Every moment is a gift.
Each and every one of us has the power to invest in what matters most - our health, the health of our loved ones and the health of our community.

QEI Health Sciences Centre Foundation

The QEII Health Sciences Centre Foundation is dedicated to raising philanthropic funds to support the QEII Health Sciences Centre and the QEII Foundation. The Foundation acts as a conduit for financial support from all levels of the community, ensuring that the QEII Health Sciences Centre and the QEII Foundation are able to achieve their vision of better health, the Foundation strengthens care delivered at the QEII, improving the health and lives of Atlantic Canadians.

QEI Health Sciences Centre

The QEII Health Sciences Centre takes care of Atlantic Canadians when they need it most. With 700 physicians, more than 7,000 staff and 1,200 volunteers, the QEII is the largest adult health sciences centre in Atlantic Canada. The QEII serves as the specialized care centre for Atlantic Canada in areas such as heart health, cancer care, neurosurgery and organ transplantation. As the local community hospital for immediate care and emergency services providing the most advanced care available today, the QEII is a leading medical research and teaching centre for tomorrow’s healthcare professionals.

Although we don’t often think about it, life moments are shaped and influenced by our health and the health of our loved ones. The QEII Health Sciences Centre and the QEII Foundation have the privilege of meeting patients, their families and donors who openly share their life-defining moments experienced at the health centre. We hope you enjoy reading their stories in this annual report.

A visit to the hospital can be an emotional experience, filled with uncertainty, change and challenges. But one thing will always remain the same - the QEII will be here 24/7, delivering the best care possible, when you and your loved ones need it most.

This year saw great progress for the QEII Foundation. Whether you supported one of our campaigns, attended a fundraising event or purchased a QEII lottery ticket, your support allowed the QEII Foundation to have the most successful year in its eighteen year history. With community support, patients were able to receive treatment and diagnoses faster, physicians and healthcare workers have new and improved equipment to work with, and lives were saved.

This year, we celebrated the completion of our campaign for a new Breast Health Centre, with our partners at the IWK Foundation. In collaboration with the provincial government, several major funding commitments for new technologies at the QEII were completed, and in partnership with Partners for Care and a generous donor, the health centre is acquiring a new MRI for patient care and research.

Our fifth endowed research Chair was announced and the inaugural program was introduced. We launched campaigns for Revitalizing Rehab, the Neuroscience Alliance, the Simulation Learning Centre, VG Outpatient Clinics and the Endowed Chair in Palliative Care Research. Thanks to our supporters and the dedication of nurses, physicians, volunteers and staff who play a vital role in health care at the QEII, we are now better and stronger, together.

Looking ahead, we have ambitious goals to significantly advance services for patient care, improve facilities and enhance the research mission of the QEII. We have an opportunity to transform health services for Atlantic Canadians through bold philanthropic leadership. We look forward to sharing our plans with you in the near future.

Thank you, to each and every donor to the Foundation, for all you have done for the QEII. We also want to recognize the dedicated volunteer QEII Foundation Board of Trustees who give so much of their time and resources for the work of the QEII. Your support has made a tremendous impact on the lives of Atlantic Canadians.
Melissa Baker

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“I wouldn’t have been able to get through my time at the QEII if it weren’t for the QEII Wi-Fi and seeing my kids. It was a lifeline for me.”

Patient care funding

QEII Wi-Fi helped keep Melissa connected to her children while she was receiving life-changing care at the QEII in the epilepsy monitoring unit, the only adult facility in the region with this monitoring capability. Susan Rahey and Dr. Mark Sadler are part of the QEII Foundation’s Neuroscience Alliance campaign to advance care for patients with disorders of the nervous system.

This year, in collaboration with the provincial government, the QEII Foundation approved funding for surgical instruments, a multi-detector CT scanner, a neuroangiography unit, an identification and classification system used during diagnosis, an automated dispensing system, heater and cooler units used during cardiac surgery, and a neurosurgery microscope. Whether it is a simple item that provides added comfort or a complex machine that delivers high-tech treatment, your generosity is felt by patients every day.

Connecting to what matters most

After spending five weeks in the QEII’s epilepsy monitoring unit, with only one visit home to Summerside, PEI, Melissa found herself missing out on life’s little moments. This was until she logged on to QEII Wi-Fi for the first time and discovered her two young children were only a few clicks away. Technology became a theme for the family of three, and Melissa saw her children each day through video chat. Quickly, her evenings were filled with stories about school, homework and weekend plans. Despite the distance between them, Melissa was part of her loved ones’ day with the help of a wireless connection and modern technology. Thanks to the generous support provided by the Gauthier and David families, patients and families at the QEII can now stay connected 24 hours a day, 365 days a year with free, unrestricted Wi-Fi.

