

# Festival of Trees

## The Traditions of Christmas

The 2011 Festival of Trees marked the 16th anniversary of this seasonal event and was once again successful, both in meeting our fundraising goals and providing an entertaining three day event. Held at the Gold Ridge Centre, "The Little Black Dress Affair" Ladies' Night kicked off the Festival; and the ladies in their little black dresses looked outstanding! "Black Magic" Gala Evening was well attended with close to 300 guests who dined on succulent prime rib, bid on the live auction packages, and were highly amused by Doug Arden's comic routine. Carnival & Bazaar Day had close to 1200 visitors and guests of all ages enjoyed the audience interactive entertainment, local VIP announcers, and local entertainment. The kids were active all day with the Battlefords North Stars Junior A hockey players who helped them make tree ornaments and decorate cookies, taking horse drawn wagon rides and having their picture taken with Santa.

The decorated items and trees were varied, innovative and beautifully designed. Funds raised were for specialized IV pumps and monitors for ER, the Surgical Unit, Maternity and the Chemotherapy Unit. The IV pumps enables an infusion system that provides a precise delivery of multiple medications. It also ensures enhanced medical management of patient's medication requirements and safety needs. Shelley Forbes, RN in Chemotherapy noted, "These IV pumps are a wonderful addition to the unit. They are essential equipment that better accommodate our clients and their families, allowing continued improvement to the health care we provide. We are grateful to everyone who participated in Festival of Trees because your generosity and kindness of spirit means we can give better care to some wonderful people."

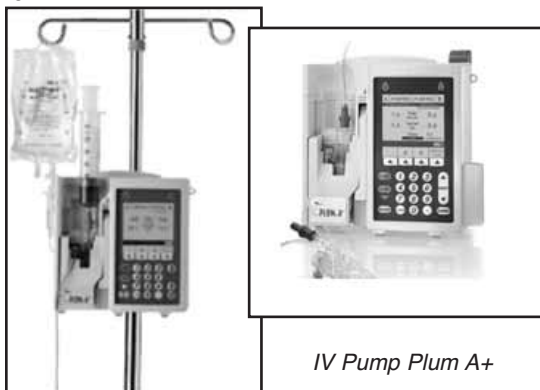
You would think that going to visit the Chemotherapy Unit (COPS) on the 3rd Floor at BUH would be, at the very least, uncomfortable, and ... you would be thinking wrong.

COPS nursing staff truly represent the artistic word art "Hope" and "Believe" that is displayed on the Unit's window. Their expertise in chemotherapy nursing, their sensitive and empathetic nature in dealing with sick patients, worried friends and family creates an optimistic and positive experience for clients visiting COPS. The Unit might be small, with patient's recliner chairs close to one another, but this creates a bonding and social recovering time for clients during their chemo treatments. As patient Charlotte Dexter of Spiritwood pointed out, "If I have to go somewhere for this treatment I want it to be right here at Battlefords Union Hospital. Everyone is so pleasant and knowledgeable and I get to meet the nicest people." Then she added with a grin "And it means we don't have to get up early in the morning to drive to Saskatoon and



North Stars Junior A hockey players helping to make tree ornaments at Festival of Trees

then try and find a parking spot and sit with people we don't know. I'd much sooner come and see these nice nurses and the other patients here!" Fellow patient Glen Mackrell of Battleford agreed whole heartedly, "It is so nice to come to third floor and know most everyone and even if you don't you still get a cheery hello. Chemotherapy can be a scary thing but these nurses know what they are doing and make you feel safe and well cared for."



IV Pump Plum A+



Glen Mackrell, client, Dawn Tokaryk, RN and Shelley Forbes, RN and Charlotte Dexter, client.

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## Robert & Sandra Stromberg

Robert and Sandra Stromberg have been long time, dedicated supporters of Battlefords Union Hospital (BUH) Foundation. Though Robert and Sandra lived a major portion of their life in Saskatoon, where Robert became a senior partner of the Robertson Stromberg law firm, their connection with The Battlefords remained strong. Robert's father, Dr. Oscar Stromberg, was a physician at BUH for many years, and Robert remembers his childhood in The Battlefords with affection. These ties, and their family cabin on Jackfish Lake, drew the couple back to The Battlefords when determining a retirement home, and they are now settled on Jackfish Lake permanently.

