# 2019/2020 ANNUAL REPORT



**Excellence Every Time** 



# **Mission**

Caring for People Embracing Diversity Respecting Different Pathways to Health

# Vision

We will be a Centre of Excellence in First Nations and northern health care by working together to improve the health status of individuals, families and communities now and for generations to come.

# Values

We value compassion, respect, quality and teamwork.

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# TO OUR Stakeholders

#### **MESSAGE FROM THE CEO AND BOARD CHAIR**

We are pleased to share the 2019/2020 Annual Report of the Sioux Lookout Meno Ya Win Health Centre (SLMHC). The past year has been very busy and, as you know, in the final months of the operating year the global COVID-19 pandemic reached our country. Like many organizations, the entire team at SLMHC, inclusive of the hospital site and the William A. George Extended Care site, prepared the facility to ensure that everyone who entered were kept as safe as possible.

We are very appreciative of our community, and the people we serve, for their support during the COVID-19 pandemic. There have been so many acts of kindness that inspired and supported our health care team to continue providing high-quality, compassionate, and culturally-safe care during these uncertain times.

We are fortunate to have an exceptional team at SLMHC and we are grateful for each individual and the unique qualities that they bring to the organization. During this unprecedented time, our team collaborated with many partners and communities, both locally and regionally, to lean-in and face the challenges that COVID-19 presented; and for this we are truly thankful.

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During the initial days of the pandemic, our team quickly implemented our pandemic protocol, forming a Command Table and various working groups to address specific protocols. Examples include the rapid set up of an Assessment Centre for COVID-19 testing to help divert patients away from the Emergency Department; hospital capacity was increased by temporarily relocating clients who were awaiting long term care placement to transitional spaces at the William A. George Extended Care facility; non-urgent services were suspended; and visitor restrictions implemented to help reduce the spread of the virus.

To the communities, organizations, and businesses of our area, thank you for the steps you have taken to keep our region safe. The result of everyone's immediate actions resulted in a very low incidence of positive COVID-19 cases in our catchment area; and of the positive cases identified to date there has been minimal illness.

As we move into 2020/2021, we look forward to slowly reintroducing services while maintaining a heightened awareness that the virus is still present, with anticipation of a vaccine being developed. Our team looks forward to serving you in new and innovative ways that keep everyone as safe as possible.

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Sadie Maxwell, Chairperson, Sioux Lookout Meno Ya Win Health Centre Board of Directors

Heather Lee, President & Chief Executive Officer, Sioux Lookout Meno Ya Win Health Centre



# MESSAGE FROM THE SLMC FOUNDATION

The Sioux Lookout Meno Ya Win Health Centre (SLMHC) Foundation had another exceptionally good year in fiscal 2019/20. Over \$240,000.00 was raised through individual and corporate donations, along with our two annual events: Bearskin Airlines Charity Golf Tournament in June and the Bearskin Airlines Skip to Equip Classic.

After five years serving as President and Chair of the Board of Directors, Mr. Terry Jewell has stepped down from that position, while remaining on the board. Ms. Christine Hoey was appointed as the new President and Chair. Please see the entire list of volunteer board members below. We are profoundly grateful to the many donors who have contributed, be they individuals and families, local businesses and national corporations and other charitable organizations and, especially, local organizing committees who organize annual events that greatly benefit the SLMHC Foundation.

Due to COVID-19, the SLMHC Foundation, as are most charities, are looking at a challenging 2020/21 as our main fundraisers have been cancelled. We are looking at new and different ways to raise funds to ensure that we will be able to continue to support SLMHC with needed equipment and capital needs.

Christine Hoey, President

# **SLMHC Foundation Board of Directors**

Ms. Christine Hoey, President Ms. Jackie Duhamel, Vice-President Ms. Anna Friesen, Secretary Ms. Rita Demetzer, Treasurer (Administrator) Ms. Catherine Beamish Ms. Tracey Bullock Mr. Terry J. Jewell Mr. Tom Kamenawatamin

Mr. Doug Lawrance Mr. Ed. Linkewich Mr. Dean Osmond Mr. Stanley Sainnawap Mr. Douglas Semple Dr. Eric Touzin

# **STAFF MILESTONES**

We want to thank and recognize the following staff who have hit a significant milestone between April 1, 2019 and March 31, 2020. Thank you to everyone for your continued dedication to SLMHC and Excellence Every Time.

# **5** Years

Judith Boles Angelica Brucelas **Betina Brugger** Katie Bull Jason Bunn Nicholas Deforest Megan George Alexandra Llloyd Micko Lopena Clinton Lorteau Carissa Mansfield Peter Mayberry Michael McCord Shelly Nystrom Carly Oberg Ashley Osmond Mariah Ricci Stephanie Simpson Luisito Tamayo Martin Tuesday Phyllis Wills June Wynn

# **10 Years**

Joe Borja Nicole Brown Stephen Csuzdi Raymond Legros Danielle Lillie Pauline Linklater Emilie Pelletier Lisa Totton Brenda Wessel Denise Wojciechowski

# **15 Years**

Cynthia Bogard Brad Caughell Gaetano Cospito Margaret Kimball Shelley Read Mary Spray Christine Tavares

