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The Sackville Memorial Hospital Foundation's Give our Surgeons Inside Information Campaign EXCEEDS Goal

Sackville - The Sackville Memorial Hospital Foundation is pleased to announce that they have surpassed the **\$100,000 fundraising goal** for the *Give our Surgeons Inside Information* Campaign.

Campaign Chair Pat Estabrooks is pleased that, once again, our very supportive community and loyal donors rallied behind this great project and raised over \$110,000. *"This is great news as the actual cost of the equipment needed was \$10,000 over goal. Every penny will be invested to enhance surgical and emergency cardiac care at our hospital,"* says Estabrooks.

Where will the money go?

A **portable Mini C-arm X-ray device** will be purchased for the Day Surgery Program. The SMH is renowned for its outstanding Day Surgery Program offering over 40 different types of Orthopedic, Plastic, Urology and General surgeries. In fact, over 920 surgeries were performed at our facility last year alone. **This technology, which carries a price tag of \$85,000**, will expand and strengthen the hospital's surgical capabilities by offering a host of plastic and orthopedic surgeries not currently being done. This low-radiation, high-resolution technology renders exceptionally detailed X-rays allowing surgeons to safely and accurately operate on bones and joints, as well as visualize hardware (plates and screws) for placement or removal. The portable Mini C-arm can be used in a wide range of foot, ankle and hand surgical procedures including identifying fractures, dislocations, repairing joint deformity



(toe fusions), bunion removal, and straightening and securing broken bones to facilitate healing.

Dr. Jayson Dool, Plastic Surgeon, is delighted that patients needing certain hand, wrist, foot or ankle surgeries will soon have the option to come to Sackville.

“This acquisition is a benefit for the patients (flexibility and decreased wait times), hospital, and for our orthopedic and plastic surgeons,” says Dr. Dool.

Also on this list to purchase, at a cost of \$25,000, is a lifesaving device offering optimal cardiac emergency care on the Brunswick West Unit (21-bed inpatient unit). It is critical to have a modern **defibrillator** ready and close by when needed by our medical team. A new defibrillator will replace the one currently being used which is reaching the end of its reliability. This device features innovative technology used to treat a person when their heart stops beating properly, delivering an electric shock to stimulate the heart to get it pumping effectively again. It also works as an external pacemaker as well as allows staff to monitor crucial information such as cardiac rhythms and vital signs. Having a designated defibrillator in the Brunswick West Unit saves the response team precious time, *minutes that could save a life*, without having to use one from another area of the hospital.

Estabrooks notes that for decades, the Sackville Memorial Hospital and its exceptional care team have been saving lives, healing the sick and bringing comfort and hope to patients and families in their time of need...*right here at home.*

Donations are still being accepted. You can contact the Foundation at 364-4204, drop by the hospital, or donate securely on-line at www.smhf.ca/donate.

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