



Hospital Hotline Summer 2022

Dates to remember:
July 13, E-SIM Grand opening
November 19, GALA

Happy Summer!!

The sun is shining, rain has been falling, the grass is green and COVID is still with us but many restrictions have been lifted. Do you find yourself smiling more?? Now that we are not continually masked it is wonderful to see the smiles – and it is a scientific fact that you smile when someone smiles at you. The Mirror Neuron System in the brain causes you to smile back when you are smiled at. Emotional contagion is a good thing – so let's spread the happy!

From Our Chairman:



Who could have predicted that we would have to cancel two GALAs in a row? But after missing two, we're darn well going to have one this year! Mark your calendars for **November 19**. This GALA is a chance to catch up on all the cool stuff we've been doing for the last couple years and get a glimpse at plans for the coming year. As well, we'll launch our capital campaign over a nice glass of wine, an excellent meal, some local entertainment, and a fun auction.

If you're able, come down to the fire hall on **July 13**, and witness the

beginning of a dream. Ribbon cutting will be at 11 am and then you can tour the lab and the fire hall until 3 pm. This is the first giant step toward our dream of Sundre becoming a Rural Healthcare Campus, as we officially open our **Sundre Rural Simulation Centre**. Check out our video from 3 years ago when we documented our dream:

<https://youtu.be/axo2-Oq0MBk>

**Gerald Ingeveld: Chair,
Sundre Hospital Futures
Committee.**

From Our Mayor:



The Town of Sundre Council gives thanks to the dedicated volunteers of the Sundre

Hospital Futures Committee and the forward thinking of bringing an E-SIM lab to Sundre to enhance the training required for Rural Health Care. Also, this initiative keeps the training local and supports our Sundre Hospital's training requirements. I look forward to the Grand Opening on July 13 at 11am and the promotion of another first for Sundre with

this state-of-the-art training center.

Please help them continue to bring good things to our Hospital by supporting the fund raising efforts so that our Hospital can get the equipment needed to supply great Rural Health Care. The annual Hospital Futures Gala is on November 19, 2022 and I hope to see many of you there as we continue building for the future of our community.

Richard Warnock, Mayor, Town of Sundre

Scholarships

It is with great pleasure that we announce that the recipient of the



Health Care Careers scholarship is Annelise Erickson. Annelise is currently enrolled in the Licensed

Practical Nurse (LPN) program at Bow Valley College. Her goal is to come back to rural Alberta (Sundre) to work.

Currently we do not have anyone who qualifies for the Joanne Overguard RN Scholarship but we do have several candidates who are close to being eligible. We hope to present that in 2022.

SHPARC News:

This committee has been working steadily to support our hard working health care professionals. Providing coffee/tea pods to the various coffee stations in the hospital is an ongoing commitment. The annual Family Physician week saw trays of COVID appropriate (individually wrapped) items delivered to the three medical offices in town. Thank you to the local vendors who assisted in providing us with these COVID safe products. The first week of December, appreciation trays were delivered to 14 healthcare providers in Town - a little perk to get them through until Christmas.

Long Service Awards finally took place on May 26 at the Greenwood Gazebo. There were 52 staff from all areas of healthcare recognized. The weather was great, Sundre Hospital Futures and the Ministerial Association provided hot dogs and burgers for the recipients and their guests.



Here is the group of 5 year award recipients.



Dr. Carla Foolen has officially retired and she was thanked by former colleague Dr. Glen Kowalsky for her

commitment to health care in our

community. She and her husband Dr. Eugene Landsbergen were a huge asset and they will be greatly missed by their patients and friends.

The Committee continues to support ongoing healthcare staff recruitment with our "Grass Roots" program - advertising locally and speaking to everyone to let them know we are hiring at the Myron Thompson Health Centre. Our poster at the Cowboy Trail market generated a lot of interest and several applications resulted from the publicity.

Accommodation is always a challenge when we have student learners coming to work at the Hospital. If you have available rental space Joyce Wicks is always interested so she can add to her list of accommodation possibilities. These COVID times make it more challenging as accommodation needs to have a separate entrance and space.

Hospital Futures News:

Last spring the new Cowboy Trail Farmer's Market started up and Sundre Hospital Futures was the



charity they chose to support with all of the vendor table fees being donated to us. Thank you to Tom

Mennear for the donation of \$9470.00 - which went toward the Capital Campaign.

We also partnered with local

crafter Annette Clews of "Ragn's n Such" to sell facemasks at the market with 50% of the proceeds coming to Sundre Hospital



Futures. And Bargain Browzer was also kind enough to display and sell our facemasks while they waited for their order of masks to arrive. The Farmer's Market raised \$160.00 and the Bargain Browzer sales were \$270.00. All these funds went to the Capital Campaign.

