



Making a Difference in the Southwest

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FOUNDATION BEAT

Over the past nine years the Foundation's mission has been to raise, administer and disburse funds to improve the quality of health care for the people of Southwest Saskatchewan. With small beginnings the Foundation has grown into an operation that administers hundreds of thousands of dollars for equipment purchases for facilities across Southwest Saskatchewan every year.

Equipment has been purchased for every facility in the Region with more items currently approved. Your donations are going to work to improve the quality of your healthcare and make each facility the best of its kind in the province.

Total Amount Purchased from 1999 - 2007

Cabri Prairie Health Care Centre \$10,778.96	Herbert & District Integrated Health Facility \$41,972.77	Ponteix Health Centre \$10,582.34
Climax Border Health Centre \$7,663.91	Hodgeville Health Centre \$11,965.37	Prairie Pioneers Lodge \$36,786.90
Community Health \$2,792.00	Home Care \$20,256.97	Shaunavon Hospital & Care Centre \$22,988.05
Eastend Wolf Willow Health Centre \$28,658.91	Leader Hospital \$30,276.91	Swift Current Care Centre \$117,987.30
EMS \$23,138.60	Mankota Prairie View Health Centre \$8,030.95	Swift Current Hospital/Cypress Regional Hospital \$4,593,547.78
Frontier EMS \$8,000.00	Maple Creek Hospital \$35,900.94	Vanguard Health Centre \$4,948.62
Gull Lake Special Care Centre \$29,948.62	Palliser Regional Care Centre \$18,364.00	

Amounts Committed to be Purchased

Cabri Prairie Health Care Centre \$25,086.50	Hodgville Health Centre \$1,000.00	Prairie Pioneers Lodge \$3,000.00
Climax Border Health Centre \$1,086.50	Leader Hospital \$61,299.90	Richmond EMS \$9,122.40
Consul EMS \$9,122.40	Mankota Prairie View Health Centre \$35,000.00	Shaunavon Hospital & Care Centre \$51,809.90
Eastend Wolf Willow Health Centre \$18,700.00	Maple Creek Hospital \$53,153.90	Swift Current Hospital/Cypress Regional Hospital \$1,602,088.65
Gull Lake Special Care Centre \$13,086.50	Palliser Regional Care Centre \$40,256.00	Swift Current Care Centre \$18,800.00
Herbert & District Integrated Health Facility \$26,616.50	Ponteix Health Centre \$11,393.00	Vanguard Health Centre \$12,500.00

IMAGINE THAT!

We often think of the word Legacy as one of those grand gestures, made by wealthy citizens of distinction. However, in reality creating a legacy is more often accomplished by those of moderate means for a variety of reasons.

For some the tax advantages either now or in future for their estate will prove beneficial. "Rather a charity than more taxes to the government right?" For others, having an endowment or project that will carry their name or the name of their family for generations is the inspiration behind the investment. Others truly want to create a better situation for those who will follow by giving back to their community. All of the above reasons can inspire people to leave a legacy.

While there are great advantages to donating for the donor and the charity, many people still do not contribute. Not because they do not want to, but rather because they may not know how to go about it, or because they feel they will have time to make the contribution in future.

There are two key elements to determining when, what product and how much to invest in a Legacy. Planned Giving programs provide a variety of choices for donors. Proper advice from a qualified financial advisor, legal advisor or accountant, can ensure you achieve the results you want while receiving the proper benefit. Notifying the charity is the second key element. The charity can best advise you, what is available through their organization and what benefits are available with each program. What is equally important is that they understand exactly what you want done with the funds and are able to meet your expectations. Charities cannot ethically accept funds if they cannot meet the donor's wishes. A Code of Ethics governs many charities, like the Dr. Noble Irwin Regional Healthcare Foundation.

I am sure we all would like to leave the world a better place. You might be surprised to learn that the \$10,000 you thought you could leave to your favorite charity could instead set up a \$50,000, family named endowment that would support needs for generations to come. Imagine that!

By Lyn Johnston, CEO

Home Away from Home



Are you from out of town and have family or friends receiving treatment at the Hospital? Are you booked in for day surgery and are required to stay overnight? Rotary House can be a home away from home while spending time at the hospital. It is conveniently located on Saskatchewan Drive across the street from the Cypress Regional Hospital. The house has everything you need to make your stay more comfortable. A kitchenette to make your own food, a TV lounge to relax in, internet access and even hand made quilts and afghans to curl up in. Also our facilities are barrier free to allow for people with every need.

"The staff I met have become my friends and should be proud of such a worthy cause and wonderful facility." - G.M., Calgary

"What a wonderful place to stay. We are so blessed. Thank you." - M.E., Maple Creek

If you require more information about our facility or would like to book a room please feel free to call: 1-866-666-6123 or (306) 778-3314

Rates:
2 Double Beds \$35.00 Check In: 2:00 p.m.
2 Twin Beds \$30.00 Check Out: 10:00 a.m.

Rooms available 7 days per week. Advance Booking is required.

Our office hours: Monday to Friday
8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

After hours calls will be taken by our on-call representative who will be happy to assist you.

Visa, MasterCard and Debit Accepted

Please note, this is for accommodation only, no medical personnel are employed at this facility.



More Foundation News...

THANK YOU!

We want to thank our volunteers that have contributed their time and energy to make all that we have done here at the Dr. Noble Irwin Regional Healthcare Foundation a success. We have many volunteers donate their time and energy to every project, building Habitat for Healthcare, fundraising activities, and running our gift shop.



