



SIOUX LOOKOUT
MENO YA WIN HEALTH CENTRE

Foundation

A TRADITION OF CARING...

...A TRADITION OF SHARING

"From local service groups and volunteers who organize fundraising events, to corporate and individual donors who support them, our story is always the same – We could not do this without you!"

"With your support we can continue to help SLMHC grow its programs and services and become the Centre of Excellence for health care in the north."

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Foundation News

Spring 2012

Teaming up in the fight against Cancer

Join the biggest cancer fundraising event to make the biggest difference!

The foundation, the Sioux Lookout Meno Ya Win Health Centre, and the Canadian Cancer Society are “teaming up” in the fight against cancer at Relay For Life on June 1st in Sioux Lookout.

Relay For Life is a 12 hour overnight event, where teams walk in support of making cancer history. Team members collect pledges and host fundraising events in support of the effort. It is an opportunity to get together with family and friends and celebrate cancer survivors, remember loved ones lost to cancer, and fight back in the hope of finding a cure.

This is our second year partnering with the Canadian Cancer Society. Last year the society donated \$100,000 to SLMHC's mammography program to improve access to breast cancer screening in Northwest Ontario. This generous gift has helped to improve health services to women of First Nation communities and the Sioux Lookout area, and continues to save lives in the north through the early detection of breast cancer.



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The partnership with the Canadian Cancer Society is an exciting opportunity. Funds raised at Relay For Life will support Canadian Cancer Society research and community services and help fund cancer-care programs at the Sioux Lookout Meno Ya Win Health Centre. With Relay For Life supporting programs at SLMHC we will be able to accomplish so much more in the fight against cancer right here at home.

The foundation encourages SLMHC staff, volunteers and members of the communities served by the health centre to get involved and help make a difference.

Three teams from the health centre have already registered! To register your team or to learn more about volunteer opportunities please contact the foundation office at 807-737-7997 or Clifford Mushquash, co-chair Sioux Lookout Relay For Life Committee at 807-738-1496.

Together we can celebrate, remember, and fight back!

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Tree of Hearts Campaign

Funds raised for additional Ultrasound Machine

2012 marked the 15th Annual Tree of Hearts Campaign for the Sioux Lookout Meno Ya Win Health Centre Foundation. Throughout January and February lights were sold for \$10.00 each to honour and remember loved ones. During the week of February 14th the trees, sponsored by SLMHC and the Municipality of Sioux Lookout, were lit at the Sioux Lookout Meno Ya Win Health Centre, the William A. "Bill" George Extended Care, and at the Sioux Lookout Library.

Proceeds totaling \$4,120.00 from the 2012 campaign will be used to kick-start the fundraising effort to raise an estimated \$300,000 required for an additional ultrasound machine for SLMHC's Diagnostic Imaging Department.

The additional ultrasound machine will support SLMHC's prenatal services, enhance the mammography program and allow SLMHC to expand its cardiac imaging.

Thank you to everyone who purchased lights in memory of or in honour of someone special to you. Thank you also to Bloomin' Wild Flowers, Buck Buster Video, The Bootlegger, Cheers!, Chicken Chef, Eastside Convenience, and Mascotto's Marine for helping to sell the lights and for bringing greater awareness to our campaign and ongoing equipment needs at SLMHC.

Supporting Extended Care

Foundation funds equipment needs

Through the support of our donors the foundation has funded a portable bladder ultrasound scanner for use at the William A. "Bill" George Extended Care Facility.

The scanner provides a non-invasion alternative to the discomfort, risks, and costs associated with intermittent catheterization.

It is through the generous support of donors that we are able to fund equipment needs at SLMHC. We are very grateful for the support we receive and are pleased to be able to fund the scanner to enhance patient care at the William A. "Bill" George Extended Care Facility.

Indoor Mobility Scooter

Donation helps to improve patient services

An indoor mobility scooter is now available for patient use thanks to the generosity of local residents Ifka Filipovich and Ralph Ireland. The scooter can be signed out at SLMHC's reception desk to assist patients with mobility needs in getting to appointments within the health centre.

The mobility scooter is a great addition to patient services at the Sioux Lookout Meno Ya Win Health Centre.

Donation to Mammography Program

CIBC helps to fund High Resolution Monitor

CIBC has helped to fund the cost of a high resolution monitor to read digital breast images. The monitor enhances visualization of structures within the breast tissue to help detect small calcifications, masses, and other changes that may be signs of early cancer.

Digital mammography provides the highest quality of care in the prevention and early detection of breast cancer. CIBC's contribution will have far-reaching effects by helping us provide a life-saving service to the women of Sioux Lookout, the surrounding communities and the northern First Nations served by the Sioux Lookout Meno Ya Win Health Centre.

Upcoming Events

Join in, contribute, volunteer!

June 1st – Relay For Life: 7pm – 7am at the Queen Elizabeth District High School in Sioux Lookout

June 10th – Community Fish Fry: Town Beach in Sioux Lookout - sponsored by SLMHC and ARAMARK

June 21st – Bearskin Airlines Charity Golf at the Sioux Lookout Golf and Curling Club.

July/August – Centennial Celebration: Tours of the Sioux Lookout Meno Ya Win Health Centre

November 9th to 11th – 2nd Annual Bearskin Airlines Skip to Equip Classic: Sioux Lookout Golf and Curling Club.

Together we are making a difference and enhancing healthcare in the north!