Thank you Annette!

The Legion Poppy fund gave us a



donation of \$10,000.00 to keep the thermometer climbing.



That smiling face belongs to our Site Manager Chantal Crawford pointing out that her favorite color purple tops

out the thermometer and we reached our goal!! A generous donation of \$60,000.00 from the Bert and Eileen Visser estate helped to boost our thermometer to the top!

Erna and Allan Karsten came to Sundre to make the donation through the Hospital Auxiliary. Thank you.



The new Cardiac Monitors have been purchased and installed and they are state-of-the-art.



E-SIM Grand Opening July 13, 2022 11am – 3 pm

Tour the lab and the fire hall, check out the Sundre Hospital Futures BBQ trailer and have a hotdog, snack and refreshment. Little Smarty will be there from 12 – 3 doing face painting, balloon animals, and glitter tattoos.

Educate, Simulate, Innovate, Motivate (E-SIM)

We plan to do exactly that with our staff and hopefully offer training to other area health professionals. A partnership between the Town of Sundre, AHS and Sundre Hospital Futures has made this space happen. We are fortunate to have three trained educators here in Sundre; Chantal Crawford, Audrey

McKenzie and Dr. Jonathan Somerville who can provide training to our staff.

The location is in the former Town office and some major renovations had to take place. Thanks to local building supplier Home Hardware for their donation back to us. Nicole Weatherbee presented Gerald with a cheque for \$2276, which was a portion of the funds we spent with them. Small town local is the best!!



Thanks to all the volunteers who worked to remove existing flooring and prepare the space ready for new flooring and new paint. Thanks to Shelley Rose with Timeless Interiors for guidance on the interior decorating and for the donation of a blackout blind for the control room window. The actual lab space is designed to work exactly like the emergency room in the hospital and has the same lay out so that simulations can be run in the lab and then when the actual event occurs in the hospital, staff will be prepared because they have already run the situation, know where the equipment is and are ready. The training room is set up to run life size mannequins which

operate through computer generated modules. We needed some extensive electrical work done to manage all the



required connections and Darrell Ingeveld donated his time to do the necessary work.

You can see the one-way glass on the right that is between the simulation room and the control room. Whomever is controlling the simulation can see the staff working and can change things through the computer-controlled mannequin. They might be working on a broken leg but now the patient has just had a heart attack – new trauma, new situation, new approach required! Sundre is aiming to be the rural education hub for other communities and provide the chance to take required training much closer to home.



Karlee Overguard (Environmental Coordinator) and Thalia Aspeslet (Community Liaison) with Pieridae Energy presented Hospital Futures Chair Gerald Ingeveld with \$5,000.00 to be used for computers and screens for the new e-SIM lab.



The first official training in the education room took place on June 17. Chantal Crawford (Site Manager) and Audrey McKenzie (Clinical Educator) offered a Basic Life Saving course to staff to keep their skills and credentials up to date. We are very fortunate to have this great classroom space as part of the e-SIM lab so that trainings can be held locally, and staff don't have to travel to larger centres for courses. A perk of our space is that they can also offer a hands-on component in the lab area that is not part of the regular course or offered in other places. Yay Sundre!!



Sundre Hospital Futures:

Even though our activities were restricted by COVID the past two years the committee has continued to work behind the scenes to support our healthcare staff and the Myron Thompson Health Centre.

We purchased four iPads for patient use when visiting was restricted so that they were able to Facetime with family and were also able to do online banking and access online services with staff assistance.



These iPads are also available for pediatric use when children come into the Emergency Department. The masking and face shield requirements made it extremely difficult to speak with patients and the committee purchased two Pocket Talkers (voice amplifiers) to assist staff with communications.



The recent purchase of the Bladder Scanner has made it easier for staff and patients when trying to discern what is

causing abdominal pain.

Together with the Hospital Auxiliary the blinds and chairs in the Long-Term Care dining room have been upgraded.



Donations:

We appreciate all the donations made to the Sundre Hospital Futures fund through all avenues; funeral memorials, general donations, corporate donations and individual donations. Your support helps us continue to provide for our wonderful hospital and staff.

Donations can be made in person at the Myron Thompson Health Centre
Or online at:
<https://www.sundrehospitalfutures.com>



West Fraser started off our year with a \$5,000.00 donation.

Sam Steuer presented our chair Gerald with a cheque for \$1,000.00 he earned through the sale of pumpkins, two kinds of squash and vegetables from his garden. Sam has designated his donation to his Granny's fund The Joanne Overguard Memorial fund.



Thank you for helping us do what we do!

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