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2019/2020 Annual Report



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a real difference

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Our Mission: Inspiring generosity to create the best health care experience for all Manitobans

In partnership with over 54,000 donors since 1976, the Health Sciences Centre Foundation supports the important work of HSC Winnipeg, Manitoba's hospital.

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ON THE COVER: A frontline health care worker at HSC expresses her gratitude for the Feeding the Frontlines program. Through the generosity of HSC Foundation donors, 11,200 complimentary meals were made available to HSC staff through the first wave of COVID-19. Many thanks to Earls Restaurants and McNaught Cadillac Buick GMC for their support.

Statistical Highlights

Your Impact – 2019/2020

Last year at HSC



15,454

surgeries
performed



69,305

people visited
the Emergency
Department



5,552

babies born



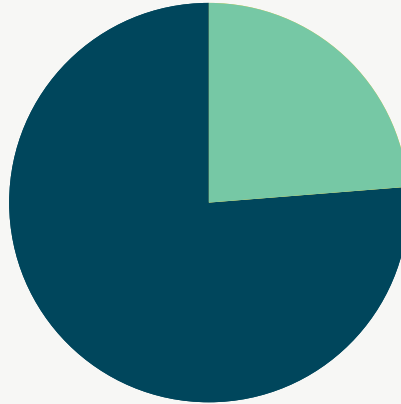
25,588

inpatient
admissions

Revenue by area



Fundraising:
\$8,868,036



Lotteries, net:
\$2,760,741



Since **1976**,
more than **54,000**
donors have generously
gifted over **\$192 million**
to the HSC Foundation to
support patient care.



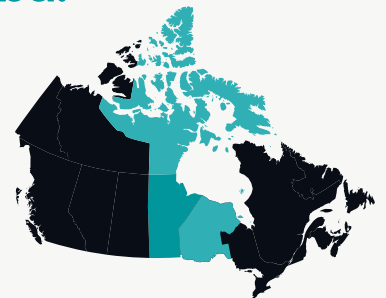
The HSC
Foundation
provided over
\$300,000
in research
grants in
2019/2020.



HSC covers **4 million**
square feet across
39 acres, holding
nearly **800 beds**.

**HSC serves more than
just Manitoba.**

It is also the
designated
trauma centre
for Nunavut and
Northwestern
Ontario.



The Foundation's online reach



3,525

facebook followers



2,161

twitter followers



735

instagram followers

Distant, yes, but closer than ever

A message from our Chair and President & CEO



Jonathon Lyon and Tina Jones, O.M. (2019)

*Specific. Timely. Tangible.
Solid lines drawn from a gift
given to an impact achieved.*

Our annual report is supposed to look back at the year that ended March 31. But with the unprecedented state of public health as we write this and as you read this, it is difficult to limit our thoughts to a defined time frame.

COVID-19 has changed the health care conversation in Manitoba and around the world like nothing else in our lifetimes. We remind each other to “stay safe.” We “distance”; we “sanitize”; we tap elbows. We share Zooms, but not rooms. This horrible pandemic dominates the news and public discourse.

But through this stress and ugliness, it is our job as the foundation for Manitoba’s hospital to see the bigger picture of health care. It is our aim to engage our donors and corporate partners in important conversations about community health. It is our responsibility to elevate the dialogue about all manner of health care needs and help HSC prepare for the future. **And it is our duty to be optimistic. And we are.**

From the earliest days of COVID-19, we saw the community rally behind the Foundation and HSC in remarkable ways. Our ongoing COVID-19 Crisis Response Fund has attracted nearly 700 donors so far, more than half of them first-time donors. **And through it all, support for our other campaigns has been tremendous.**

What we hear from our donors and partners is that they like that they know exactly what their gifts to the HSC Foundation will do. This gift funded the purchase of iPads so families can connect with their loved ones in intensive care. This gift built a state-of-the-art thoracics clinic. This gift purchased a high-end lithotripter to crush kidney stones. The list goes on. Specific. Timely. Tangible. **Solid lines drawn from a gift given to an impact achieved.**

What we’ve always known, and what we are seeing through COVID-19 more than ever before, is the **deep and passionate commitment of Manitobans to do better for each other.** To excel, to give, to accelerate progress and innovation in health care. We are distant from each other physically, but in some ways closer than ever before. And it bodes well for the future.

Thank you for your support. Thank you for helping us draw those solid lines. Thank you for helping us deliver tomorrow’s health care, today.

