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A Message from the Past President

Last year saw a return to form for much of the world, our Foundation included. Though restrictions remain in place throughout medical facilities on PEI, we have been able to gradually bring back signature events like our Women's Golf Classic and Grass Roots and Cowboy Boots in their original forms. In particular, it was invigorating to be surrounded by so many longtime supporters at the Grass Roots event. We thank Warren Ellis, his family and his team for their tireless efforts which led to a monumental \$2.5 million in cash and future pledges being raised.

Many projects contributed to our success in 2022. Whether it was the return of community run events like the Back 2 Basics Car Show or Harness the Hope or the continued success of Lights for Life, each played a significant role in helping us surpass the \$2.3 million goal of the 2022 Vital Signs appeal. In the pages of this annual report and newsletter, you will note we are embarking on a campaign of similar "scope" in 2023 and we hope you will join us again in fulfilling the greatest needs for patient care at PCH.

In recent years, our role as a Board and the role of the Foundation as a whole has evolved. Though our central focus will remain equipping our hospital, we also recognize that the hospital needs us in other ways. Healthcare on PEI is in a challenging position and we will continue to offer our support to the hospital and its administration as we all work together to keep our hospital vibrant and viable and its devoted staff engaged and equipped.

My term as President came to an end in 2022, but throughout my time on the Board, I've been amazed at the generosity of our communities in aid of our shared mission. We are all here for the betterment of the Prince County Hospital, and I want to thank you for your support of the volunteers, staff, nurses, physicians and patients at the PCH.

We hope you enjoy this combined newsletter and 2022 Annual Report. It is both a representation of what we achieved together in 2022 and a preview of what we can accomplish this year at your hospital. Again, thank you for your steadfast support. We truly are "better together."

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Rick Kennedy, 2022 President Prince County Hospital Foundation



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Welcome Aboard





Jill Kelly-Waugh

Mark Hickey

This year, we welcome two new members to our volunteer board of directors. Pharmacist Jill Kelly-Waugh grew up in Summerside where she now lives with her husband Thomas, a local principal. The pair own the Medicine Shoppe in Summerside. Mark Hickey also grew up in Summerside and is an entrepreneur and former partner at Hyndman Insurance Group. Mark resides in Summerside with his two young sons and his partner Jillian Robinson.

Reflections from PCH Administration

Interview conducted with PCH Medical Director, Dr. Tyler McDonell by PCHF Communications Officer, Bevan Woodacre

Q: How is PCH matching up against current challenges?

As it pertains to Covid, PCH performed and reacted particularly well. We were the first hospital to accept Covid admissions on all units (isolating patients using contact precautions) – which is a testament to our flexibility and willingness to step up and evolve and change in a positive way. Our biggest pressures right now are human resources. The collaboration between the Foundation, our hospital and the City of Summerside has helped us navigate some of the most pressing human resource challenges we've faced in bringing new nurses and doctors here. The Foundation has been nimble and creative and supportive of our medical staff and of the hospital itself and I think it's the envy across PEI.

Q: Has PCH been making gains in recruitment?

We've definitely made gains, but the unfortunate reality is that the losses have outpaced the gains – except for emergency medicine. Our staffing for doctors in the Emergency Department (ED) is better than it was, which is a net win. So, it is better, and the Foundation is a direct support to that.

Q: In your role, you've been involved in physician recruitment. When meeting with potential recruits, what would you tell them is special about PCH?

Our culture - which, I assume, has a lot to do with our size. Our hospital is large enough that it sees a high volume (of patients) and a high volume of complexity in cases so that it keeps things interesting, but it's small



enough that it feels like a community hospital and you know all the staff. There's not many centres that do that. Other things are observed by people coming through here. Whether they are a locum or a new potential recruit, they are struck by how well equipped our OR and our Emergency Departments are.

Q: Do you have a closing message for donors?

The past year and a half, the amount of time I've done this role, has shown huge huge challenges. The challenges mostly pertain to human resources (recruiting and retaining our medical staff) but through all of this, the Foundation and its donors have not only continued to step up, but have found ways to innovate and help our hospital grow despite all those challenges. When I look around to other jurisdictions, I continue to be really proud to have the Foundation, the donors, and the community that we have because I don't think it exists in many other places.



A Message from the PCH Auxiliary

The PCH Auxiliary continued to grow and succeed in 2022. After a successful bid, the Willow Bakery and Café owned by Jocelyn Thorwaldson opened at PCH in January of 2022. It is a very nice addition to PCH and provides rental income to the Auxiliary. The cafe space was renovated and looks great. A new contract was signed with the cafe for 2023.

