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FOUNDATION



Pay It Forward Endowment Program

On September 10, 2008 at a press conference, held in the lobby of the Cypress Regional Hospital, in Swift Current, Lyn Johnston, CEO, The Dr. Noble Irwin Regional Healthcare Foundation Inc., (DNIRHFI) announced the establishment of a 10.5 million dollar endowment program in support of Equipment, Operations (which includes programs) and Education, "Pay It Forward Endowment Program" conducted in partnership with financial advisors: BMO Nesbitt Burns, CIBC Wood Gundy, Credential Securities Inc., Mercator Financial, RBC Dominion Securities Inc. Roger Mirka Investment Advisor, Sun Life Financial & Wellington West Capital Inc. The Pay It Forward Endowment Program is designed to help sustain the continued improvement of the quality of health care for generations of Southwest residents. The endowments will be able to help meet the needs in the near future and long term. Invited guests included: Dr.

Noble Irwin Regional Healthcare Foundation Inc. Board of Directors, Pay It Forward partners, supporters of the Foundation, Tyler Bragg (Chairman, Cypress Regional Health Authority Board) Cypress Regional Health Authority- Board of Directors, Cypress Regional Hospital CEO Jim Hornell, and members of the community that live in The Great Southwest that help support the Foundation.

The Caring for Generations Wall of Honour, built by Keith Miyashiro, Engel's Custom Framing & Trophies, will pay tribute to all those who have contributed to the work of the Foundation. Located in the front lobby of the new Cypress Regional Hospital The Wall of Honour- Caring for Generations will feature named Endowment Donors in the categories of Equipment, Operations and Scholarships who have donated a minimum of \$50,000.00, and Planned Gifts of \$25,000.00 or greater.

Used with the permission from Warner Brothers Entertainment Inc., The Dr. Noble Irwin Regional Healthcare Foundation Inc., has secured the naming rights to the Pay It Forward Endowment Program. The endowments will be able to help the Foundation meet the needs in the future both near and long term, and to fill out the mandate of assuring a continued improvement in the quality of healthcare for each resident in Southwest Saskatchewan.

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Pay it Forward Advisors: (L to R) Norm Tonnies - Mercator Financial, Roger Mirka - RBC Dominion Securities, Kevin Patenaude - Wellington West Capital Inc., Gary Koebel - Credential Financial Securities, Fred Sundquist - Sun Life Financial, Absent: Trent McCleary - CIBC Wood Gundy Brad Gross - BMO Nesbitt Burn

Lyn Johnston, CEO Dr. Noble Irwin Regional Healthcare Foundation Inc.,-
Endowments- What are they? -
Monday September 22 & 24,
October 20, 2008

Robert R. Heinrichs, partner- McLaughlin Forrester Heinrichs- Wills the Power of Choice-
Monday September 29 & October 1, 22, 2008

Tyler Bragg, partner - Pinnacle Financial Services.
Consider leaving a legacy. -
Monday October 6 & October 8, 27, 2008

Jerrod Schafer, Vice President Wellington West Capital Inc.
Protecting Your Retirement Nest Egg- Monday October 13 & October 15, 29, 2008

The Pay It Forward Endowment Magazine is available online at www.drirwinfoundation.com

The Pay It Forward Endowment Program specials will air on Southwest TV News:



Monday-	Wednesday-
September 22	September 24
September 29	October 1
October 6	October 8
October 13	October 15
October 20	October 22
October 27	October 29

Southwest TV News will begin broadcasting segments on the Pay It Forward Endowment Program beginning **Monday September 22, 2008**, running consecutively for 8 weeks, on **Mondays at 12 Noon & 6: 30 PM and Wednesdays 12 Noon & 6:30 PM timeslots.**

Program line-up/ issues to be discussed will include:

DON'T FORGET

Endowment funds work together and in combination to generate interest needed throughout the Southwest and, like every other donor contribution they're still directed by the contributor. In other words only you decide which endowment you wish to support and in which community the interest from your endowed funds will be directed. No contribution is too large or too small to benefit this program.

HELP WANTED

They are the invaluable volunteers that staff The Gift Shop at the Cypress Regional Hospital. You meet some of the most amazing people who donate their time, talent, energy, and expertise because they love people and want to make life better for someone else.



Since the doors opened in April, 2007, with the kind and generous support of our volunteers The Gift Shop at the Cypress Regional Hospital has generated, approximately \$25,000.00 In-Kind services. In valuing their contribution and ideas The Dr. Noble Irwin Regional Healthcare Foundation Inc., wishes to acknowledge those that have developed a Philosophy of Involvement for the volunteers continue to "Make a Difference"!

Are you ready to volunteer? Get started now!