Stay safe,

Tina Jones, O.M.
Board Chair

Jonathon Lyon
President & Chief Executive Officer

Precious Moments

Foundation donors keep families connected

**“Dad is doing very poorly. It doesn’t look good,”
Lisa Doerksen wrote in an email to an HSC
Foundation writer on the morning of May 4.
“The iPads now were even more precious.”**

Within a couple of hours of the email, John Reimer passed away in his Steinbach hospital bed at the age of 74, one of the first Manitobans to succumb to COVID-19.

His death was unexpected. He had spent three weeks in HSC Winnipeg’s Intensive Care Unit, including two in a coma, but was well on the road to recovery. After being transferred to Bethesda Regional Health Centre, Reimer agreed to an interview, from his hospital bed, to talk about his experience, and to talk about


With visitor restrictions in place, the iPad was a lifeline that connected Reimer with his wife Irene and the rest of the family.

the impact of having a donor-funded iPad at his disposal in the ICU. With visitor restrictions in place, the iPad was a lifeline that connected Reimer with his wife Irene and the rest of the family.

In the interview, he was gracious and good-humoured; eager to heal and get out of the hospital. Most of all, he was grateful for the iPad.

“I would have had no connection to my family whatsoever. They couldn’t visit,” said Reimer from his hospital bed. “The iPad program was a godsend. It’s the best thing anyone thought of... and there were top-notch people in the ICU. You can’t get any better.”

Doerksen, Reimer’s daughter, was similarly grateful. “If there were no visitor restrictions in place someone from our family would have been there as much as possible,” she said. “With the iPads in place, we could see my dad wink and smile and mouth ‘I love you’ even when he was intubated. It was so important for my dad to see familiar faces. A big thank you to the donors who made this possible.”

Other than his final hour spent with Irene at his bedside, John Reimer could not spend time in-person with his family for the final five weeks of his life. Thanks to HSC Foundation donors, Reimer and his family could enjoy the best connection possible at a difficult time. ICU patients and their families continue to benefit from this program and the generosity of our donors every day. 



Irene and John Reimer: “The iPad program was a godsend. It’s the best thing anyone thought of,” said John Reimer.

Year at a Glance: 2019/2020

Key milestones; special moments

We plan. We achieve. We launch. We change lives—all because of you, our passionate, generous donors. Each and every year the HSC Foundation is shaped by important milestones and special moments where we advance and celebrate excellence at HSC—Manitoba's hospital.

Thank you for filling our calendar with opportunities to reflect on successes and move forward with renewed vigour and a grand vision. Thank you for your generosity. Thank you for your support in 2019/2020 and always.



May 9, 2019: Dr. Jeff Saranchuk (Surgeon and Head of the Section of Urology, HSC Winnipeg) discusses the need to advance urologic care in Manitoba.

On May 9, 2019, over 100 guests gathered for lunch at St. Charles Golf and Country Club to hear the remarkable story of lung cancer survivor Shawn Reimer, and to learn about the vision for the new Manitoba Urologic Centre.

In June 2019, the Foundation received a \$1 million contribution to launch the Spine Fellowship Fund, which supports education and research within the Winnipeg Spine Program.

In June 2019, the HSC Foundation awarded almost \$330,000 in research grants to 13 projects. Since 1981, donors have supported more than 400 research projects through the Foundation. (See page 13 to read about our 2019 grant recipients.)

On May 16, 2019, we gathered to announce the development of a new ambulatory care clinic for transplant patients. The clinic opened in July 2020, and is meeting the needs of kidney transplant patients—before and after their surgeries in Winnipeg—as well as lung and liver transplant patients waiting for their surgeries in other provinces. The clinic was made possible by two anonymous gifts to the HSC Foundation totalling \$3 million.



Announcing the new transplant clinic on May 16, 2019: L-R: Hon. Brian Pallister (Premier of Manitoba); Jonathon Lyon (President & CEO, HSC Foundation); Tina Jones, O.M. (Board Chair, HSC Foundation); Ronan Segrave (COO, HSC Winnipeg); Dr. David Rush (Medical Director, Transplant Manitoba); and Linda Edwards (kidney transplant recipient).

In the summer of 2019, the Foundation formally launched the \$8.2 million campaign to establish the Manitoba Urologic Centre. Donors have already contributed \$5.2 million.



A C-arm machine, like the one pictured here, will provide effective imaging and allow for more precise, minimally invasive treatment in the proposed Manitoba Urologic Centre.

