete their

training next year and that two more began the program last July. That pattern will continue.

There are advantages for both the residents and the community, Dr. Moses and Dr. Hussein agree.

"Family medicine residents participate in a family practice and have maximum clinical exposure," Dr. Hussein says. "They cover shifts in Emergency, deliver babies, and participate in surgeries throughout the two years, unlike traditional approaches where they'd do a block of time for each area. By the time they graduate, they are very competent and confident in all these services because they've been exposed to them constantly.

"And by that time, they've developed strong relationships with the community and the medical staff, so they feel very comfortable in establishing their own practices in the area," Dr. Hussein says. "They don't want to waste that precious connection."

"Our goal is to train good physicians," Dr. Moses says, "but as a side bonus we hope to convince some of them to stick around and practice here."





Dr. Erica Lasher Coates



Dr. Madeline Arkle

Young doctors build a home and a career

Erica Lasher Coates planned to leave Clare behind when she went off to university. Maddy Arkle grew up in a rural community outside of Winnipeg.

Dalhousie's family medicine residency program brought them both to the Yarmouth Regional Hospital for training, and both have stayed to build a practice in southwest Nova.

Dr. Lasher Coates was in the first class to graduate from the family medicine residency program. She joined the Dr. Lionel J. d'Entremont Medical Centre in Clare, where she was mentored by Dr. Michelle Dow. Now she is a mentor herself.

Dr. Arkle is among the 2020 graduates. She has opened a practice in Yarmouth and is taking on patients at Villa Saint-Joseph du Lac. Her mentor was Dr. Kenny Yee in Barrington.

Both young doctors have high praise for the welcome they received from the medical staff at the Yarmouth Regional Hospital and from the community

itself. It was those community connections that helped Dr. Arkle's husband, a mechanical engineer, find a job he loves with A.F. Theriault & Son Ltd. shipyard in Meteghan River. And Dr. Lasher Coates' chartered accountant husband had no problem transferring to the Yarmouth Grant Thornton office from Halifax.

Being a family physician in a rural community is very different from working in a city, Dr. Lasher Coates says.

"We love the lifestyle. We love the community. Here your job can change as your needs do." In her case, she had to step back from delivering babies when she had a daughter herself two years ago.

"It feels like home," Dr. Arkle says. "It's nice to know when you're starting out that you're going to be surrounded by people who are supportive and will continue to guide you along in your lifelong learning."



Dr. Wyman looks back over 50 years in medicine

Fresh out of Dalhousie Medical School, Dr. Chester Wyman opened his practice in Yarmouth in 1970.

While he saw only one patient on his first day — a walk-in after supper — more soon followed. He figures that, by the time he



retired in 2013, he had about 4,000 patients. “Today if you opened a practice you’d be swamped immediately,” says Dr. Wyman, who was Chief of Staff from 1986-99. “Back then you saw anyone who came into your office. Even just before I retired I probably

saw 10 walk-ins a day in addition to patients with appointments.”

He’d make rounds in the morning, followed by office hours which included two evenings a week and Saturday mornings.

Then there were house calls — as many as 18 in one day. It wasn’t uncommon to answer the phone in the middle of the night since the Emergency Department shut down at midnight along with the Lab and X-ray Department.

The Yarmouth Hospital was a far different place in 1970 — Emergency was just a room, but the pediatric and maternity wards were bustling. About 800 babies were delivered a year compared to today’s 350.

One Sunday morning Dr. Wyman was called in to assist another physician who was swamped — four women had just delivered their babies and another three were just about to deliver. And then there were all the babies! “Thank goodness they were all okay,” he says.

In the ’70s most of the children on the pediatric ward suffered from infectious diseases, including measles, meningitis and croup.

Dr. Wyman is passionate about the benefits of immunization. “Thanks to the miracle of immunization, diseases like measles and diphtheria have virtually disappeared,” he says.



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Treena celebrates 50 years, too

Just like the Yarmouth Hospital Foundation, Treena Landry is marking 2020 as a special occasion. Both are celebrating 50 years.

When Treena was born April 13, 1970, to Trudy and Larry Olsen, the old Yarmouth Hospital was a new facility and the Foundation had just been created as caretaker of charitable donations in support of the hospital.

As a child, Treena visited the hospital with her grandmother who volunteered in the gift shop. “I always thought that the hospital was going to be the coolest place to work ever,” she says.

After graduating as an x-ray technologist from the Victoria General Hospital School of Radiology, Treena got her wish in 1992 when the Yarmouth Regional Hospital hired her to work in mammography. Now she is the senior mammography technologist.