- "For me, volunteering here is a special event because I get to know so many people." "My favorite thing is meeting the customers. What I enjoy most are the people that come into this place. All the customers-the patients, nurses, doctors-they're all just wonderful people! And, my co-workers I really like my co-workers!"
- "The interaction with people; I get a sense that I'm doing a little bit of good." "It's the interaction with people," she says. "I'm very people-oriented, and in the gift shop, you get to meet a lot of people: patients, visitors, employees."
- "What I get out of volunteering is personal. I've got friends and fulfillment I never knew before. It's a joy that makes me smile. I know about it and He" - pointing towards heaven - "knows about it and that's enough for me."

Being a volunteer is a demanding and responsible role, but it can bring huge rewards. Not only do you support a worthwhile organization providing essential services, but you can gain knowledge, experience and contacts that can improve your social life and help your career. Giving up just a few hours each month can make a great difference for a voluntary organization, for the community, and for you.

WE CANNOT DO IT WITHOUT YOU!
We really need your help.
All we need for Christmas are volunteers!

What is the Corporate Volunteer Program?

Dr. Noble Irwin Regional Healthcare Foundation welcomes the opportunity to partner with corporations through volunteer experiences. We developed a corporate volunteer program to work closely with your organization to identify volunteer opportunities that meet the needs and match the values of the company.

What can we offer?

Our program is designed to encourage employee involvement by using their skills and talents while developing new ones, providing them with team building activities and a means to boost work place morale.

We also offer:

- Training and orientation
- Onsite program orientation and supervision to provide a comfortable worthwhile experience
- Short and Long term opportunities that provide scheduling flexibility
- Recognition of all Corporate Sponsors



Room for One More

The East Side Church of God congregation in partnership with the Dr. Noble Irwin Regional Healthcare Foundation Inc. is developing a small park area behind the Habitat for Healthcare for guests to have a serene place to relax outdoors while enjoying their stay at Rotary House. The East Side Church of God has allocated \$5,000 out of the church budget to complete the project. On August 19, 2008 the sod was laid and the beauty of nature unfolded with a radiance of a new home. The Dr. Noble Irwin Regional Healthcare Foundation is deeply moved by the support shown of all the volunteers who helped this process along especially Jerry Knipfel, John Spiess & Gary Fuchs- Merivale Nursery & Jill Cavanagh of the East Side Church of God & the Swift Current Firefighters. There will always be, Room for One More.

Opportunities

Gift Shop - Assist with the daily functions of this nonprofit gift shop. Tasks include stocking shelves, cashier work, sales and general customer interaction. Job share with a friend if you prefer; groups welcome to take a regular shift. (2 1/2 hr weekly shifts) evenings / weekends available

Recruitment & Retention:

Physician / Family Support-
Assisting new physicians and their families by helping them settle into their new community. Making sure they feel welcome and have any assistance they require i.e. Getting registered for school, finding accommodations, social opportunities, acquiring drivers' licenses etc.

Office / Admin Support-

Volunteers are needed to assist with mail outs, photocopying, poster & brochure distribution as well as help with unanticipated or irregular tasks as they arrive.

- **Special Projects / Events - Volunteers are needed to assist with various duties before, during and after an event.**
- **Photographer Projects / Events - Volunteers are needed to "capture the moments" during an event.**



2nd Annual Lights for Life



Please join us...

Lighting Ceremony

Sunday, December 7, 2008
7:00 p.m.

Held next door to Habitat for Healthcare
2051 Saskatchewan Dr.
(East of the Cypress Regional Hospital)
Swift Current, SK
Refreshments, Smiles and
Season's Greetings provided.

A Holiday Tradition Continues...

Festival displays will be illuminated to represent gifts that have and will continue to improve the quality of healthcare in Southwest Saskatchewan. Lights for Life encourages the entire Southwest community to remember and honour their friends and family in a very special way. Participants are able to recognize individuals through their donations and will be acknowledged in the Lights for Life Tribute Book. With their generous contributions, they will not only be honoring one person, but will be investing in health care for all of Southwest Saskatchewan now and into the future.

Lights for Life donations may be given in memory of honoring someone you love, those who cannot be at home this season, or a simple season's greetings. Some may wish to give anonymously; your gift towards Lights for Life is important. Your help matters. Members of the Canadian Forces are in operations throughout the world in places like Iraq, Afghanistan, Kuwait, and Korea. Far from family and friends, these dedicated men and women have limited access to the everyday comforts of being-back-home. Here's your chance to show your support and make a difference! You have a choice of sponsoring a light or display.

With your generous contributions, you will not only be honoring one person, but it will also become a gift for all and is a true reflection on the real spirit of the holidays.

A charitable receipt will be issued for all donations & notification of your gift will be sent to the honoree or his/her family, both at home and abroad, if you wish. "Everyone is welcome to attend and enjoy the festivities" says Lyn Johnston, Foundation CEO "We look forward to sharing this holiday tradition with all our friends and families. We invite everyone to become a part of this worthwhile event by lighting a festival "feature" of your choice."