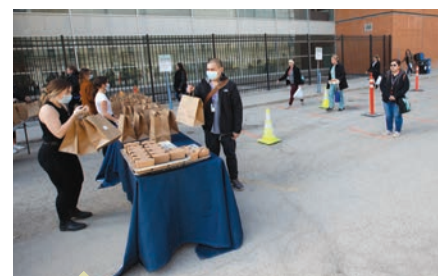


Unveiling the Wilf Taillieu Thoracic Surgery Clinic and Endoscopy Unit on November 5, 2019: L-R: Jonathon Lyon (President & CEO, HSC Foundation); Hon. Cameron Friesen (Minister of Health, Seniors and Active Living); Mavis Taillieu (Former Director, HSC Foundation); Matix & Liam (Mavis's grandchildren); Tina Jones, O.M. (Board Chair, HSC Foundation); Hon. Brian Pallister (Premier of Manitoba); Blaine Hadaller (grateful patient); Ronan Segrave (COO, HSC Winnipeg); and Dr. Larry Tan (Head of Thoracic Surgery, HSC Winnipeg).

The Wilf Taillieu Thoracic Surgery Clinic and Endoscopy Unit was unveiled on **November 5, 2019**. Donors contributed \$3.2 million to this essential project in just 11 months. The unit opened in the summer of 2020 and is improving care for patients with esophageal cancer, lung cancer, and other thoracic conditions. (Learn more on page 12.)

In December 2019, the Foundation launched a comprehensive strategic planning process, working with the management consulting firm of Berlineaton. The plan will guide the Foundation's work over the next several years as we work with donors to elevate the delivery of health care and research at HSC for the benefit of all Manitobans.

More than 700 guests danced the night away on **February 22, 2020**, at our annual Savour: Wine & Food Experience. It was a lively celebration of the sights, sounds, and flavours of Portugal that raised more than \$650,000 for the HSC Foundation. (See page 18 for more details.)



The HSC Foundation Feeding the Frontlines initiative, in partnership with Earls Restaurants and McNaught Cadillac Buick GMC, served 11,200 complimentary meals to HSC frontline personnel, thanks to donors to the COVID-19 Crisis Response Fund.

In March 2020, we turned our attention to the emerging coronavirus pandemic and launched our COVID-19 Crisis Response Fund to support frontline workers at HSC and do our part to support HSC's response to the pandemic. Individual donors and businesses alike responded—and continue to respond—in remarkable ways. As of October 23, \$743,942 had been contributed by 676 donors, 353 of whom are new supporters of the HSC Foundation. (See pages 8-10 for more information and some reflections on the pandemic's earliest days.)

On September 14, 2019, we hosted our second-annual Bannatyne Legacy Circle Celebration. The Foundation honoured 12 donors who made a public pledge to leave a legacy gift to the HSC Foundation. (See more on pages 16-17.)

2019/2020 was another successful year for our lottery program. Along with the Children's Hospital Foundation of Manitoba and the St. Boniface Hospital Foundation, we run the TriHospital Dream Lottery in the spring/summer, and in the fall we run our own HSC Millionaire Lottery. Our lotteries generated \$7.1 million in sales revenue in 2019/2020 with a net revenue of \$2.8 million.

It was a record year for our annual Radiothon, held on **January 24, 2020**. Donors contributed \$212,458 while hearing the remarkable stories of HSC patients and health care providers. (See page 18 for more details.)

In March 2020, we received a \$1.5 million contribution to establish the Surgical Access and Delivery Innovation Fund. This fund will help address inequities in access to surgical services in Manitoba, Nunavut, and Northwestern Ontario for some segments of the population.



December 2019: Ashley Solomon, 2019 HSC Millionaire Grand Prize Winner, with Jonathon Lyon, HSC Foundation President & CEO.

COVID-19 Reflections

Looking back at the early days of the pandemic

The first days of the COVID-19 pandemic in March were filled with uncertainty. Would the pandemic reach Manitoba? Would my loved ones and I be safe? Would my business survive? Would I lose my job?


No one likes uncertainty. And, as we all know, the pandemic persists and there is still uncertainty about how it will progress and how it will end. The story is still being written.

Through this journey, though, we have been reminded of some things that are indeed certain. Absolutely solid. Etched in stone.

For example, the generosity of Manitobans is certain. As the foundation for Manitoba's hospital, we continue to see examples each and every day of the kindness and passion of Manitobans. Businesses and individuals alike stepped forward early with tremendous support of our COVID-19 Crisis Response Fund.

