



*Dr. Noble Irwin Regional  
Healthcare Foundation Inc.*

Working Toward  
Health Care Excellence

2003  
Annual  
Report

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# CHAIRPERSON'S MESSAGE

This report marks the 5th Anniversary of the announcement of the formation of the Foundation. The dreams and aspirations of a small group of concerned citizens to form an organization to assist our health care system has become well known for the impact it is having in Southwest Saskatchewan.

Our Vision "to support the development of our health care facilities into an enhanced regional centre of health care excellence for the residents of Southwest Saskatchewan" has begun to have an impact on the entire region. The task before us is still overwhelming but the spirit and support of the citizens of this area continue to give us the resolve to meet the challenges before us. We are making a difference in the lives of people in Southwest Saskatchewan—patients, their families and health care staff.

Our year has focused on being a truly "regional" organization. Not only does the membership of our Board reflect the various Southwest communities; we have worked hard at making sure the many health care facilities in our region have benefited from the efforts of the Foundation. Critically needed medical equipment and upgrading of education skills for regional health care professionals are benefiting the citizens of the Southwest whom require medical attention. We have also changed our name by adding the word "Regional" to truly reflect the territory we represent.

New partnerships continue to be forged as we expand our outreach into the entire region. It is through these partnerships with individuals, organizations and businesses that people realize they can make a difference to health care. We do not have to accept the status quo as being the best we can get. By working together, the bar of excellence is

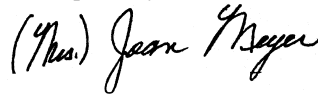
being raised and with it the opportunity to benefit directly in receiving quality medical care within our own region.

In addition to our regular activities, the Foundation has taken a role in raising the funds required to build the regional acute care facility. We will soon conduct a Capital Campaign to equip and furnish the new Cypress Regional Hospital. While this task will be the focal point of efforts for sometime, we will also be keeping in mind the ongoing needs of our regional health care facilities and the patients and professionals who will benefit from immediate assistance.

The contents of this Annual Report will assure you your investment in health care, through us, supports the enhancement of the facilities and staff of the Cypress Health Region. Please accept the heartfelt sincerity of the words "thank you" that go out to all our donors, volunteers, community organizations and businesses who have so heartily embraced us to be their vehicle of support for health care in the Southwest.


To the Board members and Staff of the DNIRHF, my sincerest thank you. Your vision, commitment and hard work have made this Foundation the success it is today. Your continued dedication to the cause will keep it on track and make it grow to its fullest potential and fulfill our vision in moving "toward healthcare excellence".

Yours respectfully,




Joan Meyer, Chairperson

# OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS



**JOAN MEYER**  
Board Chairperson 5 years  
Owner/Manager of her own business: Swift Administration & Management Services  
*Volunteer Experience includes:* S.C. Housing Authority Board, Past-President of the Multicultural Council of SK, Farm Credit Corporation Board, Secretary of Sask Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada, Canadian Lutheran World Relief Board and SK Rate Review Panel Member.



**RANDY HILDEBRANDT**  
Board Member 4 years, Vice President in charge of Finance  
Partner at Meyers Norris Penny Accounting Firm



**ANNIE NARINE, BA, CMD**  
Board Member 1 year, Executive at Large, Co-chair Festival of Trees  
General Manager Swift Current Mall  
*Volunteer Experience includes:* Winnipeg Children's Hospital - Burn Unit, Caribbean Chamber of Commerce and Manitoba Junior Achievement.



**DOREEN KERN**  
Board Member 1 year  
Retired teacher  
*Volunteer Experience includes:* STF Teachers Association, St. Olaf's Lutheran Church Sunday School Superintendent, Kidney Foundation of Canada, and the Diabetes Association.

**BRUCE PEARSON - Shaunavon**  
Board Member 1 year  
Owner Pharmasave stores in Shaunavon & Eastend  
*Volunteer Experience includes:* President Shawnee-Jaycee Club of Shaunavon, Chairmen of the Board for the Shaunavon Housing Authority, and Former Chairman of the Board of Pharmasave Control.



**COLLEEN MACBEAN, BA, B.Ed., M.Ed.**  
Board Member 5 years, Chair of the Skills Enrichment Scholarships Program  
Retired counselor and head of student services, Swift Current Comprehensive High School  
*Volunteer Experience includes:* S.C. Foster Parents Association, Past Chair S.C. University Women's Club, Southwest Crisis Services, Swift Current Chapter of Compassionate Friends, and the SK Guidance Counselling Association.