PRESENTED BY:



Yes, I want to be a part of Lights for Life

I wish to Light:

- White Light(s) at \$10 ea.
- Green Light(s) at \$50 ea.
- Gold Light(s) at \$100 ea.
- Red Light(s) at \$20 ea.
- Blue Light(s) at \$75 ea.

I wish to sponsor a display: Limited Number Only (Please call office at 306-778-3314 for display availability)

- Tree Top Star (6 only) at \$150 ea.
- 12' Noel Tree (6 only) at \$250 ea.
- Candycane (3 only) at \$250 ea.
- Snowman (3 only) at \$250 ea.
- Gift Boxes (3 only) at \$250 ea.
- Bell (3 only) at \$250 ea.
- Angel (1 only) at \$500 (SOLD)
- Candle (3 only) at \$250 ea.
- Ornament (3 only) at \$250 ea.

Last year's sponsors have first option. Select one of the four following endowments:

- Equipment
- Operations
- Scholarships
- General

My total contribution is \$ _____

Yes, I wish to recognize a person of choice Please make my contribution:

In Memory of: _____
In Honor of: _____
In Appreciation of: _____
Seasons Greetings to: _____

Please notify the honoree or his/her family
(at the address below) about my gift

Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ Prov: _____
Postal Code: _____

All contributions are tax deductible.

Yes, I want to be a part of Lights for Life

My Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ Prov: _____
Postal Code: _____ PH#: _____
Payment(s) made via: _____

Enclosed is my cheque for \$ _____
Cheques made payable to: _____

Dr. Noble Irwin
Regional Healthcare Foundation

Charge to: Visa Master Card
Amount \$ _____
Card No. _____
Expiry Date: _____
Required Signature: _____

Sunday December 7, 2008 at 7p.m.
For more information please call the
Foundation office toll free 1-866-666-6123
or 778-3314 or
www.drirwinfoundation.com or
email: drirwinfoundation@shaw.ca

Donor Recognition Kiosk

For many, giving is a way of life. Each year Southwest Saskatchewan residents and many beyond the region, support the Foundation by donating In-memoriam and In-honor of donations, annual giving and various contributions. To serve as a special tribute to those caring individuals the Foundation has placed a Donor-Recognition Kiosk that graces the centre of the Caring For Generations Wall of Honor in the Cypress Regional Hospital.

The Kiosk features an easy to use touch screen that will lead you through a simple menu enabling you to pinpoint all those who have been invaluable in helping to continue to improve the quality of health care for the residents of Southwest Saskatchewan.

Start planning now - Christmas is just around the corner...

The Gift Shop at Cypress Regional Hospital

It is a great way to support the Foundation at Christmas by shopping for one-of-a-kind gift ideas. Some people have the most unique holiday gift ideas. They might not have asked you what's on your list or know exactly what you want, but somehow their present is something you can use. You may never have thought of buying it for yourself, but now that it's yours you wonder how you ever lived without it.



Unique holiday gift ideas have a special place in your loved ones heart. Finding a good gift idea is sometimes not easy. Christmas time is coming soon but don't worry because we will help you find unique Christmas gift ideas! Choosing the perfect gift for Christmas can be very tough. Our volunteers are available to help make holiday shopping less stressful. If you're like me, you occasionally need help to find that perfect gift. You don't have the time to go to all the stores and haven't been able to find anything in the catalogs. Why not stop by the Gift Shop and have our volunteer staff help you. Whether children or adults, few things mean more to many hospital patients than knowing someone is thinking about them in their time of illness. Because we know how important the simplest gift can mean to patients, The Gift Shop provides cards, flowers, candy, musicals, stuffed animals and dozens of seasonal and general gift items every day. Drop by, and say hello to our volunteers for the smiles are always, **Free!**

HABITAT FOR HEALTHCARE

Built by and for the people of Southwest Saskatchewan

Families of patients and outpatients from rural Southwest Saskatchewan now have a place to stay while they are receiving treatment at Cypress Regional Hospital.

Habitat for Healthcare is located across Saskatchewan Drive from the hospital, which is ideal for the patient, visiting relatives and their families drivers. The 3,600-sq-foot multipurpose building contains a six bedroom hostel with attractive common areas and is barrier free. It also houses the new offices of the Dr. Noble Irwin Regional Healthcare Foundation. Habitat for Healthcare is the first complex of its' kind in the province outside the major cities.

CALENDAR

- * Saskatchewan Healthcare Auxiliaries Association Provincial Convention Wednesday October 22, 2008
- * Night out in Greece Saturday November 1, 2008
- * Lights for Life Sunday December 7, 2008
- * Ladies Auxillary Christmas Draw Tickets On Sale November 24, 2008
- (tickets available until December 12, 2008.) Thursday December 18, 2008
- * Volunteer Come and Go April, 2009
- * 10th Anniversary Celebration of the founding of the Dr. Noble Irwin Regional Healthcare Foundation Inc.