





QEII Health Sciences Centre Foundation

The QEII Foundation inspires generosity to advance health care at the QEII Health Sciences Centre. With financial support from all levels of the community, the QEII Foundation helps fund new technologies, medical research, innovation and professional education that contribute to life-changing moments experienced every day by patients and their loved ones. By working together with people who share a vision of better health, the Foundation strengthens care delivered at the QEII, improving the health and lives of Atlantic Canadians.

OEII 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, the QEII provides the most advanced care available today. It also is a leading medical research and teaching centre for tomorrow's healthcare professionals.

Improving health for our communities.

The QEII will always be here for you.

The QEII Health Sciences Centre is open 365 days a year to deliver the best care to you and your loved ones. And the QEII Foundation continues to work with our community of donors to advance patient care, improve facilities and enhance the research mission of the QEII.

In 2014-2015, the QEII Foundation raised \$14.8-million to support care in all 10 buildings of the QEII. We celebrated the completion of our ambulatory campaign, with donors funding the evolution of outpatient care by helping to provide 27 more exam rooms and equipment to serve the 498,000 annual outpatient visits. We continued to support 25 per cent of all QEII capital equipment purchases - items such as patient monitoring systems, new surgical equipment and anesthesia machines.

These are just a few examples of the strength that philanthropy has in our community. This annual report highlights the impact donors made to the QEII this year - thanks to every one of you who supported one of our campaigns, attended an event or purchased a lottery ticket. Your support is felt across the QEII, by the more than one million patient visits.

Dealing with an injury. Watching a loved one cope with an illness. Or simply wanting to make a difference. These are just a few of the reasons donors were inspired to give to the QEII Foundation last year. It is a privilege to work with this community - those who continue to give back and ensure that the best health care is available to them and their loved ones.

Your support has made a tremendous impact on the lives of Atlantic Canadians. As we collaborate with the province on a shared vision for major change and advancement to QEII facilities, we look forward to working with you and continuing to shape the future of care at the QEII.

Thank you,

Bill Bean, President & CEO, QEII Foundation Nancy MacCready-Williams, Chair, QEII Foundation, CEO, Doctors Nova Scotia





QEII Foundation 2014-2015

COST RATIO

NET INCOME - 75% EXPENSES - 25%

Fundraising 9% General admin 11% Public education 3% Donor recognition 1% Investments 1%

The QEII Foundation raises funds for many of the QEII Health Sciences Centre's major priorities, some of which have multi-year commitments. As a result, funds raised may be disbursed over several years, as needed. In 2014-2015, the QEII Foundation disbursed \$11.3-million to the QEII, 72% of which supported patient care requirements and 28% supported research and education initiatives. For a complete set of financial statements, which have been audited and reported upon by our auditors Grant Thornton LLP, please visit QE2Foundation.ca. If you have questions, please contact 902 473 7932 or info@qe2foundation.ca.

Together, we make great things happen.

Whether it was a simple item comforting a patient on their hardest day, or equipment needed for the latest cancer-related treatment, QEII Foundation supporters were there every step of the way. And while we could fill every page with the impact made, here are just a few examples of how your generosity made a difference in the lives of Atlantic Canadian patients and the staff of the QEII.



The QEII is now home to one of the most impressive automated lab track systems in North America that processes blood and other specimens.

- Patient safety and system efficiency has been greatly enhanced
- Reduced analysis time per test
- Patients will receive their results and diagnoses sooner
- The QEII will average nine million tests per year 25,000 tests a day

\$3.1-M·

QEII patients now have access to the most sophisticated 3T MRI system in Atlantic Canada, thanks to donors, including a significant gift from the Gauthier and David families.



The QEII can now scan an additional 50 clinical patient cases a week



Reduced wait times



Opportunities for education and new research studies



68 Comfort and Care grants and nine Rehabilitation Endowment grants were given by the QEII Foundation to improve the patient experience.

- Blanket warmers, chairs, books, music, exercise bikes and many other comfort items will now be by the bedsides of thousands of patients
- Advanced technology like adaptive rowing systems, eye gaze computer systems, and workstations on wheels will improve independence and confidence for thousands of rehabilitation patients, resulting in happier and healthier outcomes

\$178,941



New linear accelerators will provide the latest in cancer care treatment.

- More patients treated per day
- Reduction in radiation to healthy tissues



QEII Home Lottery ticket buyers helped support all areas of the QEII.

 15 pieces of critical equipment were funded in areas such as: the Eye Care Centre, diagnositc imaging, surgical suites, heart health, urology and breast health, among other important areas



Donors revitalized rehab with a new therapeutic pool at the QEII's Rehabilitation Centre.

- Quicker recovery times for patients
- Multiple patients can receive treatment at the same time

happiest place on earth to celebrate

how lucky I am."

Pancreatic cancer survivor Kelly Power completed her first full marathon in Disney in January 2015 to mark her five year anniversary of overcoming the odds against pancreatic cancer. Sending love and support from home was her family cheering squad, complete with her daughter and pre-school son Patrick Mark, named after her QEII physician, Dr. Mark Walsh.

\$1.4-M

Though pancreatic cancer is the fourth most common cause of cancer death in Canada, it is largely considered an under-funded and hard to treat cancer. The five year survival rate is just eight per cent.

This is why the QEII Foundation teamed up with the Canadian Cancer Society and Craig's Cause Pancreatic Cancer Society to make a big impact in improving survival rates and treatment. Together this partnership and the many donors it represents contributed \$1.4-million to pancreatic cancer research - the most significant single contribution ever from Atlantic Canada.

Annually, the QEII Foundation continues to fund endowed research chairs to advance patient care in areas such as joint mobility, cardiovascular outcomes, breast cancer, population cancer, and transplantation.