**DAN WEST - Hazelton**  
Board Member 2 years, Vice Chairperson  
Farmer  
*Volunteer Experience includes:* Rolling Hills Health District Board, Steering Committee of the Centre for Ag Medicine, Ag Health & Safety Network, School Board, Co-op Board and Co-op Implement Board.



**ANGELINA DUPMEIER-WALL, BA (honours), Adv. Cert., L.L.B.**  
Board Member 3 years  
Associate Lawyer at MacBean Tessem Law Firm  
*Volunteer Experience includes:* Law Student Association



**ANNE MOOLA**  
Board Member 3 years, Co-chair Festival of Trees  
Homemaker and Secretary for Dr. Dawood Moola  
*Volunteer Experience includes:* Save the Children Canada, SK Heart & Stroke Foundation, Immigrant Women of SK, International Women of S.C. Irish Cultural Club, Prince Albert Separate School Division, Beta Sigma Phi and the Catholic Health Association of SK.



**VICKI-LEE THISTLETHWAITE - Stewart Valley**  
Board Member 2 years, A-Mazing Family Weekend Committee Member  
Retired Secretary Student Services, SCCHS & partner in Farm Operation & Outfitting Business  
*Volunteer Experience includes:* Stewart Valley School Board Trustee, SK Development Advisory Committee, Chairperson of the Stewart Valley & District Celebrate SK Committee, S.C. Comp Daycare Board & Past President and Secretary of the Stewart Valley Community Club.

**REAGAN FUNK - Herbert**  
Board Member 2 years  
Bookkeeper for Farm & Small Business  
*Volunteer Experience includes:* Herbert Credit Union Board, Herbert Recreation Board and the Herbert United Church Board.



**LEAH PERRAULT, BSC**  
Board Member 2 years  
Pharmacist  
*Volunteer Experience includes:* Chairperson of the Professional Development Week in recognition of the profession of Pharmacy and the Swift Current Diabetes Association Board.



# FINANCIAL REPORT

DR. NOBLE IRWIN REGIONAL HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION INC.  
BALANCE SHEET  
As at December 31, 2003

## AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Directors  
of the Dr. Noble Irwin Regional Healthcare Foundation Inc.

We have examined the balance sheet of the Dr. Noble Irwin Regional Healthcare Foundation Inc. as at December 31, 2003 and the statements of operations and changes in fund balances and cash flows for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Foundation board. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform an audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation.

In common with many charitable organizations, the Foundation derives revenue from donations and fund-raising conducted by itself and other organizations, the completeness of which is not susceptible of satisfactory audit verification. Accordingly, our verification of these revenues was limited to the amounts recorded in the records of the Foundation and we were not able to determine whether any adjustments might be necessary to fund-raising revenues, surplus for the year, assets and fund balances.

In our opinion, except for the effect of adjustments, if any, which might have been determined to be necessary had we been able to satisfy ourselves concerning the completeness of the fund-raising referred to in the preceding paragraph, these financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Foundation as at December 31, 2003 and the results of its operations and the changes in cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles.

*Stark & Marsh*

Chartered Accountants

Swift Current, Saskatchewan  
March 23, 2004



*Dr. Noble Irwin, the Foundation's namesake, was a respected Swift Current physician who followed his family's tradition of dedicating oneself to a deep caring with regard to health care. His commitment to his profession and his community are well remembered.*

	2003	2002
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>Current</b>		
Cash in bank	\$ 333,416	\$ 81,010
Temporary investments	2,313,666	2,423,150
GST receivable	9,462	10,045
Accounts receivable	252,933	100,317
Inventory - Note 3	25,917	36,982
Prepaid expenses	1,392	1,299
	<u>2,936,786</u>	<u>2,652,803</u>
<b>Long-term investments</b> - at cost - Note 4	406,194	406,194
<b>Capital</b> - Note 5	15,200	15,192
	<u>\$ 3,358,180</u>	<u>\$ 3,074,189</u>

## LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES

<b>Current</b>		
Accounts payable	\$ 292,222	\$ 35,108
<b>Fund balances</b>		
Operating fund	429,285	432,044
Restricted fund - Note 6	2,636,673	2,607,037
	<u>3,065,958</u>	<u>3,039,081</u>
	<u>\$ 3,358,180</u>	<u>\$ 3,074,189</u>

Approved on behalf of the Board

*(Mrs.) Jean Meyer*

Director

*Randy Hildebrandt*

Director

## DR. NOBLE IRWIN REGIONAL HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION INC. STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES For the year ended December 31, 2003