The Auxiliary fundraisers were very successful in 2022 including the Gently Used Clothing Sale and the Christmas Gift Wrap held at County Fair Mall. The Christmas Basket and Make Believe Tea also did very well. The Wishing Well Gift Shop continues to thrive with revenue of \$33,255 ,of which \$5,171 came from donated items. Money from the donated items is transferred to the Auxiliary account and used to purchase equipment for PCH.

The Auxiliary received \$50,000 from Health PEI and it was donated to the PCH Foundation Endowment Fund, building a lasting legacy for the PCH Auxiliary. A cheque for \$20,000 was presented at the Grass Roots and Cowboy Boots fundraiser and a donation of \$7,500 was made to furnish two patient lounges. A donation of \$2,000 was made to Lights for Life. Support continues for two UPEI nursing student bursaries for \$750 each and one for hospital staff education bursary for \$750.

The PCH Auxiliary would like to thank the City of Summerside for their support of our fundraising efforts and we are grateful for the continued support we receive from the PCH Foundation. They have been there to guide and support us in all our endeavours. The Auxiliary is a wonderful group of volunteers who are there to support Prince County Hospital.

Respectfully submitted, Betty Robertson President PCH Auxiliary



Pictured are Co-Treasurers John Pineau and Marilyn Ramsay who represented the PCH Auxiliary at Grass Roots and Cowboy Boots in September to make a \$20,000 contribution.

Leave a Legacy at Prince County Hospital

Making a legacy gift is simply considering people and causes that are important to you and making arrangements now to continue supporting them in the future. The Foundation has received legacy donations through gifts in wills, transfer of existing life insurance policies, and through stock gifts. When you leave a legacy to the PCH Foundation, your gift

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is endowed, meaning the principal amount will remain intact and will be prudently invested. Only the revenues generated by this gift are allocated to the purposes established by the Foundation Board of Directors, such as the annual equipment fund. These endowed gifts from 2022 are featured on our Legacy of Giving Donor Wall.

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The Youth Who Care (YWC) Board consists of 16 eager grade 10-12 Prince County students who meet monthly at PCH during the school year. YWC started volunteering at the Free Store in Summerside at the beginning of the year. Soon after, we successfully held a bake sale in November. Our group aided both the Rotary Club with their annual book sale and the PCH Auxiliary with their Christmas Gift Wrap. In December, the YWC made and delivered Christmas cards to several units of the hospital to be distributed to patients. In the new year, we began collaborating with the hospital Activity Director, which allowed our members to visit patients biweekly. We have been fortunate enough to tour both the Ambulatory Care Unit and the Rehabilitation Unit. The youth board's future plans consist of another bake sale and the promotion of our Mother's Day gift basket which includes, a diamond necklace, flowers, and chocolates. The Youth Who Care have had an amazing year to date and plan to accomplish much in the remaining school year.

Submitted by YWC President Jessee Hill

If you know of a teen who might be interested in Youth Who Care, please contact Heather Matheson, Foundation Managing Director at (902) 432-2834 or email hematheson@ihis.org.

In Loving Memory

A number of our most loyal donors make their gifts in memory of family members and friends who have passed away. In many cases, we are their charity of choice and donors make their memorial gift knowing that their donation can do a bit of good during such a sad time. Families of loved ones lost are comforted in knowing this and they receive a card each time a donation is made. For more information on how to make a memorial gift, see "Bringing Comfort in Times of Loss," on the next page. The PCH Foundation received gifts in memory of the following people in 2022.

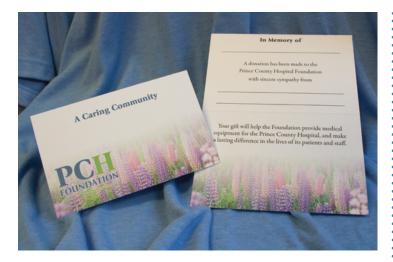
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Bringing Comfort in Times of Loss

When you make a memorial gift, we are able to notify family members that a gift has been made in memory of their loved one using the cards in the above photo (no gift amount is included). You need only provide an address for this free service while making your gift.

These thoughtful and generous gifts of remembrance raised over \$87,000 for medical equipment at PCH in 2022 alone; a great impact in patient care.

If you would like to pay tribute to a friend or loved one, please visit our office in the PCH lobby (Mon-Fri, 8 AM - 4 PM), call (902) 432-2547 or give securely online at pchcare.com

SAVE THE DATE

Grass Roots and Cowboy Boots will be returning to the Credit Union Place in Summerside for the 15th year on September 9th! Tickets are on sale now at

Summerside Chrysler Dodge. Contact Warren Ellis at (902) 853-7160

ANNUAL DONOR RECOGNITION

The Prince County Hospital Foundation is honoured to feature the following donors whose outstanding giving to the hospital foundation in 2022 has made them members of the President's Society.

