

# SPACE LAB UPGRADES – Cardiac Monitor!!

In March of 2019, the Foundation launched the race for new, state-of-the-art Spacelabs technology at the Myron Thompson Health Centre (Sundre Hospital and Care Centre).

The new committee met with Alberta Health Services, working collaboratively with the provincial health care delivery agency to determine the hospital's specific needs. Statistical data showed that the Sundre region is 30 per cent more likely to be dealing with a cardiac event than the provincial average. With instances of heart disease and related cardiac issues on the rise, and that the community is fairly far from any modern cardiac care centres nor do we have direct access to cardiologists, it was determined we would devote our next fundraising campaign to Spacelabs monitor.

Not only does this monitor give hospital staff the ability to remotely monitor a patient continuously from the nurses' station without physically having to be in the emergency room, but patients can be monitored remotely by a cardiologist from anywhere in the province!

WE MADE IT! That happy face to the right is our Site Manager, Chantal Crawford, pointing out the purple (her favourite colour) to top the thermometer. We reached our fundraising goal for our Capital Campaign to upgrade the Cardiac Monitors at the hospital!!

Thanks to everyone who donated in big or little amounts. The 2021 Cowboy Trail Market (Tom Mennear) donated \$9,470 from vendor table fees, we partnered with crafter Annette Clews and mask sales totaled \$330, a generous \$10,000 donation from the Legion Poppy fund and a very generous donation of \$60,000 from the Bert and Eileen Visser estate (through the Hospital Auxiliary) helped to bring our thermometer to the top.

As of June 2022, the monitors were installed and they are state of the art!



Left: Monitors in place in our Emergency room. Middle: Allan and Erna Karsten representing the Bert and Eileen Visser estate that made the \$60,000 donation to top off our thermometer. Right: Allan & Erna Karsten, Site Manager Chantal Crawford, Legion representative Bill Edwards (\$10,000 donation from the Legion Poppy fund), Vi Ellithorpe representing the Hospital Auxiliary (the estate donation came through them) and Gerry Greschner, Secretary of Sundre Hospital Futures committee.



Sundre Hospital Futures partners with the Wetaskiwin Health Foundation, Olds Health Care Fundraising Committee, and Rimbey Health Services Donation Committee on various fundraising programs from time to time.

Please follow this page as we will continue to host our own special activities to help raise awareness and funds for our community.

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