	Operating fund	Restricted fund	Endowment fund	2003 Total	2002 Total
<b>Revenue</b>					
Fundraising	\$ 228,876	\$ 675,349	\$ 2,500	\$ 906,725	\$ 642,786
Interest	29,854	128,466	-	158,320	170,369
	<u>258,730</u>	<u>803,815</u>	<u>2,500</u>	<u>1,065,045</u>	<u>813,155</u>

## Expenditures

### Administration

Amortization	3,038	-	-	3,038	3,800
Bank charges and interest	107	-	-	107	84
Board expenses	374	-	-	374	2,395
Insurance	1,343	-	-	1,343	1,414
Miscellaneous	2,490	-	-	2,490	3,926
Non-recoverable GST paid	9,462	-	-	9,462	12,338
Office rental	4,095	-	-	4,095	2,189
Office supplies	4,313	-	-	4,313	4,102
Professional fees	2,996	-	-	2,996	2,812
Telephone	1,001	-	-	1,001	876
Training/conferences/travel	9,048	-	-	9,048	8,055
Wages and benefits	37,807	-	-	37,807	19,486
	<u>76,074</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>76,074</u>	<u>61,477</u>

<b>Communications</b>					
Advertising	5,831	-	-	5,831	9,772
Administration	61,232	-	-	61,232	15,311
Volunteer program	283	-	-	283	667
	<u>67,346</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>67,346</u>	<u>25,750</u>
<b>Development</b>					
Fundraising	43,548	189,645	-	233,193	59,650
Administration	74,521	-	-	74,521	19,308
	<u>118,069</u>	<u>189,645</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>307,714</u>	<u>78,958</u>
<b>Gifts</b>					
Equipment and hospital	-	528,587	-	528,587	250,307
Gifts/awards – education	-	58,447	-	58,447	22,750
	<u>-</u>	<u>587,034</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>587,034</u>	<u>273,057</u>
<b>(Deficit) Surplus for the year</b>					
	(2,759)	27,136	2,500	26,877	373,913
<b>Fund balances, beginning of the year</b>					
	432,044	2,180,980	426,057	3,039,081	2,665,168
<b>Fund balances, end of year</b>					
- Note 6	\$429,285	\$2,208,116	\$428,557	\$3,065,958	\$3,039,081

**DR. NOBLE IRWIN REGIONAL HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION INC.  
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS  
For the year ended December 31, 2003**

	2003	2002
<b>Cash provided by (used in) operations</b>		
Surplus for the year	\$ 26,877	\$ 373,913
Items not involving cash		
Amortization	3,038	3,800
Net changes in working capital items		
Receivables	(152,033)	(61,122)
Inventory	11,065	19,555
Accounts payable	257,114	(9,123)
Prepaid expenses	(93)	(414)
	<u>145,968</u>	<u>326,609</u>
<b>Cash used in investment activities</b>		
Addition to capital assets	(3,046)	(2,693)
Donations receivable - long-term	-	15,000
Addition to investments	-	(99,535)
	<u>(3,046)</u>	<u>(87,228)</u>
<b>Net increase in cash</b>	142,922	239,381
<b>Cash, beginning of year</b>	<u>2,504,160</u>	<u>2,264,779</u>
<b>Cash, end of year</b>	<u>\$ 2,647,082</u>	<u>\$ 2,504,160</u>

Note: Cash position comprises cash and temporary investments, net of short-term borrowings.

**DR. NOBLE IRWIN REGIONAL HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION INC.  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
December 31, 2003**

**1. Operations**

The purpose of the Foundation is to raise, administer and disburse funds to improve the quality of health care for the people of Southwest Saskatchewan. The Foundation was incorporated under the Non-profit Corporation Act of Saskatchewan on October 31, 1998.

**2. Significant accounting policies**

These financial statements have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting. The more significant accounting policies are as follows:

**(a) Fund accounting**

The accounts of the Foundation are maintained in accordance with the principles of fund accounting. For financial reporting purposes, accounts with similar characteristics have been combined into the following major funding groups:

i) Operating fund

The operating fund reflects the revenue and expenses related to achieving the mission of the Foundation including administrative expenses, unrestricted donations, and unrestricted contributions.

ii) Restricted fund

The restricted fund reflects revenues that are designated for specific purposes by the contributor and the related expenses.

iii) Endowment fund

The endowment fund reflects permanent contributions. The income on the endowment fund is recorded in the restricted fund and is to be used for restricted purposes.