The President's Society has four levels of recognition for gifts made between January 1 and December 31 of 2022.

The four levels of the President's Society are:

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*Gold Society -*Annual Giving of \$3,000 - \$4,999

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Many more donors choose to remain anonymous, and we offer them our most heartfelt thanks, as well.

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Sonographer Jessie McCarthy displays one of three new Ultrasound Machines purchased in 2022 thanks to community donations made to the Vital Signs Greatest Needs Appeal. Image quality is greatly improved on the new machines, allowing sonographers to see more while improving patient comfort.



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YOUR GIFTS AT WORK

PCH staff shown setting up several of the twenty-six new beds that were purchased thanks to donations received in 2022.

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Dr. Tom Moore Award



In 2022, the Dr. Tom Moore Award* was presented to Marina Trainor. Marina has mainly made her home in Rehabilitative Services. She was nominated by Angela Carragher and Sheila MacMurdo, who said, "She is often the first point of contact for patients and families and has served as a welcoming and helpful connection for all who cross her path. Marina's diverse work experience has given her a wealth of knowledge of the inner workings of PCH. There aren't enough glowing adjectives to properly describe Marina. A few would be kind, friendly, sincere, efficient, hard-working, compassionate, empathetic and fun. She regularly goes above and beyond, and PCH would be a little less welcoming, a little less fun (and a lot less efficient) without her."

Our friend Marina's years of volunteerism at the PCH Foundation extend to many committees including Lights for Life of which she has been a core member since 1995. Marina also spent several terms representing the PCH staff on our Board of Directors.

Please join us in thanking Marina for all she has done as an employee and ambassador for this wonderful facility. We offer our deepest congratulations to our friend, Marina.

*Since 1991, the Dr. Tom Moore Award has been presented annually to PCH employees or physicians who display characteristics of dedication and achievement in their area of work.

Set it and forget it. Philip Sullivan on Monthly Giving

A recent health scare and a stay at PCH, showed Philip Sullivan just how vital having the right equipment on hand can be. Just over a year ago, the Summerside business owner collapsed on the bench at a recreational hockey tournament. He had been playing once a week in the league for ten years and he had just come off the ice after a strenuous shift. "I was breathing hard," says Philip, "but I didn't think anything of it. My teammate tapped me on the back and said 'Good shift Phil,' and down I went!" He keeled over in cardiac arrest. His teammates called over their goaltender, an Advanced Care Paramedic, and with the help of an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) on hand at the rink, Philip's heart rhythm was stabilized. Philip was awake and alert by the time Paramedics arrived. Philip was rushed to the Prince County Hospital where he was admitted to Intensive Care and monitored until such time as he could be transferred to New Brunswick for a dye test. He received excellent care from the nursing staff at PCH, along with a series of tests including Ultrasounds, CT Scans and stress testing to determine if his heart had been stopped by an electrical issue or by artery blockages.

"Most people don't wake up after they have the heart attack I had (a cardiac arrest)," Philip continues. But the fifty-year-old father of two was up and about in the ICU, as if nothing had happened – apart from a sore chest (from the resuscitation efforts), biding his time until he could be transferred for further testing. "I hadn't been in the hospital in my life," says Philip, "apart from when I was born. I don't have a lot of the typical symptoms you'd think of when you think of 'heart



Philip Sullivan stands in his business Jewellery Plus in downtown Summerside.

disease.' Though, it does run in my family." Dye tests would reveal that Philip had significant blockages in two arteries and would need stents.

Philip's near-death experience showed him the value of having a well-equipped hospital in his own backyard. Medical equipment being close at hand certainly played a significant role in his survival at the rink. Though he has been a supporter for many years through his business - donating items to auctions and holding fundraisers, he was looking for a way to "set it and forget it" and avoid a rushed donation at year-end. Philip settled on the option of monthly giving. "It's not huge, but you don't really miss it. And at the end of the year, that's a fair donation," he says. Monthly gifts are a great way for donors to make consistent contributions in smaller increments while making a significant impact by year end. You can truly set it and forget it.

To start monthly giving, visit pchcare.com or contact Lisa Schurman Smith at (902) 432-2888 or leschurman@ihis.org.