Robert Stromberg, QC, has been a Director on the PotashCorp Board of Directors since 1991. This company recognized that as a large, world-wide corporation there was a need to promote a culture of community involvement and public awareness. To achieve that end **The Matching Gift Program** was commenced. Under this program the company matches employee contributions (capped at a pre-determined level) to charitable organizations that reflect that individual's interests and priorities. Robert and Sandra saw this as an ideal means of enhancing their support to BUH Foundation, and have been doing so for almost a decade.

In October 2011 the Foundation office was very blessed and grateful to receive from Robert and Sandra Stromberg a pledge of \$100,000 over the next five years. "Sandra and I have always believed in the value of community support," observed Robert, "and BUH Foundation fits our criteria of a worthy organization for our involvement. We are hopeful that our contribution will be the catalyst for similar support to local healthcare at BUH." He then added "All of us have had the occasion to use the services of BUH, from the birth of our children to surgical procedures and Emergency Room visits, to name but a few, and it is important that family and loved ones have access to the newest, most technologically advanced medical equipment and staff training that is available."

Robert and Sandra's generous support for this year was allocated, to purchase a Vein Viewer, a piece of equipment that can be used throughout the hospital. No one likes to have blood drawn or an intravenous (IV) inserted. But when it's necessary for your healthcare, you want it done as quickly and painlessly as

possible. This piece of equipment uses near-infrared light and other patented technologies to detect subcutaneous blood and create a digital image of the patient's superficial vein pattern projected directly onto the surface of the skin in real time. When a patient's health is compromised one of the first procedures is to initiate intravenous access so that the patient can receive life saving medication in a timely manner. This can prove difficult in some situations and the Vein Viewer is clinically proven to reduce the number of attempts to start an IV by 50% and also the time to start an IV by 50%. "We are so excited that we have been able to get this piece of equipment at BUH," observed Chris Etcheverry, Nursing Manager at BUH's Emergency Room, adding "It means that many nurses who approached starting an IV with trepidation will have much more confidence in completing this procedure. It also means that we can give prompt medical care that will help save lives ... such a small machine with such a large impact. We are so grateful to the Stromberg's for their generosity and kindness."



Chris Etcheverry, ER Nursing Manager with the Vein Viewer

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## Focusing On 2011 Special Events

Battlefords Union Hospital (BUH) Foundation is a public Foundation (April, 1992) operating independently of other healthcare organizations and supports the funding of capital, non-capital equipment and staff education at BUH. Through responsible stewardship of community contributions and volunteer resources, BUH Foundation is dedicated to enriching patient care at BUH.

This mandate is supported through the four major fundraisers which BUH Foundation staff and numerous volunteers plan, organize and execute each year. These fundraisers represent a means for community businesses, organizations and individuals to be actively involved with the future of their healthcare in The Battlefords. Annually, funds raised to purchase medical equipment for BUH is approximately \$330,000.00 and is instrumental in maintaining quality medical diagnostics and patient treatment and care, for you, your family, loved ones, friends and neighbours.

surgeons willing to work at BUH, decreased surgical procedure times and increased bookings. We are very fortunate that so many businesses and individuals of The Battlefords and surrounding area recognize the need for enriched, local healthcare and generously support BUH," stated Shelly Horsman, Director of Acute Care Services. She then smiled and added, "The staff at BUH is very grateful to everyone who so generously donated."



Pictured in front of the new Operating Room Donor Wall and Innovation Credit Union OR doors is Jerry Wintonyk, BUH Foundation Board of Directors Chair, Barry Verhoeven, EVP Technology Innovation Credit Union, David Fan, CEO PNHR and Susan Hertes, Equipment & Resource Mgmt OR



Proceeds from the 2011-2012 Monthly Lottery were allocated to purchase surgical equipment for endoscopic surgeries in BUH's Operating Theatres including an argon plasma coagulator which is used to surgically treat certain conditions of the bowel.

There were also numerous pieces of surgical equipment purchased through individual and community support this past year, which included the very generous donation from Innovation Credit Union. In Dec, 2011 Innovation Credit Union kindly agreed to not only redirect their original 2009 contribution of \$100,000 for the OR I-Suite to the purchase of a new laparoscopic tower, but also increased their donation to \$125,245 allowing for the upgrading of an existing tower as well.

BATC Community Development Corporation also donated \$50,000 to acquire a new endoscopic tower and processor unit for the OR.