This support has so far allowed us to equip the Intensive Care Unit with iPads so that patients and their families can communicate with each other when visitor restrictions are in place. The support allowed us to run the Feeding the Frontlines initiative with Earls Restaurants and McNaught Cadillac Buick GMC, providing 11,200 complimentary meals to frontline personnel. Donations allowed for important research and development to proceed so that medical-grade protective masks could be produced locally. And much more.

As certain as the legendary generosity of Manitobans, is the commitment and skill of our colleagues at HSC Winnipeg. Their tireless commitment to saving lives, changing lives, and bringing comfort inspires our donors and motivates our fundraisers. We are proud to have a front-row seat to the excellence they deliver.

As Manitobans and people everywhere continue to respond to COVID-19, we share these reflections with you. We hope you share our feelings of gratitude and inspiration. Our community is strong. 



“Our Foundation’s primary focus is to provide bursaries to students pursuing their education in skilled trades and technology. We realized, though, that 2020 was a year like no other. We shifted some of our giving to emergency funding to cover students’ unexpected expenses, and decided early on that we needed to step up and support health care institutions like HSC in a way that was meaningful to frontline health care workers. We acted early because we wanted our gift to be seen as a call to action to the local business community. We all have to do our part.”

– **David Shnider,**
Director, The Princess Auto Foundation

The Princess Auto Foundation’s contribution in the spring of 2020 was one of the first major gifts to the COVID-19 Crisis Response Fund. Their generosity generated important momentum for the campaign.



“During this unprecedented public health emergency, we are especially focused on supporting our communities and enabling urgent funding where it is needed most. Supporting the Health Sciences Centre Foundation is one way we are helping organizations across Canada in the fight against COVID-19. The TELUS Friendly Future Foundation commends the HSC Foundation for its impressive work and for taking care of Manitobans.”

– **Shanan Spencer-Brown**, *Executive Director, TELUS Friendly Future Foundation*

The TELUS Friendly Future Foundation’s support of the COVID-19 Crisis Response Fund was instrumental in advancing HSC’s research and development of protective masks for hospital personnel.



“As a manufacturing company, we were designated an essential service when the pandemic first hit. We felt very grateful that we were able to continue operating and wanted to give back to the community. We have expertise in handling hazardous materials and the right type of facility, so producing hand sanitizer at a time of need made good sense. Our incredible team really rallied around this project and supporting the HSC Foundation COVID fund was the obvious choice. HSC touches everyone in Manitoba.”

– **Rick G. Duha**, *Director, Operations Systems, Duha Group*

From May to July 2020, Duha Group produced and sold hand sanitizer with proceeds going to the HSC Foundation’s COVID-19 Crisis Response Fund.



“Our industry was affected by the pandemic when hotels, restaurants, and bars weren’t able to operate as they normally do, and they still can’t. We were fortunate that Manitobans continued to support the local beer industry and we wanted to find a way to do something for the community and for health care workers. We heard Jonathon Lyon on the radio talking about the HSC COVID-19 Crisis Response Fund and we knew immediately we wanted to take part. As a local company, it’s our duty to engage in important causes for the community that supports us. I thank Manitobans for their continued support of all local breweries.”

– **Scott Shupeniuk**, *General Manager, Fort Garry Brewing*

Fort Garry Brewing donated \$3 from every purchase of their special Manitoba 150 Celebration Pack to the HSC Foundation COVID-19 Crisis Response Fund.



“In the early days of COVID there was a sense of impending doom, not really knowing what we were in for. As part of our preparations, there were practice rounds where my colleagues were practising how to intubate someone. I remember some of the doctors getting teary eyed during the exercise. It was stressful for all of us. Maybe the hardest thing to see, though, was the impact visitor restrictions had on families. Knowing that families couldn’t hold the hand of a dying loved one because of the pandemic was heartbreaking, but the iPads (funded by HSC Foundation donors) made a big difference.”

– **Heather Mashinter**,
Social Worker, HSC Winnipeg

Heather Mashinter has worked at HSC since 2007. For the last three-and-a-half years she has been providing counselling support to patients and families in the Intensive Care Unit.



“Being an ICU nurse is emotionally challenging at the best of times; it was particularly intense in the first days of COVID-19. After all, you don’t typically train for a pandemic! It was difficult to tell families that they couldn’t visit their loved ones, and it takes a mental toll to provide emotional support to very ill and dying patients when families can’t be there. It was so great to have volunteers and iPads (funded by HSC Foundation donors) so that families could at least connect in some way. That had a huge impact and brought families comfort. I know we’re going to make it through this together!”