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Elbow grease and pride keep hospital gleaming

Perhaps the first thing people notice when they enter the large open space that is the lobby of the Yarmouth Regional Hospital is the gleaming floor.

Our regional hospital has a well-deserved reputation for cleanliness and the shining floors are a testimony to the hard work it takes to maintain high standards of hygiene.

It takes about 70 workers to maintain those standards in Yarmouth and another 20 at Digby and Roseway (Shelburne) hospitals, says Kris Anthony, supervisor in Facilities and Support Services, which is responsible for environmental services, porters, laundry and security.

Yes, the cleaning staff do use big machines to wash, buff and polish the floors, but they also haul out the mops and sometimes get down on their hands and knees to scrub. They clean every doorknob in the place twice a day! That's even more important in this period of pandemic.

Each patient room is cleaned at least once daily. That means scrubbing floors and bathrooms, wiping down all surfaces and changing beds. Repeat if a

patient is discharged to prepare for the next patient.

And someone's on call 24/7 to clean up spills and messes.

The cleaning staff are very proud of their work and high standards. It takes a considerable skill to keep those floors shining, says Jay Hubbard, who wrangles the big machines that do the heavy work.

The laundry itself is a large, very noisy area with seven giant washing machines that hold up to 200 pounds each and run nonstop from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. "We process 3,000 to 3,200 pounds of laundry a day," says laundry worker Tony Muisse. After going through the dryers, the laundry is processed through machines that iron and fold. Any torn items are diverted to the seamstress before being ready to be sent back up to the medical floors.

"We used to have guys' jobs and girls' jobs," Kris says, "with the guys operating the heavy equipment and the women cleaning the patient rooms, but that is changing."

What hasn't changed is the pride the staff take in keeping the Yarmouth Regional Hospital shining.





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Dr. Shelley Cobbett, Site Administrator for the Yarmouth Campus, has seen the nursing school grow over more than 25 years.

Yarmouth school of nursing expands

The Yarmouth site of the Dalhousie School of Nursing is gearing up to meet the province's need for more nurses.

In 2016, it condensed the 120-credit course to three years from four, to graduate more nurses more quickly. And in 2020 it admitted 33 students, up from 25, says Dr. Shelley Cobbett, Site Administrator for the Yarmouth Campus and Assistant Professor.

"In a few years we'll be growing our enrolment to 40 a year," Dr. Cobbett says. Students will take their clinical training at Digby General and Roseway hospitals, as well as at Yarmouth Regional Hospital.

The Yarmouth School of Nursing has a longstanding reputation for excellence, she says, and always has more applicants than it can take. New students in 2020 come from Ontario, BC, PEI and California, as well as from Nova Scotia. Five of the 33 are entering semester 3 with advanced standing since they have the prerequisite sciences.

The school is increasingly reliant on virtual and online learning, especially significant during the

pandemic. For example, a physical assessment virtual program allows students to do a head-to-toe physical assessment online using virtual avatars. Another shows them how to administer medications.

"For community health nursing," Dr. Cobbett says, "we have a virtual city where students actually jump on a bus to go through the city, enter a single mom's apartment and do a home assessment.

"In our clinical simulation lab, the mannequins are so realistic we can put the IV in, check the back flow — it's the next best thing to real patients!"

Most graduates stay close to home: 75% practice in the western zone and just over 90% of those are in the Tri-Counties.

The Yarmouth School of Nursing was founded in 1914, just two years after the Yarmouth Hospital opened. It granted diplomas to more than 1,270 nurses in 82 years. The baccalaureate program was introduced in 1995. And now after 25 years the faculty are enjoying teaching the children of some of the first graduates of the nursing degree program.



Nursing Scholarship winners 2020

Four young women — two mature students and two fresh out of high school — have been awarded scholarships to the Dalhousie School of Nursing, Yarmouth Site. The scholarships are awarded annually by the Yarmouth Hospital Foundation.



Yarmouth Hospital Foundation Scholarship, valued at \$5,000: *Gillian Staples*, 30, is an idealistic young woman from BC who has come to nursing with experience in several fields, including photography, social

media, and volunteering with organizations that support mental and physical health initiatives. “This journey of exploration has taken me to New York for photography, Taiwan to study Mandarin, the Clayoquot Sound to build an off-the-grid homestead, and Victoria to focus on nursing sciences,” Gillian says. She was drawn to Yarmouth’s nursing program because she prefers small-town life to the big city and already proclaims her love for the town.



David R. Hall Scholarship in Memory of Dr Margaret Churchill, valued at \$5,000: *Tammy Maillet*, 35, a mother of two from Meteghan, also has had many life experiences, including

hairdressing, automotive sales, child care, homecare and eldercare. “I have come to realize that, in all of those positions, my passion has always been the same — people,” Tammy says. “Nearly 20 years out of high school and I am finally pursuing the dream that has always been meant for me. Having the life experiences that have brought me this far, I am certain that I will become the best nurse I could possibly be.”