In 2013-2014 donors to the QEII Foundation helped fund patient care including programs, equipment, technology and facilities in areas such as:

- Ambulatory Care
- Breast Health Centre
- Camp Hill Veterans Memorial
- Cancer Care
- Cardiology
- Diagnostic Imaging
- Electrophysiology
- James and Edna Claydon Radiation Treatment Clinic
- Medical Day Unit
- Neurosurgery
- Orthopaedics
- Prostate
- Rehabilitation
- Urology
- Wi-Fi Technology
Leanne Trites

“Christa and I have been friends for over 30 years; her girls mean the world to me. Not missing out on those moments, like dance class, school projects or building a gingerbread house, means everything.”

Making every second count

After ten years, Leanne had to go back on the kidney transplant list. While waiting is tough, she’s relieved she no longer has to travel from her home in Greenwood to the QEII, for three hours of dialysis, three times a week. Thanks to the support from QEII staff, she now does at-home dialysis. This not only allows Leanne to work full-time, it saves her hours of travel: meaning she doesn’t have to miss out on sunny days with her best friend Christa and her girls.

Research and education funding

Dr. Karthik Tennankore and Cynthia Stockman are working on a research project to help improve the quality of life for many patients like Leanne, through dialysis support online. They are one of the first teams to receive a QEII Foundation Translating Research Into Care (TRIC) grant, supported by Charm Diamond Centres Night of Discovery research gala. TRIC grants are awarded to successful teams of researchers and administrators who propose ideas that will fuel direct and positive changes for health care. This is just one of more than 1,200 QEII research projects transforming health care in our region.

The Foundation announced Dr. Ian Alwayn as the inaugural QEII Foundation Endowed Chair in Transplantation Research. Funding was completed for the Endowed Chair in Arthroplasty and Joint Mobility Outcomes. Endowed chairs provide leadership in medical research by providing stable funding allowing advancements to be made.

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- Arthroplasty
- Breast Cancer
- Cardiology
- Cystic Fibrosis
- Dialysis
- Electrophysiology
- Geriatrics
- Mental Health
- Neurosurgery
- Pancreatic Cancer
- Population Cancer
- Prostate Cancer
- Surgery
- Transplantation
Life goes by so fast, we cherish every moment we get to spend with the kids. And while we aren’t in a position to do as much as we’d like to today, we wanted to ensure we helped in the future. It’s our way of giving back.

Mary Moore was grateful for the health care she received throughout her life. As a very giving person, Mary arranged undesignated bequests in her will supporting several of her favourite charities, one being the QEII Foundation.

Thanks to her thoughtful generosity, her estate helped build the new Breast Health Centre which has reduced wait times for patients, brought vital services and clinics together in one space, and purchased much-needed technology and equipment advancements.

Mary’s legacy will live on not only through her family but through the lives of patients touched by her generosity.

To learn more about how you can make a difference for tomorrow’s patients, contact Charles O’Neil at 902 473 4511 or visit Qe2Foundation.ca.

After over a decade abroad, Gillian and Jason knew it was time to come home. They wanted their kids to grow up in Nova Scotia surrounded by friends and family.

After moving home, Gillian soon found herself by her father’s bedside at the QEII. Time spent with him had a lasting impression: slow down, live now and focus on what is important, he said. His words remind Gillian and Jason to make the most of every moment. And while life is always full of kids’ activities and responsibilities, they have made their community a priority by leaving a future gift to the QEII.

Gillian and Jason arranged contingent bequests in their wills to the QEII, as an investment in the future health of their children and their community. Through their gift, they will continue to make a difference long after they are gone.

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I just keep picturing myself in Rio.

I want to win gold

– not just for me, but for my family and everyone who has supported me along the way, like Sue; she is the best.

I plan to make Cape Breton and Nova Scotia proud.

From rehab to Rio

Twelve years ago, a devastating car accident left 17-year-old Pam paralyzed, but it didn’t stop her competitive spirit. QEII physiotherapist and former national athlete, Sue MacLeod, convinced Pam to get in the therapeutic pool as part of her immediate care plan.

What they didn’t know then, was those first few moments in the pool were preparing Pam to eventually become one of Canada’s top contenders for the 2016 Paralympic Games in Rio. While the road to Rio is not easy, Pam is more focused than ever. And with the community behind her, she is going for gold.