– **Brad Penner**, Nurse, HSC Winnipeg

Brad Penner graduated from nursing in 2012 and has been working in the Intensive Care Unit at HSC Winnipeg for three years.



“I decided to contribute because I could. When COVID-19 started in Manitoba, I was super grateful that I still had a job when so many others were losing theirs. And I also just wanted to give back to HSC which has always taken good care of me and my family. I figured it was time to step up and say thank you to our frontline health care workers by becoming a monthly donor. The gift is automated, so I don’t even notice it, and it’s a regular source of income for the hospital. We need to take care of our frontline health care workers so they can take care of us.”

– **Tanya Pomanski**, Monthly Donor

Tanya Pomanski was inspired by the HSC Foundation’s COVID-19 Crisis Response Fund to become a monthly donor to the Foundation.



“Our work changed dramatically when COVID-19 first hit. We paused our efforts on some very important initiatives and turned our focus onto the hospital’s needs related to the pandemic. Our donors were really focused on COVID-19—and they responded in remarkable ways to our Crisis Response Fund. We checked in with them regularly to see how they were doing, how they were feeling. There was a definite spirit of wanting to come together and do something positive. I think that supporting the Foundation gave donors a sense of control during an unsettling time, but the major message we heard was gratitude for the people who work at the hospital.”

– **Tansey Buike**, Senior Fundraiser, HSC Foundation

Tansey Buike joined the HSC Foundation team in 2019.



“I turned 65 in April and was planning to travel to Jasper, Edmonton, and Whitehorse to celebrate and visit friends. When the trip was cancelled because of the pandemic, I decided that I wanted to use my travel money to do some good in the community. I’ve been an HSC patient a few times over the years and I knew there would be challenges at the hospital with COVID-19 and I wanted to support them. I had saved up for a year for the trip, and cancelling it was disappointing, but it’s a time for all of us to do our part. I’ll travel another day—hopefully soon!”

– **Margaret Gaundroue**, Donor

When Margaret Gaundroue’s trip was cancelled due to COVID-19, she split her travel funds among four local organizations, including the HSC Foundation. “God loves a cheerful giver,” she says, quoting 2 Corinthians 9:7.

At the Heart of Transformation

“The patient will see you now”

Dr. Shawn Young started as HSC’s Site Medical Lead on April Fool’s Day, but his first day on the job was far from funny.

“That was the day that COVID first really impacted HSC because we had an exposure on a medical unit,” says Dr. Young of the pandemic’s first wave. “We had to move patients all over the building. We moved entire units.”

The days continued to be long and stressful, but Dr. Young took heart from the many examples of colleagues rising to the occasion to provide optimal care. “Our people worked their arses off and were still there to provide emotional support to our patients when families couldn’t visit,” he says.

The days remain long during the second wave of the coronavirus as this report goes to press. The stresses are significant. The challenges are very real. Through it all, though, Dr. Young still sees a silver lining. He sees a hospital system gaining important insights as health care transformation proceeds in Manitoba.

“With COVID, there is a growing acceptance of virtual care, the idea that many appointments with medical professionals can be done through technology,” says Dr. Young, a practising anesthesiologist. “Most people have access to smartphone technology that should allow them to get the help they need from their physician without long waits. We can speed up diagnosis and treatment plans, improve coordination among specialists, and move from a culture of ‘the doctor will see you now’ to ‘the patient will see you now’ as health care providers serve patients more efficiently. Health care providers will have greater access to information which will make our care safer and easier to provide. We will transition from a system that is dependent on fax machines to one that bans them.”

The better use of communications technology is but one important transformation championed and celebrated by Dr. Young. The consolidation of specialty services, such as the recent consolidation of stroke care at HSC, for example, is another important development that will serve Manitobans well.

HSC Winnipeg’s new Site Medical Lead, Dr. Shawn Young, envisions a more effective and efficient future.



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“As Manitoba’s hospital, HSC is at the heart of this transformation,” says Dr. Young, a graduate of the University of Manitoba. “That is what draws me and many other people to work at HSC.”

Dr. Young has a long track record in health care transformation. He played a key role in centralizing anesthesiology services 12 years ago, improving access at a time when up to 10% of surgeries were cancelled due the lack of an anesthesiologist. And in his last position as the Chief Medical Officer at Victoria General Hospital, he oversaw that facility’s transition to a focus on family medicine, mental health, and short-stay surgery.