Over a Century of Giving

Generations of Impact

Remembering Their Past

Before there was a Prince County Hospital, there was a Prince County Hospital Auxiliary (PCHA). Formalized in 1911 as plans developed to open the hospital, a group of volunteers originally known as the "Ladies Aid Association of the Prince County Hospital" was tasked with raising funds to help open the doors. Even then these volunteers were changemakers - putting in the time to make sure the hospital had everything it needed for patient care. First on that list was a cow; for the patients deserved fresh milk daily. The mandate quickly evolved, and their fundraising scope grew over time. In a recent interview, members of the Auxiliary (Betty Robertson, Marnie Noye & Thelma Phillips) expressed what it means to have such a rich history to rely



Photo (L-R) John Pineau, Marilyn Ramsay, Betty Robertson, Cathy Thususka and Marnie Noye gather at the Legacy of Giving donor wall at PCH where their new lasting legacy will be displayed.

on, providing a solid foundation in today's fundraising climate. "We're not able to fundraise like we did 100 years ago!" they said. "Having such a timespan back (into the past) allows us to look far into the future...to carry on the work of our founders. And, we are always excited to do something lasting – carrying on our legacy."



Auxiliary from left - Betty Robertson, Mary Curran, Emily Naylor and Cathy Thususka at the recent clothing sale.

The Auxiliary's remarkable history boasts countless fundraisers held amidst the ever changing sea of healthcare; all the while creating cherished memories anchored in friendship and goodwill. While the group has gone through several transformations over the years, one thing has remained the same ... its unwavering support of the hospital and the communities it serves. "We've learned to be flexible and embrace change," the group said. The Auxiliary adopted the motto "Caring, Sharing, and Giving" and placed it alongside a logo baring two hands entwined in a heart because "Helping hands working to spread love, comfort and hope" is at the heart of what they do.

Caring, Sharing and Giving

The group now has twenty-nine active members supporting a variety of fundraising events and activities each year. Long term successes include their "Make Believe Tea" (an annual mail campaign), the "Christmas Gift Wrap" program and their everpopular "Gift Basket Raffles." Their shining star might be a "Gently Used Clothing Sale" which has grown significantly recently thanks to new members and their spouses all pitching in.

Since 1979, the Auxiliary has provided the Wishing Well Gift Shop for staff, patients and families to pick up snacks and gift ware – a little haven within the walls at PCH. The shop remains open thanks to the 20 plus dedicated volunteers along with many others who give by producing products such as cards, craft items, knitted good and fudge for sale in the shop. "Our Volunteers are proud of what they do," says Phillips.

Behind the scenes, the Auxiliary is responsible for the provision of a coffee shop at PCH through a leased agreement. It is also responsible for the onsite vending machine contracts; the ATM; and the group is a partner in the Lifeline program. Outside of



active fundraising, this additional income helps fulfill the Auxiliary's mission within the hospital.

The PCH Auxiliary volunteers are unsung heroes at PCH, quietly and diligently raising funds to support the hospital's greatest needs along with a variety of other projects they fund that fall outside their mandate, such as travel packs and clothing for patients in need.

Creating a Lasting Legacy for Future Generations

Through the past century, the Auxiliary has built a stable foundation of caring, sharing, and giving. Because of their past and present efforts, it is recognized as one of the largest single annual contributors to Prince County Hospital Foundation. These

Georgene Enman, one of the group's longest standing members, recalls fondly the early years. At one meeting, they decided to raise \$50,000 for a piece of equipment. A lady beside Georgene, who regularly made fudge to sell, said, "Oh my, we will never raise that much." Georgene said, "You keep making fudge and we will get there."Interestingly, fudge is still made and sold at the Gift Shop and it supports three bursaries for PCH staff each year. cherished volunteers are proud of their history, their membership, and the cause they continue to support.

Now, as the Auxiliary members write their next chapter, they have found a way to carry on the work of their predecessors through the creation of a Legacy Gift/Endowment at Prince County Hospital with a gift of \$100,000.

By establishing an endowment, the gift is invested, and the principal amount will not be touched. However, as directed by the Auxiliary, the interest earned will be used annually to purchase medical equipment for PCH, forever. Truly a future minded gift and one that keeps giving. The PCH Auxiliary is making a difference today for the benefit of future generations. The group has led the way in the past and now it is creating a Legacy, carving out a way to support their hospital indefinitely.

Looking into Scopes

As part of the annual Vital Signs Appeal in support of the greatest medical equipment needs at the Prince County Hospital, in 2023 we aim to replace the full complement of scopes which includes Gastroscopes, Colonoscopes, Bronchoscopes and the various pieces of supporting equipment. The scopes at PCH have performed very well to date, but are now six years old, surpassing the typical lifespan of 5 years, and must be replaced. These essential diagnostic tools will come at no small cost (\$900,000 in total), but their value to patients far outweighs that cost of replacement.