**(b) Revenue recognition**

The Foundation follows the restricted fund method of accounting for contributions as follows:

Restricted contributions are recognized as revenue of the appropriate fund in the period it is received or receivable. Unrestricted contributions are recognized as revenue of the appropriate fund when received or receivable if the amount to be received can be reasonably estimated and collection is reasonably assured.

**(c) Inventory**

Inventory is valued at the lower of cost and net realizable value.

**(d) Investments**

Investments are valued at the lower of cost and market value, unless the decline in market value is deemed temporary in nature by management.

**(e) Capital assets**

Capital assets are recorded at cost and are amortized on a declining basis as follows:

Displays 20% Office equipment 20%

**(f) Contributed services and goods**

The operations of the Foundation utilize services of many volunteers. Since these services are not normally purchased, and because of the difficulty in determining the fair market value of donated services, the value of these donated services is not recognized in the financial statements. Also, due to the difficulty in determining the fair market value of all donated goods, these goods have not been recognized in the financial statements.

**(g) Income taxes**

The Foundation is a registered charity within the meaning of the Income Tax Act and is; therefore, exempt from income taxes under Section 149(1) of the Act.

**3. Inventory**

Inventory is comprised of fundraising supplies, communication supplies and office supplies.

**4. Long-term investments**

	2003	2002
Portfolio investments - market value \$582,963 (2002 - \$479,719)	<u>\$ 406,194</u>	<u>\$ 406,194</u>

**5. Capital assets**

	2003		2002	
	Original Cost	Accumulated amortization	Net book value	Net book value
Displays	\$ 11,325	\$ 5,275	\$ 6,050	\$ 7,562
Office equipment	14,024	4,874	9,150	7,630
	<u>\$ 25,349</u>	<u>\$10,149</u>	<u>\$ 15,200</u>	<u>\$ 15,192</u>

**6. Restricted fund**

Restricted funds are comprised as follows:

	2003	2002
Externally restricted	\$ 2,208,116	\$ 2,180,980
Endowment funds	428,557	426,057
	<u>\$ 2,636,673</u>	<u>\$ 2,607,037</u>

**7. Lease agreements**

The Foundation entered into an agreement with General Electric to lease and eventually purchase medical equipment. The Foundation is making monthly payments of \$12,506 over the next three years.

**8. Reclassification of prior year figures**

Certain of the prior year figures provided for the purposes of comparison have been reclassified in order to conform to the current year presentation.

# TODAY'S DREAMS...

## ALL IN A YEAR'S WORK

It's been an exciting year for the Foundation. In April, after a unanimous decision by the Board, we announced our name change to the Dr. Noble Irwin Regional Healthcare Foundation to more accurately reflect our area of focus.

Also in April, Group Medical Services announced it was making a \$10,000 donation to the "Have a Healthy Heart" campaign. This significant contribution put the campaign over the top thereby enabling the Regional Cardiac Lab in Swift Current to upgrade its equipment, used in diagnosing heart conditions. GMS also contributed \$2500 to the Shaunavon equipment endowment which grows over time and ensures funds will be available to help purchase critically needed equipment for Shaunavon's acute care facilities.

## HOME SWEET HOME

May saw the launch of the Southwest Regional Home Lottery. The Foundation, accepting its responsibility as a community organization partnered with the Swift Current Broncos and Swift Current Minor Ball to benefit Health care, Players' Education Fund and Minor Ball in the Southwest.

The results were as follows:

**Grand Prizewinner of the \$167,000 show home was Sherri Gusikoski of Swift Current**

**2nd Prizewinner** was Clarence & Irene Paulson of Hodgeville who took home a set of 4 tires courtesy of Kal-Tire

**3rd Prize** went to Tammy Wanner of Swift Current who won a one-year Golf Club Membership courtesy of Elmwood Golf Club

Early Bird Winners were as follows:

Robert Hansen, Hazlet - Wildlife Print courtesy of the S.C. Wildlife Federation  
Barbara Lindsay, Swift Current - Barbecue courtesy of Sears & Wayag  
Wallace McAulay, Bracken - Patio Set courtesy of Wal-Mart  
Lawrence Fergusson, Swift Current - \$500 worth of gasoline courtesy of Husky  
Diane & Joanne's Hair Design, Swift Current - \$500 Shopping spree courtesy of the Swift Current Mall  
Karen Williamson, Waldeck - NHL Get-a-way courtesy of The Calgary Flames & Coast Plaza Hotel  
Mike Diguier, Swift Current - Ultimate Fan Package courtesy of the Swift Current Broncos

The Southwest Regional Home Lottery would not have been possible without the support of the City of Swift Current and Home Hardware to whom we are extremely grateful. Also, Special thanks to the Swift Current Indians Ball Club and all of the volunteers who worked so hard selling tickets and manning the many open house events. Finally, we would like to recognize the support of the Saskatchewan Liquor & Gaming commission who allowed three groups to work together for the benefit of all.

