



# Hospital Hotline Spring 2023

*Long Service Awards - May 25  
Capital Campaign - 2023/24  
Bariatric Room*

Happy Spring!!

### From Our Chairman:



Following a 2-year absence, the Hospital Futures GALA in November

was a smashing success! As always, our community was very generous donating live and silent auction items, and those attending bid aggressively for what was up for grabs. It was a packed evening with special recognition, scholarship awards, and the launch of our annual capital campaign to purchase much needed equipment for our hospital, followed up with live dance music. Over \$50,000.00 was raised toward our Capital Campaign. What a great community we have, and what a great bunch of volunteers to pull this off once again. Rest assured; we will be doing it all over again next November!

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

### Scholarships:

This year we provided two scholarships for Health Care

Careers and also the Joanne Overguard RN scholarship – making up for not presenting in the past couple of years. The Health Care Careers scholarships were presented to Amber Overguard Peters and Annelise Leslie Fricker both of whom are working toward their LPN designation.



The Joanne Overguard Memorial RN Scholarships went to Jaime Bodell and Sara Lightbown who are each in their final year of the Registered Nursing program.

### SHPARC News:

The annual Family Physician week saw trays of home baking delivered to the three medical offices in town. Thank you to the local community members who assisted us by baking goodies. In December, appreciation trays were delivered to 15 healthcare providers in Town - a little perk to get them through until Christmas.

As a Thank You to staff, 28 tickets were provided to attend our local theatre production

“Camp Spartan” – featuring our very own “song and dance man” - Chair Gerald Ingeveld. Long Service Awards are coming up and will be presented on Thursday, May 25 at the Greenwood Gazebo. A great opportunity to recognize our dedicated healthcare workers.

*High School Skills Day was back this year!!*

On Tuesday, March 21 we hosted 47 High School students from Sundre, Cremona and Caroline for a day of hands-on learning. There were six skill stations – Xray/lab in the United church hall, Airway/intubation in the church hall basement, Cardiac and Suturing in the E-SIM lab,



EMS/Paramedic in the EMS bay and dental hygiene at Maria’s Dental Hygiene clinic. We are very grateful for our partnership with RhPAP who provided funding assistance to cover morning snacks and lunch for all the participants and instructors. We were very excited to be able to

include Maria and Carolyn from the hygiene clinic to showcase



another health care career option. Maria even got in the chair

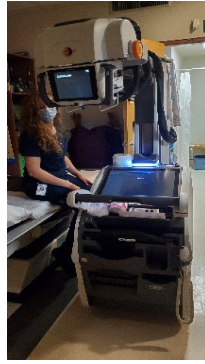
and let them check out her teeth!

## Hospital Futures News:

### Capital Campaign

Each year we kick off a Capital Campaign to purchase a major piece of equipment (translate = EXPENSIVE). Through a couple years of COVID we struggled to finish off the \$100,000.00 Heart Monitor campaign. After 26 months and a few nice contributions from the Hospital Auxiliary, the Legion, and the Visser estate, along with several personal donations, the new heart monitors are up and running. For our 2022 – 2023 campaign we developed a very aggressive and comprehensive strategy to raise \$200,000.00 to purchase a new portable X-Ray machine. This would be the largest single purchase by a foundation in Sundre's history. Portable X-rays are vital to a busy ER like ours. A doctor can order an X-ray while the patient is in the ER and doesn't need to move them down to the x-ray room. The pictures are instant. Our old machine was giving out. When I say old, I'm not kidding – the training manual was on VHS! The Lab & X-ray staff trialed the new machine, and couldn't say enough about the clarity of images, and the ease of use. We developed a plan to raise the money over a year, beginning

with the launch at the 2022 GALA. To make it more fun, we



purchased a skeleton, and planned to have it on display in the hospital lobby, and as money came in, the X-ray staff would dress Mr.

Bones, until he was complete with snow pants, parka, scarf and toque, and the machine was fully paid for.

It sounded like a great idea, until the week following the GALA, when local residents Clint & Karma Cassin donated the entire \$200,000.00 to cover the campaign! What a generous couple - our Sundre community is amazing! The staff are thrilled with the new machine, and our ER is even better equipped.



But what do we do with a naked skeleton??



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Or online at:  
<https://www.sundrehospitalfutures.com>

## 2023 – 2024 Capital Campaign

Our 2023 – 2024 Capital Campaign is shaping up to be a rather unique idea. Rather than looking to buy a single piece of equipment, we plan to purchase a number of smaller pieces, that are consistently needed for senior citizens. On a per capita basis, Sundre has 3 times the provincial average for seniors; patients admitted to our hospital reflect those percentages. What better way to honour our pioneers than to make our hospital as functional as possible for these folks? To that end, we are proposing a fund-raising effort to the tune of \$280,000.00 to purchase several new beds, portable oxygen concentrators, storage lockers for Long Term Care, commodes (on wheels) ceiling lifts, and towel warmers. Raising money for a great cause like this gives our volunteers a bunch of energy, and we'll need it as we tackle this challenge. We know Sundre will rise to the occasion as they always do!

### Bariatric Room

Thanks to an anonymous donation of \$100,000.00, a new service will soon be available in our hospital. Too often a large patient must be sent off to a city hospital, because our beds, lifts, and even chairs aren't rated for very heavy people. We are in the process of ordering "Bariatric" equipment (capable of weights of 450+) to outfit one acute care room and place a stronger lift in LTC. Thank you to this very generous local family for making this possible.