"Each year there are more and more surgeries slated to be performed at BUH. We are part of the Saskatchewan Surgical Initiative that was put in place to decrease waiting times by increased surgical procedures. To be able to access new technologically advanced equipment means that we have more

### DATES TO REMEMBER

#### MONTHLY LOTTERY

Ticket sales commence Tuesday, February 21st

#### HIGH SCHOOL HEALTHCARE SCHOLARSHIPS

Application deadline is May 11th

#### WAYNE PRUDEN MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Monday, June 4th

#### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

June 18, 2012

#### \$100,000 LOTTERY

Tickets go on sale Friday, August 17th

#### FESTIVAL OF TREES

December 2012





The 15th annual Wayne Pruden Memorial Golf Tournament was a very successful fundraiser. As always, the North Battleford Golf & Country Club was an excellent showcase for the largest charity golf tournament in northern Saskatchewan and the weather cooperated as well, making for a fun and sunny day! This year the banquet was held at the Western Development Museum and all the participants and guests were very pleased with the venue. Every year Ed Lee, owner & manager of M&M Meats donates food for the banquet for about 220 people, which includes steak, chicken, potatoes, vegetables and dessert. We are so grateful to Ed's continued generosity, and know that "Ed, we couldn't do this Tournament without you!"

Proceeds raised from the 2011 Tournament were used to purchase a portable BladderScan for BUH's Women's Health & Birthing Centre (WHBC) patients. This piece of equipment basically is an ultrasound that measures bladder volume, which aids in diagnosing urinary retention and post-operative urinary retention. The nursing staff are able to assess and monitor urological concerns, preventing unnecessary catheterization, eliminating possible trauma and catheter-associated urinary tract infections to patients.

Anita Moosomin, a LPN on WHBC noted "This BladderScan is a small piece of equipment that figures very largely in the care of women after they have given birth. We are able to evaluate and assess their condition without an intrusive procedure, which means a more rested, comfortable and healthy mom and newborn. Thank you to everyone who helped fundraise for this piece of equipment."



Pictured above is Anita Moosomin, LPN on Women's Health & Birthing Centre with the new BladderScan.

Battleford and the winners of the new 50-50 Add-Ons were Stanley & Darlene Iverson from Meota. Proceeds raised through the Lottery & 50-50 Add-Ons were allocated to purchase equipment for the Laboratory and Physical Therapy Unit. This equipment includes an innovative specimen processing unit which increases the capacity of processing complex lab slide studies. Over 950,000 tests and procedures were done at BUH's Laboratory last year and this new equipment is vital to this busy, dedicated department. As well, funds were allocated to purchase a new Pulmonary Function System for the Respiratory Unit. This is a very welcome addition to the Respiratory Therapy Unit as it is technologically advanced equipment and had only been available in Saskatoon or Edmonton. It also means that family, friends and loved ones do not have to travel to other medical facilities to have their lung function diagnostic analysis tests done.

"We were so excited to hear that BUH Foundation was planning on allocating funds to purchase the Pulmonary Function System for the Respiratory Therapy Unit," exclaimed Lynzie Rindero, Respiratory Therapist at BUH, "It will mean that we will be able to give our patients even better care than before. Thank you to everyone who participated in this fundraiser. We are very grateful!"



The 2011 \$100,000 Cash Lottery 50/50 Add-On winners Stanley & Darlene Iverson of Meota receiving the cheque from Jerry Wintonyk, BUH Foundation Board of Directors Chair. Also pictured is Claudette McGuire, Executive Director, Shauna McGifford, Fund Development Officer and Andrea Kohut, Office Assistant, BUH Foundation Office.

Daily News photos by Doug Collie

# Recent Donors to BUH Foundation

Thank you to those who made donations from June 11, 2011 and January 13, 2012, in memory of:

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... sometimes the nicest people get what they deserve  
... lots of CASH!!

The 17th annual \$100,000 Cash Lottery was next on BUH Foundation's event calendar and was another successful fundraising experience! The new component added to the Lottery, the 50-50 Add-Ons proved very popular and BUH Foundation raised over \$60,000 with the winners receiving just over \$31,000. It was a pleasure to announce the winners as both were local, well known and well liked and it was well deserved! The lucky winner of the \$100,000 cash prize was Nelson Heidt of North



Nelson Heidt of North Battleford was the 2011 \$100,000 Cash Lottery winner, pictured here receiving the cheque from Jerry Wintonyk, BUH Foundation Board of Directors Chair. Also pictured is Claudette McGuire, Executive Director, Shauna McGifford, Fund Development Officer and Andrea Kohut, Office Assistant, BUH Foundation Office.

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