## AND FOR 35%, WE'LL GIVE YOU...

The announcement on April 2nd by the Saskatchewan Health Minister the Honourable John Nilson that a new regional acute care facility would be built in Swift Current was met with great enthusiasm and the Foundation began working in earnest to prepare the Capital Campaign's two track approach. The first track would provide 35% funding for the bricks and mortar of the new hospital. This is a joint venture with the City of Swift Current, the Rural Municipalities of the Southwest and the Foundation. Track two is for equipment and furnishings for which we are 100% responsible for the cost. The Capital Campaign committee will continue to work on this in 2004/2005.

June saw the Foundation Board on the road to Shaunavon. After the quarterly board meeting, the public was invited to come join us for coffee and discuss our activities. The excellent turnout allowed us another opportunity to touch base with our donors in the Region.

In November, the Foundation launched its annual campaign; this year entitled "Supporting Healthcare in Rural Saskatchewan". With so much discussion surrounding the development and construction of a new Regional facility, the Foundation felt it was important to remember and support our rural facilities. We are pleased to announce that all equipment included in the 2003 campaign will be purchased. (See list next page) In addition to the above campaign, the Foundation continues to receive donations for programs such as: Bring Good Health to Life, Honouring Our Heritage, and the Little Angels Wall as well as Planned Giving. We appreciate those who choose to either Leave a Legacy for future generations or invest in other programs that improve our quality of health care in the Southwest.

On December 17th, the Foundation held its annual Donors Appreciation Come & Go. The event gave us one more chance to say thanks to our many investors and to reflect on the many blessings we have received over the past year.

## LET'S GET PHYSICAL!



"It always pays to have a back up career in our line of work, doesn't it Dave?"

You just never know what you might be doing at the Foundation. One day you could be flipping burgers at the WW Smith 90th Anniversary, the next helping out at a pancake breakfast at the Bentley. The proceeds of both events were donated to the Foundation and were just two of the many events conducted to improve the quality of health care for the people of Southwest Saskatchewan.

In May, the Mother's High Tea, presented by Gramma Bep's and the Days Inn, served up some delectable desserts, finger foods and an elegant atmosphere to Mothers and their children of all ages. May also brought the Swift Current Rotary Club's Annual Lobster Feed. Excellent food and entertainment helped create another fantastic fundraiser for the Foundation. It also represented a second \$15,000 pledge on behalf of the Rotary Club of Swift Current.



Bep Hammer and volunteers at the Mothers High Tea



Soaking up some shade at the annual Meyers Norris Penny Golf Tournament

July 18th sported spectacular weather as the 2nd Annual Meyers Norris Penny charity golf tournament got underway. Golfers of all levels took to the Chinook Golf Course for a little fun in the sun. By the end of the day, \$16,000 had been raised to benefit the Foundation's work toward healthcare excellence!

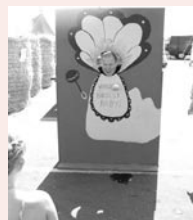


Crowds were A-mazed by the Nekaneet Dancers.

August 2003 boasted some of the hottest temperatures of the summer and also the hottest event of the summer. The 2nd Annual A-Mazing Family Weekend ran August 22-24 and put the "fun" back into "fundraising". With an expanded kids carnival, bigger maze, more entertainment including the Nekaneet Dancers and a polka party to boot, the action never stopped! The event generated over \$42,000 in support that will help purchase medical equipment. Special thanks to our sponsors SaskEnergy and the Swift Current Mall for all of their boundless energy and support. We would also like to once again extend extra special thanks to the Swift Current Colony for their volunteerism and the incredible teams who



Things in The Maze were hoppin'! & this team had a great theme & best costume.



The ways in which we earned money were amazing.

participate in this event each year. You truly are A-Mazing! To all our event supporters: Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

Everything was coming up roses at Grower Direct in the Swift Current Mall on August 28th. The 1st Annual Friendship Day sold over 400 dozen bouquets of roses and donated the proceeds to the Foundation. Raising funds has never smelled so sweet. Thank you!