Endowed chairs exist in perpetuity



Opportunities to discover new treatment options



Researchers devote their time and focus to solve medical mysteries



Supporting research initiatives to bridge scientific discovery and breast cancer treatment for patients.

In Nova Scotia, one in nine women will face a breast cancer diagnosis and every second day a Nova Scotia family loses someone to the disease. This year, the QEII Foundation celebrated a grant of \$1.5-million from the Breast Cancer Society of Canada.

- Increasing the survival rate for breast cancer patients
- Keeping families together, longer

\$1.5-M



1,200 ·

There are 1,200 active QEII research projects transforming health care in our region.

The QEII's Atlantic Clinical Cancer Research Unit (ACCRU) is one group involved in coordinating trials. Many trials are underway simultaneously, across all cancer specialities. The Hill family invested in these trials with a gift to the QEII Foundation. "My husband received excellent care at the QEII and as a result, I was inspired to give," says Margaret Hill. "Without clinical trial research, none of the important advances in cancer treatment would reach patients and their families."

- Discovering new treatment options
- Advancing care across all cancer specialties



Translating Research into Care (TRIC) grants were awarded to teams of researchers and administrators.

These projects are aimed at supporting positive changes for health care in areas such as emergency care, cancer care, rehabilitation and frailty.

- Improving patient outcomes
- Reducing wait times
- Improving access to care

Research finds cures, uncovers new treatments and changes the delivery of health care.

Today's discoveries become tomorrow's cures. In addition to the stories above, in 2014-2015, donors to the OEII Foundation helped fund research and education initiatives in areas such as:

- Arthroplasty
- Cardiology
- Cystic Fibrosis

- Electrophysiology
- Mental Health
- Population Cancer

- Orthopaedics
- Transplantation



I have arranged a gift in my will

to the QEII Foundation for ALS patient care."



After leaving India with only \$50 in his pocket, Surinder Sarwal settled in Halifax in 1965. As he faced his own healthcare challenges, Surinder made his first gift to the QEII Foundation 10 years ago. He wanted to help ensure the QEII was there when his family needed it. And they did need it. Saroj, his wife of 46 years, was diagnosed with ALS and passed away in February 2014. Today, Surinder is planning for the future of all Atlantic Canadians by leaving a gift in his will to the QEII Foundation.

Many people are moved to leave a gift to the QEII Foundation in their will. When they talk about their planned gift, these donors often share stories about the excellent care they or a loved one received at the QEII. Arranging a gift in their will helps ensure the care is available for future generations of Atlantic Canadians, if and when they need it.





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Estate gifts, both large and small, amounted to more than \$500,000 in 2014-2015.

- Areas of greatest need
- Cancer treatment and research
- Comfort and care
- Haematology
- Palliative care
- The Rehabilitation Centre
- The Veterans Memorial Building
- The Veterans Memorial Garden

In 2014-2015, the QEII Foundation received 18 gifts from estates of the following visionary donors:

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On behalf of the patients and families who will be touched by this generosity, thank you.

To learn more about how you can make a difference for tomorrow's patients, contact Charles O'Neil at 902 442 7196 or visit QE2Foundation.ca.

Building a community of philanthropy

for all Atlantic Canadians.

Supporting better health is the goal of community initiatives. These third-party fundraisers are organized and managed by an individual, group or organization, and while they differ in size and scope, together they raised more than \$378,000 in 2014-2015. Here are a few examples of the teams of champions who are helping to change lives at the QEII.





Comic Vision Halifax

A comedy event supporting sight-saving research at the QEII.

- 32,101 Atlantic Canadians are affected by vision loss
- Increase in funds directed to vision-related research projects



Get Up There for Colorectal Cancer

A day-long hiking and skiing event to create awareness and help patients living with colorectal cancer.

- 112 participants hiked and climbed Wentworth mountain from dawn to dusk
- More patients will be screened for colorectal cancer



\$20,771.

nscc

NSCC Bone Marrow Transplant fundraiser

A collaboration of students and instructors raising funds to comfort patients receiving stem cell transplants.

- 27 students and faculty working together to create a better patient experience
- More patients connected by telephone to long-distance loved ones
- Patients will have more resources to pass the time during inpatient stays



DND Mooseheads Jersey Auction

An auction for hockey fans, supporting the OEII's Veterans Memorial Garden.

- 24 jerseys auctioned off
- Garden grounds will be maintained so veterans can enjoy the fresh air and outdoor space



The QEII Foundation is proud to introduce our volunteer Board of Trustees who through their leadership, help make the Foundation a strong, successful organization.



As volunteer chair of the QEII Foundation Board of Trustees, I have witnessed many moments that remind me **health matters most**. Inspired by the patient stories and the passion shown by the healthcare teams, each QEII Foundation staff member and Board of Trustees give personal contributions. We believe it starts with us and carries forward with you – and we want to thank you for helping us support the extraordinary care, research, physicians and staff at the QEII Health Sciences Centre. Through the generosity of donors to the QEII Foundation, we are supporting a world-leading health centre, and in turn, changing the lives of Atlantic Canadians. I have been honoured to be part of this volunteer board and greater community of philanthropy. As I move into my role as past chair, I look forward to continuing to advance health care for Atlantic Canadians. The board welcomes Dale Godsoe as incoming chair for 2015-2016.

Thank you for sharing our vision of better health and truly showing that health matters most.

Your generosity and compassion helps ensure the best care is available when our loved ones need it most.

Namey MacCreach Williams

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Your compassion and generosity make a difference for the hundreds of patients, and their families, arriving at the QEII every day. By donating to the QEII Foundation, you are investing in the health of your community, helping ensure the right care is available when our loved ones need it most.

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