



Lake of the Woods District Hospital Foundation

Fall/Winter 2020

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Virtual Lifesavers Event

Raises \$234,500



Celebrating our 2020 Lighthouse families!

Ruth Asper & Gail Asper

Bryce & Nicki Douglas

Guy & Lou Goodwin

David & Ingrid Graves

John & Lisa Heimbecker

Larry & Carolyn Hursh

Eric Johnson

Andrew & Lisa Paterson

Gerry & Barb Price

Bob & Marnie Puchniak

Rob & Penny Richards

Hartley & Heather Richardson

Jim & Leney Richardson

Sandy & Debbie Riley

Ross & Allana Robinson

Rod & Jeannie Senft

Graeme & Sara Thomson

Arni Thorsteinson & Susan Glass

2020 Contributions:

Gary Bachman Tribute

Martin and Ellen Brodigan

Blake Murray and Nancy Riley

David and Rosemary Malaher

Paul and Lynne McRea

Edward J. Ransby

Judy and Ken Murray

J. Edward and Jean Czaja

David and Tori Newall

Beverley Richardson

Christine Skene and Nick Logan

Paul and Carol Hill

David and Nicola Tory

Don and Catherine Konantz

Aynsley and Grant Cockshott

Cheryl and Mike O'Flaherty

Arthur and Jennifer Fast

John Pacak

Ferg and Kathy Devins

Kathleen O'Flaherty

Cecilia O'Flaherty

Erica Pratt

Thank you!

Virtual Lifesavers Committee - 2020

Lisa Paterson - Lifesavers Champion

**Aynsley Cockshott, Catherine Konantz, Kate Paterson,
Lisa Heimbecker, Kaleigh Roscoe & Dominique Kyle**

**Thank you to the following donors for
their 'door prize' donation:**

Innovair Group Tall Pines Marina

Spiders and More Form Aesthetics

Holly Ann Friesen WSL Sport & Leisure

Harbourfront Oil & Vinegar

Online Art Exhibit
Sponsor:

Mayberry
FINE ART



Save the Date: 16th Annual Lifesavers

Dinner & Auction

Saturday, August 7th, 2021

Lifesavers...over the years



Looking forward to adding to our album next summer!

Thank YOU for your generosity and commitment to your hospital at the lake. I cannot express accurately enough just how much your kindness and philanthropy has helped us through this uncertain time. You are our lifesavers!

Take care, stay well and cheers to celebrating with you at RLWYC for Lifesavers 2021.

*Jess Rheault
LWDHF Executive Director*

Thank you 'fore' your support!

Despite having to cancel our annual golf tourney, LWDHF still received the support of many of our golfers not only through donations in honour of the event we couldn't have, but also through their own mini golf tourneys while staying within public gathering guidelines! Thank you!

Thank you to our Diamond Sponsor for 2020:

Brian Hastings

And to our golfers who supported the tournament even though we were unable to play:

Dennis Alvestad

Paul Hill

Bryce Douglas

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HOSPITAL FOUNDATION

LWDHF
PAR 3 CHARITY CHALLENGE

An all inclusive event

Save the Date!
July 15th, 2021

Over \$108,000 raised in 2019!

WELL PLAYED SIR.



Thank you to the 'Thursday Business Group' for inviting us out to the course this August to sell

mulligans in support of LWDHF. There were a number of familiar faces and regular supporters of our golf tournament on hand and by sundown \$1900 was donated to your hospital.



Paige Stevenson (right) was happy to share with our Executive Director Jess Rheault (left) a \$2000 donation collected at a family and friends scramble golf tournament held at Kenora Golf and Country Club on August 15th, 2020. The group had decided to give back to LWDHF in appreciation of treatment they have received from their hospital in previous years and most recently this summer, mentioning some stitches, broken bones and concussion. Thank you Paige and friends for thinking of your hospital 'FORE' this donation.

