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The Sackville Memorial Hospital Foundation Exceeds \$100,000 Goal in **Accuracy is the Best Result Good Chemistry Campaign**

(Sackville) - The Sackville Memorial Hospital (SMH) Foundation is pleased to announce that they have surpassed the \$100,000 fundraising goal for the **Accuracy is the Best Result Good Chemistry Campaign 2018**. Donor dollars will be used to purchase a sophisticated **Chemistry Analyzer** to ensure our laboratory professionals have the best technology to provide the most accurate results for patients.

Campaign Chair, Pat Estabrooks is delighted with the success of the campaign. “The lab touches virtually every aspect of patient care and we need to ensure that our lab professionals have the proper tools to do their job. Our loyal donors have come through once again!” says Estabrooks.

This modern technology, which is expected to be in place in the fall, will provide quick and accurate results allowing physicians to make the correct diagnosis and administer prompt treatment to patients. *The new unit will replace an aging unit that is reaching the end of its lifespan.*

The **Chemistry Analyzer** provides fast and precise analysis of blood samples. This technology will be used for many things including testing liver, kidney and heart function. Glucose is the most frequently performed clinical chemistry procedure used in the diagnosis and treatment of Diabetes.

The lab, which performs over 61,000 tests per year, is arguably the Hospital’s most vital service. Diagnostic tests are often the least expensive component of the health care pathway, yet they influence more than 70% of all health care decisions. The dedicated team of medical laboratory professionals at SMH process over 250 specimens per day from admitted patients, the Emergency Department, Extra Mural Program, long-term care facilities and various clinics throughout the Tantramar area.

Estabrooks says a special thank you goes out to our volunteer campaign team, who among other things, carried out personal face-to-face solicitations and to those who held

special events on the Foundation's behalf, as well as the many caring staff, companies, groups and individuals who donated.

"Hats off to the Leviathan Dragon Boat Team from Tantramar Regional High School as their recent donation of \$2366.22 put the campaign over the \$100,000 mark," says Estabrooks.

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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