VOLUNTEER HIGHLIGHT

Garth Wightman has been a volunteer in our Gift Shop at the Cypress Regional Hospital since September 2007. He is recently retired from owning and operating A&W and wanted to give something back to his community. He found our ad in the paper and responded to our call for volunteers. He says it's, "kind of fun to work in the gift shop" and says he enjoys working with the customers. We appreciate Garth's contributions along with all of our other volunteers.

MORE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If you want to have some fun and feel as though your time is well spent please let us know. We have many projects coming up in the near future as well as on going operations that continually need the help of willing individuals. The Foundation needs your help to continue delivering services to the people of the Southwest. Support and training will be provided. If you wish to learn new skills, meet people, enhance your resume and can commit to being a volunteer call us today.

Please call: 306-778-3314 or Toll Free: 1-866-666-6123

Dr. Noble Irwin Regional Healthcare Foundation Inc.

Annual General Meeting

With guest speaker Bob Wonnick
From the Leave a Legacy Speaker's Bureau

7:00 p.m., Wednesday April 2, 2008
Entrepreneurial Centre
George St & 6th Avenue N.E., Swift Current, SK



Foundation Welcomes Newcomers

On January 31st, 2008 the Foundation's Recruitment and Retention Committee hosted a come and go for some newcomers to our community. The purpose of Recruitment and Retention is to make the move to Swift Current for Physicians and their families as pleasant as possible. The Foundation held a come and go which allowed physicians wives to network and met other women going through the same experiences. Foundation volunteers were on hand to introduce themselves and help make the transition into the community easier for the families.

Anne Moola, member of the Foundation Board and the Recruitment and Retention committee, said that the afternoon was very enjoyable for everyone. The women were able to share their experiences and opinions of what is required when moving to a new city. The event had a good turn out with around 16 people attending. Some of the women that attended were from Africa, India, Pakistan and other parts of Canada.

The Recruitment and Retention committee hopes to hold more functions like this one to ensure new families feel welcome and fit into our community.

Sister Spreads Her Generosity

Rotary House has received numerous donations over the past year, big and small. One of those donations has served a special purpose making the hostel feel a little more like home. Sister Ida Chaperon of the Sisters of Notre Dame in Ponteix has spent countless hours creating afghans for the hostel rooms. They provide extra comfort for people that require a place to stay while receiving treatment or visiting friends and relatives who are in the hospital. We want to thank Sister Ida Chaperon for her efforts and generosity.

Continuing Support



Beatrice Haubrich, Sherry Hornung, Earl Haubrich, and Stacy Peters from the Hodgeville Business Association, presented a cheque to Bill Redekop, of the Foundation. The money was raised through their Christmas lights fundraiser and will be used for improvements to the Hodgeville Health Centre.



REM Enterprises continues to show their support of the foundation with their presentation of a cheque to Foundation Board Member Eilennette Binette. The cheque was presented by Darwin Seidler on behalf of the employees at REM.

Event Calendar

APRIL 2008

- Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday April 2nd at 7 p.m. at the Entrepreneurial Centre.

MAY 2008

- Rotary Club Lobster Fest held May 2nd & 3rd at the Swift Current Comprehensive High School. Cocktails at 6:00 p.m. and supper at 7 p.m. Call Gladys Martens at 778-3214 for more information or to purchase tickets.
- Round 12 Skills Enrichment Scholarship applications due May 31st.
- Foundations Charity Golf Tournament - May 28th.

Staffing Update

- As of March, Peg Olfert has been with the Foundation as Administrative Assistant for 4 years.
- Tara Douville, Program Co-ordinator is on a 14 month leave of absence.
- Becky Warkentin has joined the Foundation in Tara's place as the Program Co-ordinator
- Nicole Friesen has joined the Foundation this March as the Volunteer Co-ordinator.

Gifts Galore

The Gift Shop specializes in:
Stuffed Critters Baby Gifts
Musical Water Globes

They also carry a wide assortment of:
Flower Bouquets
Knit products
Magazines

If you are looking for a flower arrangement, a cute stuffed critter or any sort of cheer-me-up gift the Hospital gift shop will fill your needs. Not only when you need a spur of the moment gift for a friend who's in the hospital, but for any occasion.

Candy Bouquets
Greeting Cards
Confectionary items



Located in:
The New Cypress Regional Hospital Lobby
2004 Saskatchewan Dr., Swift Current, SK
(306) 778-7399

We accept Visa, Master Card and Debit.

Come in and see the selection. Our volunteers would be more than happy to help you select a gift perfect for that special someone.



Duane Smith of Jay Dee Equipment Ltd. made their final contribution to the Foundation for a room they pledged to the Rotary House. Dawood Moola accepted the donation on behalf of the Foundation and the Swift Current Rotary Club.

3rd Annual Charity Golf Classic

Sponsored by Roger Mirka,
Investment Advisor



It's time to start dusting off those clubs as spring is just around the corner and so is the 3rd Annual Charity Golf Classic. Last year's tournament was a huge success and this year's will be even better. We are currently looking for volunteers, sponsors and more participants to come out and spend the day with us. There will be:

- Prizes at every hole
- Mouthwatering steak bar-b-que
- Contests
- A silent auction
- Grand prize to the Texas Scramble winner.

Phone now to book your FOURSOME!
1866-666-6123 or
(306) 778-3314

Stay tuned for a MAJOR announcement!

May 28, 2008
Elmwood Golf & Country Club
Tee-off 12:00 p.m.
\$100 Entry Fee

