



SUNDRE HOSPITAL  
FUTURES

# Healthcare Hotline

March, 2021

## A Year of COVID-19

Hard to believe that a year has passed since the COVID-19 pandemic was officially declared. Our lives at home and in our communities have certainly been affected and we have had to adapt to many new additions to our lives – masks and hand sanitizer anyone?? We are very fortunate here in Sundre that case numbers have been low, and our hospital has been able to continue to offer the exceptional care to which we are accustomed.

## Hospital Futures News:

- We continue to partner with the Wetaskiwin Health Foundation for receipting the donations received on our behalf and handling the accounting and audit of our books.
- Our Capital Campaign this year has been to raise \$100,000 for the purchase of new Space Lab Cardiac monitoring equipment. We are currently at approximately \$30,000 so still some distance to go. As a community Sundre has a 30% higher rate of cardiac incidents than the rest of Central Zone and the province so this equipment is extremely important. It offers the ability of remote monitoring of cardiac patients – either from the nursing station or by a specialist

located in another city so quick lifesaving decisions can be made. Donations can be made online on our newly updated website or in person at the Myron Thompson Health Centre.

[www.sundrehospitalfutures.com](http://www.sundrehospitalfutures.com)



- Our website has been updated and redesigned, so check it out
- West Fraser Forest Products (Sunpine) made a generous donation of \$2500 in December



- Our 2020 fall Gala was cancelled due to COVID restrictions like so many other fundraising events, but we are

hoping to be able to get together with you in the summer in an outdoor celebration setting - stay tuned for more information.

## SHPARC News:

- SHPARC has stayed busy with appreciation activities. Joyce Wicks, the Chair, has continued to keep the hardworking frontline staff in her view and created lots of opportunities to show our appreciation during this stressful and challenging COVID situation. Early on in the pandemic we provided “scrub bags” for staff to put their work clothes in at the end of shift. Joyfully sewed by Shelley Ingeveld and gratefully received by staff – 100 bags strong!! Celebrations for the various departments and our wonderful sign “Heroes Work Here” were another couple of the initiatives SHPARC took on.



- Just before the pandemic hit SHPARC sent 20 staff members to the play “Matilda” put on by our local Peak Theatre players.

Featuring our own incredibly talented Chairman Gerald!!

- RhPAP has continued to support us and recently assisted with an online virtual trade fair titled "Let's Go Rural" featuring five rural towns including Sundre. This trade fair was aimed at Red Deer College nursing students and had over 70 participants. Our Site Manager Chantal Crawford was a presenter along with Joyce Wicks.



- This year the committee was delighted to present the Joanne Overguard Memorial RN Scholarship to Amanda Mifsud. Amanda is a local girl who participated in our 2019 skills weekend offered to RDC nursing students and she has finished her practicum hours and wants to work here at home in Sundre.

This is the perfect example of our "Grow your Own" goal. Heidi Overguard, Dennis Overguard, Amanda Mifsud, Joyce Wicks (SHPARC Chair), Chantal Crawford (Site Mgr) posed for a presentation photo.

- In keeping with our "grow your own" motto we have partnered with Campus Alberta Central and Greenwood Neighborhood Place to offer a Health Care Aide course here in Sundre. The program started in January 2021 and has 10 students registered – 8 from Sundre and 2 from the surrounding community. The original plan was to offer this course every second year, but the response has been so great that the decision was made to offer it every year. This is a wonderful opportunity to access education in our own community.

## *In Local Healthcare News:*

- Our local Sundre Community Drug Mart will be offering the COVID vaccine. You must book your appointment by calling 403-638-3922. **No walk ins.** For further information on Vaccines and Immunization check out the AHS website.

<https://www.albertahealthservices.ca/topics/Page17295.aspx>

Sundre Family Pharmacy has also applied to be a vaccination site so watch for more information about that.

- The Myron Thompson Health Center remains the health hub of our community and we encourage you to seek medical attention if you need it. With the COVID situation there has been a lot of reluctance to go to the hospital. Yes, there are more screening protocols to go through, but it is a safe place, and the staff is continuing to provide their usual amazing care.

### *Hospital Futures Board of Directors*

*Gerald Ingeveld: Chairman*

[doublenranch@explornet.com](mailto:doublenranch@explornet.com)

*Joyce Wicks: Chair of SHPARC*

[eawicks@airenet.com](mailto:eawicks@airenet.com)

*Gerry Greschner: Secretary*

*Kim Walton*

*Monica St. Dennis: Treasurer*

*Tara Tooth*

*Audrey MacKenzie*

*Chris Vardas*