Giving inspirations



The **Kenora Dragon Tamers** have been supporting cancer care at LWDH since 2007. Since that time, they have donated over \$57,000 to help with mammography, the chemo department and now telemedicine. The Dragon Tamers pledged \$30,000 to upgrading telemedicine equipment at LWDH allowing patients to see their specialists located across Canada, without leaving Kenora. Having telemedicine makes it easier physically, emotionally and financially on patients and families and is essential in patient care. It allows patients to stay here in Kenora and meet with their specialists remotely; giving them access to the care they need right here at home.



In celebration of the Dragon Tamers fulfillment of their \$30,000 commitment to help with Telemedicine, Executive Director Jess Rheault along with several members of the Dragon Tamers did a little dance on the lawn with the Pink Dragon! Thank you ladies for your strength as cancer survivors and your dedication to helping others in their fight.

Lake of the Woods District Hospital Ladies Auxiliary graciously gives their time and effort into doing great things for our hospital and we couldn't possibly thank them enough! One of those things is operating the Kenora Hospital Gift Shop. A true hidden gem! When you visit you are sure to find something for that special someone or yourself! The Hospital Gift Shop is open Monday to Friday 1 p.m.-3 p.m. Debit/Credit only. Enjoy tax free shopping with proceeds from your purchases supporting patient care at your hospital.



33rd Annual Tree of Life Campaign

Watch for your **Tree of Life** form in the mail and help us celebrate 33 years of tradition, one bulb at a time. By purchasing your \$10 bulb you've directly been a part of helping to raise over \$1.34 million dollars for your hospital. Consider the possibilities of purchasing your bulb in honour or remembrance of your loved ones this holiday season! Forms will be sent out in the mail, or donate online at: www.lwdhf.com



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Find us on Facebook and Instagram to see more photos and updates throughout the year!



From Our Generous Community

We couldn't do it without you!

\$140,000

COVID-19 LWDH EMERGENCY FUND

You have helped your hospital prepare for the worst case scenario.

Thank You! ❤️

**8 Beds!
2 Vents!**



Kathy Schneider went 'sew' crazy making masks for the people of Kenora. Selling her masks for \$5 each and every penny donated back to the COVID-19 Emergency Fund at LWDHF. To date Kathy has donated \$12,000 from the proceeds of sales as well as donating over 300 masks to the Hospital Gift Shop and patients at LWDH. The world is a better and healthier place thanks to people like Kathy and those who helped her along her mask making mission with donations of fabric, elastic and extra hands on the assembly line.



Thank you to Lake of the Woods Brewing Company and Lake of the Woods Sunrise Soap Company for this amazing collaboration of sanitizing products during the pandemic and donating over \$1400 to LWDHF Covid-19 Emergency Fund from sales.



We are all in this together!



Thank you Print Gear for running a COVID-19 clothing fundraiser! And thank you to everyone who purchased helping raise \$700 which was donated to the COVID-19 LWDH Emergency Fund!

Harbourfront Oil and Vinegar in Kenora was the curbside pick up point for Linda Grienke's face masks this spring. Linda sewed masks and sold them with donations to the Covid-19 Emergency Fund, raising \$325!



COVID-19 brought many changes to everyone's lives when Canada began to shut down last March. Homes became schools and offices, pets became co-workers, we had to shop between the lines, follow the arrows and line up outside to wait our turn.

Wash your hands, wear your mask, socially distance and be kind.

The community response in support of our frontline workers and the COVID-19 LWDH Emergency Fund was astonishing! We could not have gotten through the early stages without you! The battle against COVID-19 is ongoing; thank you for standing with us!

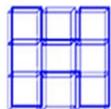
Stay well!

THANK YOU!

To our generous community for donations made to the Lake of the Woods District Hospital and staff throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.



Safety Bay Financial • Dairy Queen • Amanda Boucha, KCA • Crystal Stevens
Abe Loewen • Lake of the Woods Brewing Company • Rita Boutette • Birchwood Terrace
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LAKE OF THE WOODS
DISTRICT HOSPITAL

You showed LWDH so much love! Thank you!



"We are so proud of our hospital. Glad to be able to help out in our own small way!"