Drs. Rajender and Asha Parkash Scholarship, valued at \$2,500: *Amaris DeViller*, 18, from Arcadia is a 2020 graduate of École secondaire de Par-en-Bas. In high school she developed a love of

volleyball and was selected for team Nova Scotia for three years. “I knew the nursing program was very intense and that I would need to dedicate and focus all of my time to it. I need to approach it the same way I did with volleyball,” says Amaris, a young woman who likes to set goals for herself. She says she chose nursing as a career, because it combines her interest in the sciences and caring for others.



Eileen R. Morisset Scholarship, valued at \$2,000: *Bryndis Baldursdottir*, 18, of Dayton, graduated from Yarmouth Consolidated Memorial High School last June. Bryndis is no stranger to the

Yarmouth Regional Hospital as she completed a 100-hour co-op placement there. Her family moved to the Yarmouth area from Iceland in 2010. She’s wanted to become a nurse since she was a child, and that determination was reinforced when her boyfriend had a seizure and she was reassured by the competence of the medical professionals who helped him. “I want to be the nurse that changes people’s lives for the greater and makes more kids want to pursue a career in nursing,” Bryndis says.



Teachers inspire students to give

Teachers are instrumental in inspiring their students to become community-minded individuals.

When Melissa Hankinson taught Grade 6 at Meadowfields Community School, she was among three staff who helped their students get involved in fundraising.

Their main goal was to show school-aged children the importance of helping the communities in which they live, says Melissa, who's now at Maple Grove Education Centre. "I like involving the kids with things that matter in the community."

One of those students was Danika Nakpil, 13, who is now in Grade 9 at Yarmouth Consolidated Memorial High School. She recalls how much fun the group had making "candy-grams" — handmade valentines with a piece of candy inside — to raise money for the Yarmouth Hospital Foundation's annual *WE CARE* Radiothon in 2017.

Since the Radiothon is held in February, the valentine-themed fundraiser was a perfect fit.

"We put a lot of creativity in the cards and personalized them," Danika says. The students sold the candy-grams in the school lobby during lunch breaks, raising and donating over \$400 to the Foundation.

"I've had students come to me a few years later and tell me they are still doing fundraising," Melissa says, pleased to have achieved their goal.



PHOTO BY PAULA LEVY

Danika Nakpil was inspired by teacher Melissa Hankinson's lessons on the importance of contributing to community and supporting such local charities as the Yarmouth Hospital Foundation.

Danika continues to contribute to her community. Among other efforts, she was part of her school's Community Pride Club that participated in a variety of activities, including visiting patients in the Yarmouth Regional Hospital.

"I'd like to do more, but I know it's kind of limited what we can do this year," she says. "Anything that helps our community, or even globally, is good."

~ Story by Paula Levy





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Gilles Theriault is proud to keep up the family tradition of supporting the Yarmouth Hospital Foundation.

Theriault steps up during the pandemic

A.F. Theriault & Son Ltd. is a company that is there for the Yarmouth Hospital Foundation in good times and bad.

The boat building company, based in Meteghan River, has been a sponsor of Jody Shelley's Golf Fore Health Tournament since the first golfer approached the tee in 2005, so managing director Gilles Theriault was disappointed when the 2020 tournament had to be cancelled due to the pandemic.

Nevertheless, the company honoured its financial contribution to the Foundation.

"Everybody needs the hospital all the time, so we need to support it in good times or in bad times," says Gilles. "It was painful, but we managed to stay open and keep our cash flow rolling, but the donation had to go because without the hospital we'd have nothing.

"The only bad thing was that we didn't get to play a round of golf with Jody."

The Theriault name has been associated with the Foundation for a long time. Gilles' father, Arthur, was a director for many years

"At A.F. Theriault, we appreciate the opportunity to be part of the 50 years of the Foundation," he says. "We need the Foundation, we need the hospital and we appreciate the opportunity to be a company known not only for its expertise in building and repairing boats, but also for its commitment to supporting the community."

Theriault is a family-run business founded in 1938. Each new generation has made changes and improvements, Gilles says.

The company has 180 skilled employees, many of whom deal with tools and heavy equipment. "We don't like to see our employees get hurt, but it does happen," he says. "So we need the hospital."

The company has been diligent to ensure a safe workplace during the pandemic and to maintain jobs, he adds,



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Wild luxury and charity meet at Trout Point Lodge

The owners of Trout Point Lodge are proof that you can do a good deed that benefits both the Yarmouth Hospital Foundation and people who would like to enjoy the unique delights of the luxury resort in East Kemptville at an exceptionally good price.