# 20 Years

Maria Turtle Sean MacEachern Brenda Ropek Brenda Voth Anna Wellwood

# 25 Years

Susan Anderson

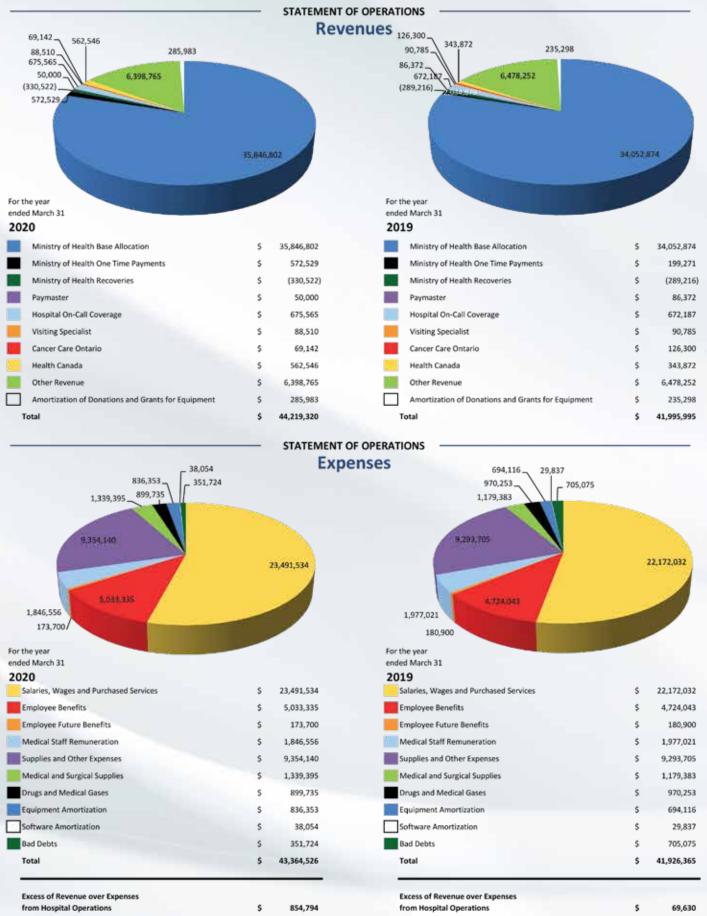
# 40 Years

Susan Jeffery

# Retired

Tony W. Brazier Dianna Marie Bridgwater Dorelene Kusick Juliette Makar Lesli Ann Marshall Janet Joy Potter Shiela Tennant

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Audited financial statements for the year ended March 31, 2019 are available on our website at www.slmhc.on.ca

# Our SLMHC | 2019/2020 at a Glance



Welcome to the world Gianna Masakeyash, who was the New Year's Baby, born on January 1, at 2:20 a.m. Gianna weighed 7 lb. 10 oz. (3458 gm). Congratulations to parents Shianna Turtle and Elisha Masakeyash.



In September 2019, we introduced the new Vocera Smartbadge, which allows for reliable, hands-free communications between SLMHC employees. The smartbadge, now seen on all frontline staff, not only makes for better communications across our facility, but improves response times and positively impacts patient outcomes.



The Honourable Marc Miller, Minister of Indigenous Services, took time for a tour of SLMHC during his visit to Sioux Lookout on February 13, 2020. Pictured above are SLMHC staffers, Karen Parent, Kathy Loon and Samantha Brooks, talking with Miller during the tour, where he learned more about our services as well as our challenges and successes.

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SLMHC Foundation representatives and Skip to Equip organizers celebrated \$80,000 raised during last year's 9th Annual Bearskin Airlines Skip to Equip Curling Classic in November 2019, which was donated to the Foundation.



Showing appreciation to SLMHC frontline staff and physicians was the aim as the SLMHC management team fired up the BBQ's and hosted two luncheons at the main SLMHC site and at the William A. George Extended Care Facility in July 2019.

Each luncheon was free for all staff and physicians, and provided an opportunity to not only show appreciation but to keep the conversation going as to how we can continue to drive improvement as their employer. While sharing results from the past three years of the Employee Engagement Survey, staff was given the opportunity to comment on specific areas that were working well or needed more improvement.

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A group shot taken in March 2020 (prior to mandatory masks being introduced) where we joined a global social media campaign #WeStayHereForYou #PleaseStayHomeForUs as a way to thank the public for following the newly introduced provincial pandemdic guidelines as well as honour the hard work of every staff member at SLMHC who were working hard to provide health services and Excellence Every Time.

# **Our Stats at a Glance**



2,347 Inpatient admissions

**121,546** Outpatient admissions



Full-Time Employees **117** Part-time & Casual Employees **137** 

New Hires

311





**364** Babies Born at SLMHC

#### **23,246** Emergency Department Visits

In March 2020, Ontario and Canada joined the world in the COVID-19 pandemic and we saw a lot of changes here our our hospital and ECU. With masks being mandatory for staff, we started a #Facemask Friday campaign on social media to celebrate the steps our staff take every day to wear their masks and put best public health practices forward. Here are some pics of staff throughout SLMHC, including the Emergency Department, Maternity Ward, Nursing floor and Laboratory.





20 Medical Students Placed at SLMHC



**28,916** Exams in Diagnostic Imaging

#### 389,951 Meals Cooked

#### **1,302** Miichim Meals Served



# **Values Statement**

# Compassion

We promise to provide care that is compassionate and reflects humility, caring, dignity, empathy and love.

### Respect

We promise to be respectful and embrace honesty, integrity, humility, engagement, accountability, responsiveness and truth.

## Quality

We promise to provide high-quality, individualized care that is innovative, meets best practice standards and reflects our awareness of cultural safety.

# Teamwork

We commit to working as a team and collaborating in a care planning that involves the patient. We value leadership, wisdom and bravery.