

# President's report – April 19th 2022

Hello and welcome to the 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Foundation of the Friends of the Grand Falls General Hospital. My name is Louise Moreau, I have been the president of the Foundation since April 2021 but a member of the committee since 2014. It is with great pleasure that I present to you the annual report of the Foundation. Due to the pandemic, the meeting this year is under the zoom platform to limit the number of people inside the establishments and to respect the distancing directives issued by the government authorities. During the financial year ending December 31, 2021, the Foundation's executive committee met 9 times for regular meetings, not counting committee and sub-committee meetings. The Foundation's main fundraiser in 2021 was the "North Star" fundraising campaign in collaboration with UNI financial cooperation. A novelty this year, the sale of our large Christmas trees at \$ 2,000 which allowed us to raise a beautiful \$ 10,000. The sale of our little trees at \$200 was once again a great success. Thank you to our generous donors, thanks to you nearly \$ 30, 000 was raised during this campaign. Join us for the 2022 edition.

The following fundraising campaigns raised a nice amount of \$ 65,596.

- O'Regan Funeral Home In Memoriam Donations/Hospital Donations/Miscellaneous Donations
- Northern Star campaign with the collaboration of UNI Financial Cooperation
- Garage sale
- Distribution of the leaflet

A very special thank you to Mrs. Marie-Paule Martin with a generous donation of \$20,000.

Mrs. Martin's generosity encouraged us to set up a Recognition policy. The development of this policy is well underway. We should be able to finalize everything at the end of this year. In 2021, the Foundation approved the purchase of various equipment:

- Mechanical patient lift for the multifunctional unit department - \$ 17,500
- Electric stretcher for the trauma room - \$ 11,600
- Roho mattress for the medical unit - \$4,000

An amount of \$33,000 was also granted to allow carpal tunnel surgeries at the Grand Falls Hospital. The surgeries will be done in the room currently set up for cataract surgery. This will maximize the use of this room and reduce the waiting time for this type of operation. The first surgeries are scheduled to begin on April 22 this year. The delivery of equipment has been delayed by the pandemic. We are proud to have been able to support this project financially and accomplish our mission, which aims to maintain and improve the level of care given to patients who attend the Grand Falls General Hospital. So, there you have it, in a nutshell, the activities for the year ending December 31,2021. Your foundation is working hard to improve and maintain the level of care given to the patients. These are at the heart of the commitment of the Foundation of the Friends. In closing, I sincerely wish to thank all the directors and members of the Foundation. A special thank you to the physicians, Grand Falls General Hospital employees and the general population for your great generosity and continued support. Thanks to all of you, The Foundation continues to progress and carve out an important place for itself within our community.