In September Patrick and Pamela Wallace donated eight all-inclusive Wildly Luxurious Getaway Packages for two, each worth \$1,500 (including taxes), to the Foundation. They were offered to the public at the amazing price of \$750 each and were snapped up quickly, resulting in a boost of \$6,000 to the Foundation.

"The work of the Hospital Foundation touches everyone in our community," Patrick said. "We felt it was especially important to do our part this year in the midst of so much uncertainty.

"We hope an indulgent getaway will provide a welcome escape while contributing to the hospital's critical work."



Pamela and Patrick Wallace

The packages included luxury accommodation for one night, a gourmet dinner with cocktails, beer and wine, breakfast, all resort facilities and guided activities such as stargazing with the staff astronomer.

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A gift to the Foundation is a gift to the hospital

Claire Comeau is a firm believer in supporting local charities and the Yarmouth Hospital Foundation is at the top of her list.

Shortly after she and her bank manager husband retired back to Hubbards Point nearly 30 years ago, Claire learned that the money that the Foundation raises goes to buy needed equipment for the hospital. Ever since she's been a supporter both financially and as a volunteer in the gift shop, in the diabetic centre and with the Hullabaloo.

"We know that the money is well spent," she says, drawing a comparison with national and international charitable organizations that have a huge overhead.

It's her habit to make a memorial contribution when a friend dies and she encourages others to do the same.

She's such a devoted supporter that she keeps a supply of the Foundation's In



Claire Comeau

Memoriam cards on hand for personal use and to give to family and friends.

Claire has had her own health challenges — breast cancer, melanoma, and a brain tumour — but she doesn't let that slow her down. Besides her volunteer work, she is a talented and devoted seamstress and quilter.

"It's important to support the Foundation because of the good work they do," says Claire, who adds that she has great respect that the money entrusted to the Foundation is well managed.

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When planning your charitable giving, please consider monthly donations to the Yarmouth Hospital Foundation.

Foundation Treasurer Allan Boudreau used to give once a year during the Christmas Appeal, a time when there are many demands on family finances. "Now I give monthly by way of a debit to my credit card," Allan says. "I've been able to significantly increase my annual donation without feeling the pinch."

To choose this option, call the office at 902-749-1669 or go to the Foundation's website at yarmouthhospitalfoundation.ca.



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The 2020 WE CARE Radiothon crew celebrated another successful fundraiser in the hospital lobby.

Radiothon success shows WE CARE!

Every February for the past four years, the people of western Nova Scotia have proved that they care about healthcare by their outstanding support of the WE CARE Radiothon.

From the very first meeting of the Radiothon Committee in the fall of 2016, Committee Chair and Board member Jeff Little grabbed the ball and ran with it, bringing on board volunteers, recruiting donors, and becoming the on-air voice of the Radiothon — a 10-hour marathon of interviews with hospital staff, sponsors, volunteers and donors, with the opportunity to donate by phone, email and in person as well as by participating in challenges.

Of course, putting the Radiothon on air relies on the enthusiastic support of Y95. “The fact that we can look after our own communities and be able to raise substantial money in one day is remarkable,” says Radiothon committee member Eric Whynot, regional manager for Acadia Broadcasting Ltd., which owns Y95. “It is certainly a pleasure for Y95 to be part of this special day.”

Dozens of volunteers are needed on the day, to receive donations, answer phones and tabulate

donations, among many other tasks.

Among them were RBC bank manager Bonnie Garnhum and her team who updated challenges on our spreadsheet. “RBC employees are encouraged to help their clients thrive and communities prosper, so we are always delighted to partner and support the Yarmouth Hospital Foundation,” Bonnie says.

Expectations were modest but excitement was high when the Radiothon was launched in the dark and early morning hours in the hospital lobby in 2017, with all of the volunteers wearing their signature red scrubs.

Even Jeff was in tears when the final tally came in at an astonishing \$90,000. Contributions have only gone up from there. As of the 2020 broadcast, a total of \$420,000 has now been raised for critical hospital equipment.

The 2020 Radiothon was the most successful yet, raising \$125,000 for two transport ventilators and a Bi-PAP machine for the Respiratory Services Department — all critical pieces of equipment for the care of those experiencing breathing difficulty.

“The generosity of everyone just blows me away,” says Jeff, who jokes that he has a face for radio.



Ways to Give

There are many ways you can choose to help. No gift is too small and every dollar makes a difference in the care we are able to provide.

You can make your donation by phone at 902-749-1669, and we are pleased to provide any additional information you may require.



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