There is nothing to say about the Greek Orthodox Community that hasn't already been said repeatedly for the past 5 years. Their continued commitment is an inspiration to us all. They have raised tens of thousands of dollars for the Foundation to help purchase several pieces of equipment for the Regional Hospital. They are one of the reasons we continue to "Believe in Angels".



Greek Night - It just keeps getting better and better!



Christmas magic at Festival of Trees

Even as the year drew to an end, we still weren't finished. The 2nd Annual Festival of Trees opened November 28th and for 8 days offered the magic of the season to the almost 10,000 visitors who passed through the Swift Current Mall. Attendance and participation, especially regional participation, increased in nearly all events. Overall, \$67,000 in support was received. Events included the crowning of the Little Angel of 2004, Rhett Oakman of Swift Current and the Gala, which once again, was truly an "event like no other"! The support of our generous event sponsors the Credit Unions of

Southwest Saskatchewan, Stark & Marsh Chartered Accountants, GE Medical Systems Canada, S.I.G.A., and the Swift Current Mall made all of this possible. Special thanks to our Festival Tree donors for their enthusiasm and support and to Grower Direct for providing the beautiful centrepieces, your contributions were invaluable.

## WE COULDN'T HAVE DONE IT WITHOUT YOU!

Special thanks to our event committees and all our volunteers who continue to commit their time, energy and ideas to all of our activities. Also, we would like to thank the media for their continued support in getting the message out and for participating as volunteers in our events. And finally to all that attend these events or provide donations, your faith in the work of the Foundation is vital and sincerely appreciated.

# TOMORROW'S REALITIES

## HOW WE INVESTED YOUR DONATIONS

The Board of Directors of the Dr. Noble Irwin Regional Healthcare Foundation is pleased to announce that due to the generosity of individuals, corporations and community groups they are able to allocate the following amounts to the purchase of the "Supporting Healthcare in Rural Saskatchewan" Campaign equipment:

2 Beds/3 Extra Mattresses - Herbert Nursing Home	\$9080	<b>Other 2003 Equipment Purchases:</b>	
Hematology Analyzer - Wolf Willow Centre Eastend	\$22,000	Tria Handheld Doppler - Emergency	\$1,500
Wander Guard System - Gull Lake Care Home	\$30,000	Steris Machine - OPD Emergency	\$45,200
Centrifuge - Hodgeville Clinic	\$11,400	Hematology Analyzer - Maple Creek Hospital	\$22,000
Hematology Analyzer - Leader Hospital	\$22,000	Medi-lift with Pt Lift Scale - LTC/PPL	\$5,192
Cardiac Monitor - Maple Creek Hospital	\$11,300	Centrifuge - Shaunavon	\$9549.63
External Defibrillator - Shaunavon Ambulance	\$15,000	ECG Machine - Eastend Hospital	\$7,908.87
High/Low Treatment Tables - Prairie View Mankota	\$3,000	2 Brode Chairs - LTC SCCC	\$6,309.92
High/Low Treatment Tables - Ponteix St. Foyer	\$3,000	ECG - Border/Climax Hospital	\$7,908.87
3 Electric Beds - Prairie Healthcare Centre - Cabri	\$10,848	<b>Scholarship Awards:</b>	\$45,000



## LEE/IRWIN EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENT AND THE DR. MOOLA AWARD SKILLS ENRICHMENT SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

*"I wish to pass on my appreciation for your most generous gift of 2 bursaries towards my graduate studies in Nursing. This is an example of true community spirit when organizations such as yours assists adult students such as myself pursue our life long love of learning! God Bless and Thank You!"* - Barbara Fitz-Gerald

### ROUND TWO

Rhonda Armstrong, Tompkins - CSR Sterile Supply Technician  
 Jackie Hunter, Wymark - LPN Skills Upgrading  
 Darcy Dreveny, Swift Current - Physiotherapy  
 Darci Mollerud, Swift Current - Nutrition  
 Darla McGillivray, Vanguard - Special Care Aide  
 Lisa Perkins, Ponteix - Special Care Aide  
 Tracy Stock, Hazlet - Special Care Aide  
 Nicole Davis, Herbert - Special Care Aide  
 Trent Grose, Wymark - Special Care Aide  
 Jennifer Silliker, Pambrun - Special Care Aide  
 Lori Oman, Swift Current - Special Care Aide  
 Lila Brehm, Leader - LPN  
 Marion Wiebe, Swift Current - Physiotherapy  
 Krista Olson, Swift Current - Master of Social Work  
 Roxanne Kehler, Swift Current - Bachelor of Nursing  
 Maureen Morstad, Swift Current - To complete R.N.  
 Twyla Rosser, Ponteix - LPN  
 Candace Dalrymple, Swift Current - LPN  
 Barbara Fitz-Gerald, Swift Current - Masters of Nursing in  
 Community Health  
 Gary Anderson, Swift Current - Masters of Counselling in Psychology