"Miigwetch essential work truly appreciate everything you do"



"Thank you for all your hard work for our community!"

OUR FRONTLINE HEROES AT



"Thank you for keeping our community safe!"





"Thank you to all workers, we appreciate you do!"



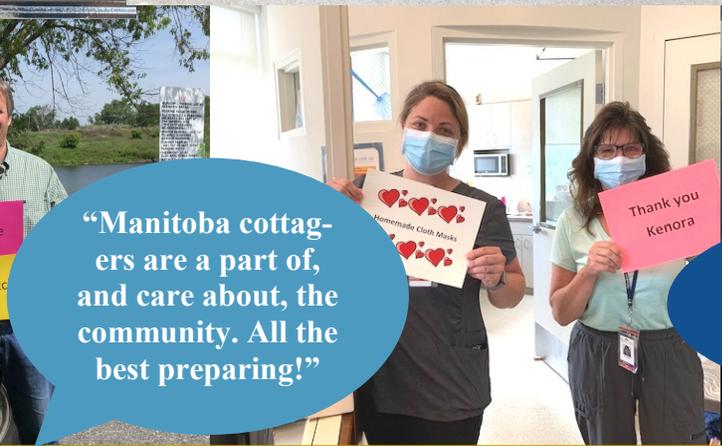
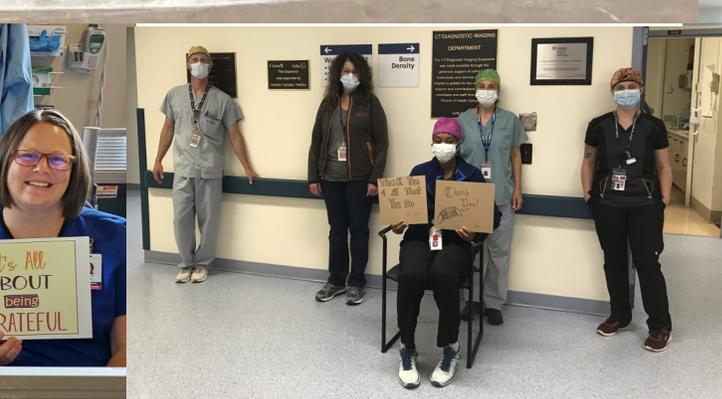
"For all you do, thank you!"



ONTLINE T LWDHF



"You are angels walking among us as you, along with first responders and the entire community lead the fight against the virus!"



"Manitoba cottagers are a part of, and care about, the community. All the best preparing!"



"Thanks to the staff of the hospital for their dedication!"

Sunshine, COVID and PPE!

What does 80 years of service look like? It looks like the smiling faces of these two lovely ladies! Meet Mary Hall and Kat (Katrina) Belair. Two of the biggest hearts to work the halls of Lake of the Woods District Hospital! These ladies had thought they had seen it all...then there was COVID-19! Let's see where they started at LWDH and then learn about how COVID-19 impacted their days at the hospital.

How long have you worked for LWDH?

MH: I started at LWDH on November 16th, 1983-so 36 years. For 12 years I managed Building Operations along with Environmental Services, which incorporated housekeeping, linen, laundry and waste management. On April 1st, 2020 I retired from LWDH as Manager of Enviro Services. Due to the overwhelming response from the community during the first wave, I was hired back on an interim bases April 6th as the PPE Coordinator.

KB: 45 years, I started on November 12, 1975 and currently hold the position of Material Manager, MDRD, & Capital Coordinator. Both Mary and I at one time worked in the kitchen...I was known for "my cinnamon buns ". I've also enjoyed my time as the President of the LWD Hospital "Sunshine Club". Mary has been part of that committee for many years as well. We've made so many great memories through events, like our annual staff picnic, free lunches and draws for special occasions.

In your time at LWDH have you experienced anything like the planning and preparation during the COVID-19 Pandemic?