According to PCH Surgeon, Dr. Simon MacDonald, "With newer technology, they (scopes) will be lighter and easier to use, which is better for us and better for patients. The biggest thing is better image quality leading to better detection."

Gastroscopy and Colonoscopy are minimally invasive medical procedures that examine the digestive tract. Bronchoscopy examines the lungs. These scopes are long flexible tubular instruments with an attached light and video camera that allows the physician to visually examine, diagnose and treat abnormalities. The most commonly performed procedure, Colonoscopy, looks for changes such as swollen irritated tissues, polyps or cancer in the colon. It is a vital tool in the detection and prevention of Colorectal Cancer (the second most frequently diagnosed cancer in PEI with approximately 120 new people diagnosed each year). Identifying polyps and early cancers and then removing them through colonoscopy is an effective cancer control. Survival rates have increased due to improved detection and treatment options, from 58% in 1995-1999 to 70% in 2015-2019.

The purchase of new Endoscopes will ensure PCH physicians have the newest technology available to provide optimal care to their patients.

Photo: Endoscopy demonstration by Dr. MacDonald with "patient" Endo RN Sharon Schurman, assisted by LPN Marlene Mann. The majority of the approximately 2800 scopes performed at PCH per year are planned procedures done on the first floor in the Endoscopy Unit of Ambulatory Care. However, some scopes can be done after hours in emergent situations in the Operating Rooms.



Each year, your gifts to the Prince County Hospital Foundation support the greatest needs for patient care at your hospital across nearly every department. From the complex pieces like Endoscopes or the Automated Dispensing Cabinets below, to basic necessities like beds needed throughout PCH, each item is a vital piece of the puzzle at your hospital. For your convenience, we have included the entire list of greatest needs for 2023 on the right.



Automated Dispensing Cabinets (ADCs) and Medical Grade Fridges

ADCs are a computerized medication storage device that allows medication to be stored and dispensed closer to the point of care within hospital units while controlling and tracking distribution. The cabinets are pre-loaded with medication and stored in the department. Those that require refridgeration are kept in a specialized integrated medication fridge. The nursing staff can only remove medications from orders which were reviewed and approved by a pharmacist. Medications loaded and refilled into ADCs are scanned using barcodes for increased patient safety and to minimize potential human error. This is phase three in a project to expand the use of ADCs at the hospital. This year will bring five integrated medical fridges into units and add four more ADCs to Surgical/Restorative and total coverage to 70% of acute beds at PCH.

2023 Greatest Needs for Patient Care at PCH

*Auto Dispensing Cabinet &	
Medical Grade Fridges	\$453,000.00
Baby Scale	\$10,000.00
Bariatric Beds x 3	\$60,000.00
Bariatric Stretcher with Foot Stirrups	\$14,100.00
Beds (26)	\$205,000.00
C02 Incubator x 2	\$31,000.00
Cardiac Stress Testing System	\$51,000.00
Electric Bariatric Stretcher	\$12,000.00
Endoscopes	\$900,000.00
Fetal Monitor	\$23,000.00
Gynnie Stretcher	\$8,000.00
Mattress with Low Air Loss Pump x 6	\$36,300.00
Mental Health Platform Bed and	
Foam Mattress	\$3,900.00
Microfilm Reader	\$26,000.00
Moleculight System	\$17,000.00
NiOX Vero (Nitric Oxide Tester)	\$4,000.00
OR Table	\$66,000.00
Over Bed Tables x 30	\$12,750.00
PGP DICOM and Sure Subtraction	
(Patient Accession Software)	\$7,200.00
Rapid Infuser System x 2	\$100,000.00
Rigid Scopes and Reprocessing trays x 3	\$13,500.00
Simulator - Mother	\$129,000.00
Slim Line Hysteroscopes x 3	\$27,000.00
Specialized Mattress	\$6,000.00
T2 Video Glidescope Blade, Pediatric Size	\$9,000.00
Tonometer	\$12,000.00
TPX Drill and Saw	\$27,000.00
Transfer Carriage and Loading Cart x 2	\$17,000.00
Waiting Room Chairs	\$35,000.00
Walking Slings	\$3,600.00
Wheelchair Scale	\$3,900.00
Wheelchairs x 2	\$15,200.00

Total - \$2,345,450.00

PCH FOUNDATION

Your Gifts in Action

Selected Financial Information and Highlights of the PCH Foundation's fundraising efforts in 2022 and the impact at PCH.

Community & Special Events \$1,052,654.75 (cash received in 2022) Workin' 2 Win & Toonies for Youth \$100,736 Mail Appeals \$174,086	r s	
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