Linda Walliser, Swift Current - Primary Care Nursing Practitioner  
 Alicia Cheney, Kyle - Primary Care Nursing Practitioner  
 Mikki Millar, Chaplin - Primary Care Nursing Practitioner  
 Angela Nystrom, Swift Current - Sterile Processing/Distribution  
 Tara Lee, Swift Current - Doctor of Medicine  
 Swift Current Care Centre and rural areas - Wound Care Education Sessions

### ROUND THREE

Lori Hedstrom, Shaunavon - Special Care Aide  
 Lila Brehm, Leader - LPN  
 Barbara Fitz-Gerald, Swift Current - Masters of Nursing in  
 Community Health  
 Sheila Dempsey, Swift Current - Bachelor of Nursing  
 Mikki Millar, Chaplin - Primary Care Nursing Practitioner  
 Cindy Nelson, Shaunavon - LPN  
 Linda Moir, Shaunavon - LPN  
 Krista Olson, Swift Current - Master of Social Work  
 Angela Nystrom, Swift Current - Sterile Processing/Distribution  
 Kristin Hawkins, Swift Current - Vascular Technology  
 Jo Ann Riel, Swift Current - Medical Laboratory Technology  
 Karen Braun, Swift Current - Diagnostic Sonography

Elaine Garies, Swift Current - Palliative Care  
 Brenda Kochan, Swift Current - Palliative Care  
 Janna L. Darrow, Swift Current - Palliative Care  
 Tami Pavely, Swift Current - Speech & Language Pathology  
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## TOWARD TOMORROW...

Representatives from the Steering Committee continued to work on the development of the proposal for the Regional Acute Care Facility, which will be submitted to the Department of Health for approval early in the New Year. Time was also spent forming financial partnerships throughout the Southwest to fund building the new Regional Hospital and developing the framework of the impending Campaign. While supporting the work of the City and R.M. of Swift Current on track one, the bricks and mortar portion of the Campaign, the Foundation dedicated countless hours to track two of the Capital Campaign for furnishing and equipping the new Cypress Regional Hospital.

Stemming from a true belief in the benefits to the region of this acute care facility the Foundation is prepared to work tirelessly toward insuring we have a regional hospital outfitted with technologically current equipment, well trained staff in a properly managed, operationally efficient facility. We know that together we can ensure the Southwest can be a centre of health care excellence for our residents. Investing in our quality of care may be the best investment we ever make. Certainly having more options closer to home will have its benefits.

The Foundation will continue to work not only for the new Cypress Regional Hospital but also for all the acute and long-term care facilities in the Southwest. We will continue to support the education and training of our health care workers with our Skills Enrichment Scholarship Program. And to form partnerships with individuals, corporations, groups and organizations that want to invest in improving the quality of health care for the people living in this region. Why? Because we deserve the best health care we can possibly have. And we know what we're doing is the right thing to do... Why? We can see it in the eyes of those who have benefited from the use of the equipment our donors' investments have all ready purchased. That's possibly the greatest return on investment one could ever experience...improving the quality of life for someone else. And tomorrow, together we have the chance to do it again...and again.



# UNDERSTANDING YOUR PAST IS THE KEY TO YOUR FUTURE

## VISIONARIES OF EXTRAORDINARY FAITH

After months of planning and preparation, the creation of the Dr. Noble Irwin Healthcare Foundation was announced March 29, 1999. Our mission: to raise, administer and disburse funds to improve the quality of health care for the people of Southwest Saskatchewan. The need for health care equipment and education was great and we faced many challenges in our quest toward health care excellence. Yet, the desire to overcome those challenges was strong and with a pace setting pledge of \$50,000 from the Southwest Credit Union, we began planning for our first event, the 24-Hour Relay sponsored by SaskEnergy. As



word spread, other businesses and groups came forward expressing interest in holding events to support the Foundation. The Greek Orthodox Community announced plans for their first Greek Night, which raised \$33,000 toward the purchase of renal dialysis equipment. Soon WW Smith announced their pledge of \$25,000 and the response to our first annual campaign "We Believe in Angels" was fantastic. In just a little over 5 months of fundraising, we were able to announce the purchase of several pieces of equipment including: 2 Brode chairs, an infant warmer for the hospital nursery, a critically needed ventilator for the hospital's Intensive Care Unit and the purchase of 5 renal dialysis machines as part of the "Dollars for Dialysis" campaign.