BOTH: We both went through the SARS Pandemic in 2009. Preparation at that time was a challenge - no guideline to follow as in the way of policy and procedures. LWDH worked diligently with the Infection Control team to get in the supplies needed resulting in the Ministry sending skid after skid of PPE (which we are using to this day). We both went through Ebola (2014) similar as in PPE Training for CBRN (Chemical, Biological, Radiological & Nuclear) disaster. This is still reviewed and practiced today in the event of a city wide disaster.

How did the public step up in support during the pandemic and how many more supplies were ordered in to LWDH?

BOTH: The public went above and beyond helping their hospital. We were overwhelmed with their kindness of donations that were dropped off daily for weeks on end. From cloth masks, caps, ear savers, face shields, gloves, hand sanitizer and more, the public really stepped up for us in a time when it was a struggle to get supplies in on short notice. We also received cases of coffee from "Fuel the Hero's", local restaurants dropped off many lunches for staff, and every second week Tim Hortons donated dozens and dozens of donuts . We couldn't possibly list all of the things that came in from the public, that is just a small portion of it and for all of it, we are forever grateful.

During the first wave of the pandemic we had to increase our volume on hand by triple for all PPE (gowns, masks, gloves, hand sanitizer) and make sure we had 90 days' supply at all times. In the first couple of months this proved a challenge as all hospitals were reaching out to purchase as much as they could as well. Now that vendors have had time to adjust to the supply and demand of the pandemic, it is a little easier to ensure we have 90 days' supply of PPE on hand.

For the record, no we didn't run out of toilet paper! :)





The All Nations Hospital Planning Team, Community Project Planners, Elders and consultants gather at the old St. Joseph’s hospital site to evaluate potential sites.

Potential new hospital sites evaluated

The All Nations Hospital Project continues to move forward, this summer saw an expansive list of potential sites for a new hospital short-listed to three. While work was being done to assess each site in detail (against a comprehensive 80-item evaluation tool), two of the three short-listed sites became unavailable. It is proving extremely challenging to identify sites which meet minimum size requirements and other important priorities (ie: opportunity for expansion, accessibility, serviceability, proximity to other health care providers, water access, etc). The current hospital site remains an attractive option and two development possibilities will be drafted on this location as well as determining a second site, as the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care, the project’s major funder requires three options be presented.

A Future Clinical Services Plan has been drafted and validation work has taken place. Site focused public engagement took the form of numerous virtual discussions and more recently in-person sessions (adhering to all COVID-19 safety precautions) including a series of dock talks with lake residents. An online site survey had 257 responses with a clear theme of accessibility arising in the comments. Many thanks to the 1600+ individuals who have participated in the engagement process to date. **Your input is essential!**

The project timeline was somewhat affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, but remains well within budget and Stage One timelines. The total redevelopment cost is not yet known, as a project of this scale must factor in many elements and requires specialized expertise. A Cost Consultant has been retained to assist with this aspect of the project.

For regular project updates, please follow the Lake of the Woods District Hospital on Facebook and visit the All Nations Hospital Project website regularly <https://anh.lwdh.on.ca>.



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August's Winner



September's Winner



October's Winner

Your chance to win helps your hospital!

The community response and success of our online 50/50 is unbelievable! I remember giving a radio interview early into our first draw, and recanted my hopes of reaching \$10,000 by draw day just in case we fell short...boy was I wrong! Our prize pot has increased by over \$10,000 in just three short months! To date we have given away almost \$160,000...flip side of that is that means your hospital gets to purchase just as much in medical equipment! And YOU have made that happen! The \$5, \$10, or \$20 options make it affordable for everyone to support and have you ever! This is such a great example of how when an individual in a community has the ability to give even a little, pooling together it becomes A LOT! Thank you everyone for embracing our new online 50/50! We look forward to being able to eventually provide in-person ticket sales as the world gets back to normal and we get to say "thank you" face-to-face.

Take care, stay well and good luck!

Jess Rheault, Executive Director LWDHF



Thank you for kicking off our monthly prize.



Tickets available at lwdhf.com Lottery Licence#12070

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