Revitalizing Rehab

Margot Spafford understands the difference a gift to the QEII Foundation can make in the lives of patients like Pam. While visiting loved ones at the QEII’s Nova Scotia Rehabilitation Centre, Margot was moved by the miracles that happen there. It’s where people get their lives back.

Everyone, at some point in their lives, will need health care. Proud to be able to impact the lives of others, Margot wants to be an ambassador for the things she believes in, like the Revitalizing Rehab campaign at the QEII.

Revitalizing Rehab is aiming to restore the therapeutic pool that was closed in December 2011 due to safety and infrastructure risks. The campaign will also renovate an outdated assisted living suite that has a bedroom, bathroom and kitchen to help patients learn skills needed to return home. To date, $1.3 million has been raised for this campaign.

Rehabilitation Centre staff are energetic and determined to bring back and enhance these opportunities for patients to experience greater success in their recovery and to get back to life with their family.
When you lose someone to illness you want to celebrate the things they loved about their life.

For my dad, one of those things was skiing.

Mark Gascoigne

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Honouring moments with loved ones

Bob Gascoigne was always an outdoor enthusiast, from his younger years hiking and climbing the mountains of Europe, to his later years, taking up skiing with his family at Wentworth mountain. Fondly recalling their time spent together, Bob’s son, Mark, was inspired by his father’s passion for the great outdoors. In September 2008, Mark lost his father to colon cancer, just six months after he was diagnosed. Not long after, the first participants of Get Up There for Colorectal Cancer were scaling Ski Wentworth to raise awareness of the disease.

Six years later, Get Up There is thriving. This year, in partnership with the QEII Foundation, equipment was purchased to provide non-invasive care that will reduce the number of early colorectal cancer patients required to have major abdominal surgery at the QEII. Already planning next year’s event, and armed with the most important people in his life – his wife, two sons and 74-year-old mother – Mark continues to keep Get Up There at Ski Wentworth a family affair.

Community initiatives

Initiatives like Mark’s Get Up There for Colorectal Cancer is one of many community initiatives that give back in support of health. Events like Wine Tasting for Thyroid Cancer Care, Beaton Brainer Golf Tournament for the Brain Repair Centre, Craig’s Cause for pancreatic cancer, and Leukemia Live for leukemia patients, ensure patients at the QEII benefit from the community supporting all aspects of the health centre. To learn more about these community champions, or how to get involved, visit QE2Foundation.ca.

Caring for patients

As a family physician in Halifax for 28 years, Dr. Howard Conter has spent countless hours with his patients – and fundraising for initiatives related to their care. Happy to help out where he can, Dr. Conter understands the critical role fundraising has for the patients at the QEII, including community initiatives like Get Up There for Colorectal Cancer. While the QEII has come a long way, Dr. Conter knows there is still more to be done. He sees a future of world-leading researchers, specialists and care at the QEII – and he plans to help make it happen.

Mark Gascoigne

Dr. Howard Conter, MD
QEII Foundation Board of Trustee
The QEII Foundation is proud to introduce our volunteer Board of Trustees who with their leadership, help make the Foundation a strong, successful organization.

2013-2014 VOLUNTEER BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Ex-officio: Chris Power, President & CEO, Capital District Health Authority, and Bill Bean, President & CEO, QEII Foundation
It is usually a change in health that makes us sit up and take notice of the moments around us.

As volunteer Chair of the QEII Foundation Board of Trustees, I am reminded of these precious moments when I hear patients speak about how their lives have been changed by the generosity of donors to the QEII Foundation.

I feel honoured to be part of a team that contributes to the health of our community, including the Board of Trustees who are all volunteers who dedicate their time, resources and passion to improve health care. By working together as a community, lives were changed and saved. As volunteer Chair of the QEII Foundation Board of Trustees, I am reminded of these precious moments when I hear patients speak about how their lives have been changed by the generosity of donors to the QEII Foundation.

I also want to recognize the contributions and leadership of the Capital Health executive team, and the dedication of staff whose passion helps ensure the right care is available when loved ones need it most.

Thank you for your compassion and generosity.

On behalf of the patients, and their families, arriving at the QEII every day - thank you. By donating to the QEII Foundation, you are investing in the health of your community. Life-changing and life-saving moments happen every day at the QEII and your gift helps ensure the right care is available when loved ones need it most.

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EXPENSES - 22%
Fundraising  10%
General admin 8%
Public education 2%
Donor recognition 1%
Investments 1%

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