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The support and commitment of the people of the Southwest continued to grow with some innovative results. The Swift Current Rotary Club's \$15,000 pledge to "Honouring Our Heritage" was support by their first annual Lobster Feed. Meyers Norris Penny's contribution was definitely at "par" with their first annual Charity Golf Tournament and the

Swift Current Lions Club brought a "barrel full" of support from their collection during the Frontier Days Parade. We kicked off the 1.8 million dollar campaign;

"True Picture of Health" supported by projects like "Beef Up Your Health" which was sponsored by Cargill. The campaign was officially launched with a bequest from the estate of Mr. Hugh Swan Allan in the amount of \$600,000. A few months later, the first of its kind in Swift Current, "The Annual Christmas



Television Auction" took place raising more funds for equipment and providing Swift Current residents with an opportunity for a little armchair Christmas Shopping. Partnering with the Art Gallery of Swift Current NEC, we celebrated the Festival of Trees. These initiatives plus on-going support from the Royal Canadian Legion's Poppy Drive, the Lehrleut Hutterian Brethren, SaskTel Telcare and Southwest Credit Union employee groups and numerous donations to our "In Memoriam" program made it possible for us to purchase over \$1,000,000 in equipment in 2000.

The fledgling Foundation had no proven track record so the commitments by businesses, community groups and individuals were made on faith and the belief that we must take care of our own. Our heartfelt appreciation for their exceptional vision and dedication to the well being of the Southwest residents is profound.

## SUBSEQUENT SUCCESSES

With the firm base established in the previous 18 months by innovative corporate, organizational and individual investment, we began to work toward establishing lasting programs and events to build a centre of health care excellence for residents of the Southwest.



In 2001, the Foundation unveiled its Planned Giving Program aimed at encouraging residents to leave a lasting legacy for future generations. We also launched the "Bring Good Health to Life" program which allowed donors to designate their donations to specific facilities and departments.

Campaigns such as "No Place Like Home" which raised funds to support the equipment needs of home care providers and "We Believe In Angels" which raised funds for a mammography suite at the Regional Hospital allowed us to address some current needs. The "Open House" at the Swift Current Regional Hospital gave us the opportunity to show the people of the Southwest where their donations were being used. Events held on our behalf such as the Lobster Feed, the Meyers Norris Penny



Charity Golf Tournament and Greek Night brought outstanding support for Foundation initiatives. Our own fundraising event, the 24-Hour relay for Healthcare once again brought exceptional support from the entire region and by year's end we had committed to purchases of

\$1.4 million for equipment to date.

December 2001 saw the establishment of the Lee/Irwin Educational Endowment in support of the Skills Enrichment Scholarship Program. The following year a selection committee was put into place and applications were accepted. \$45,000 is awarded annually to provide assistance to employees of the Cypress Health Region who wished to upgrade their skills thereby improving the quality of health care for the people of Southwest Saskatchewan.



2002 dawned with the introduction of our web site: [www.drirwinfoundation.com](http://www.drirwinfoundation.com). We now had yet another way to spread the word and keep our donors informed. Work continued with our annual event sponsors like: SaskEnergy, Cargill, the Credit Unions of Southwest Saskatchewan, the Swift Current Mall and General Electric Systems Canada whose support made our events, the A-Mazing Family Weekend and Festival of Trees & Little Angel contest possible. Support from the Swift Current Rotary Club and Meyers Norris Penny

continued to entertain the people of Southwest Saskatchewan while providing much needed funds for equipment purchases. Of significant note was the decision of the Hodgeville Trust Committee to invest their funds in an Equipment Endowment to benefit the Hodgeville clinic. This endowment will be managed by the Foundation. Our annual campaign entitled, "Have a Healthy Heart" saw continued support from the Greek Orthodox community as well as numerous individual and corporate donors. Yet even as the year came to an end we were looking to the future with plans for the Southwest Regional Home Lottery, the 2nd Annual A-Mazing Family Weekend and the 2nd Annual Festival of Trees.





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