“Those were historic changes in health care in Manitoba,” he says. “Change of that magnitude is never easy, even when we know it is right for Manitobans.”

At HSC, he envisions more transformational change in the months and years ahead—change that will be made possible by the HSC Foundation and its donors.

“As an example, I look at the Wilf Taillieu Thoracic Surgery Clinic and Endoscopy Unit that donors funded. We’re now able to do minimally invasive procedures that reduce hospital stays from a week to a day and produce better outcomes,” says Dr. Young. “The Foundation and its donors will be essential partners as we go forward bridging other gaps in care.”

A Bias for Excellence; A Link to Success

The impact of the Wilf Taillieu Thoracic Surgery Clinic and Endoscopy Unit

When it comes to cancer, early detection is key. But in the case of Arlene Link, finding out about her esophageal cancer a little bit later spared her an invasive procedure and a lengthy recovery. Here's how.

In the spring of 2019, 63-year-old Link saw her family doctor in Morden for a routine check-up. Her blood work was concerning so her doctor sent her for a CT scan which showed evidence of cancer.

By July, she was in the good hands of HSC thoracic surgeon Dr. Biniam Kidane at the just-opened, donor-funded Wilf Taillieu Thoracic Surgery Clinic and Endoscopy Unit. With new, state-of-the-art diagnostic equipment, Dr. Kidane was able to stage Link's cancer and then perform a procedure called an ESD (endoscopic submucosal dissection).

"ESD essentially cores out esophageal cancer and takes it out through the mouth without any cuts on the outside of the body," explains Dr. Kidane. "Had Arlene come to see me a month earlier before the clinic was open, she would have had a far more invasive surgery along with chemotherapy and radiation. Greater risk, a longer recovery, and a huge impact on her quality of life."



Dr. Biniam Kidane: "Thanks to donors, the people we can cure are getting faster and better treatment."

"Dr. Kidane told me later that I would have had to spend a long time in the hospital if I had regular surgery," says Link, a retired Agriculture Canada employee. "Instead I only had to stay one night."

Ernie Bias's story is similar to Link's, but even more remarkable considering his age. At 82, and with other health issues, conventional surgery coupled with chemotherapy and radiation would have been impossible.

Fortunately for Bias, a resident of West St. Paul, the new clinic was up and running last fall when it became clear he needed treatment. His ESD (which he playfully calls his "Roto-Rooter") was a huge success. Like Link, one night in hospital, no complications, and a total cure.

"Dr. Kidane explained everything to me and made it clear that there were no guarantees," says Bias, a retired mechanic and service station owner. "I think Dr. Kidane is the greatest person ever. The man is an angel."

The Wilf Taillieu Thoracic Surgery Clinic and Endoscopy Unit was the brainchild of Dr. Larry Tan, HSC's Head of Thoracic Surgery. Under the volunteer leadership of Mavis Taillieu, the HSC Foundation raised \$3.2 million in 11 months to make the clinic a reality. Thanks to the new clinic—which also treats lung cancer patients—HSC has been able to double the number of upper gastrointestinal and lung scopes that are performed, and a growing number of patients like Bias and Link are experiencing remarkable outcomes and avoiding more complicated procedures and painful recoveries.

"We can't cure everyone," says Dr. Kidane. "Thanks to donors, the people we can cure are getting faster and better treatment. The people we can't cure are getting the help they need faster to improve their comfort and quality of life."

"When you tell me that this space exists because of donors, I get goosebumps," says Link. "I'm so grateful to them, but how do you thank people you'll probably never meet?"



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HSC Foundation Awards over \$300,000 in Research Grants

In the fall of 2019, the Health Sciences Centre Foundation provided researchers with over \$300,000 in grants, helping fund eight projects at HSC, Manitoba's hospital. These grants are just one way Foundation donors help HSC innovate for the future and deliver tomorrow's health care, today.

General Operating

Dr. Christine Henriksen, \$64,139.07: "Living with hope: A preliminary investigation of a novel, CBT-based psychoeducational skills class for individuals with a recent suicide attempt"

Co-Investigators: Natalie Mota; James Bolton

Dr. Brett Houston, \$70,000: "Tranexamic acid use to safely reduce transfusion in major non-cardiac surgery (TRACTION): A pragmatic, registry-based, pilot randomized controlled trial"

Co-Investigators: Ryan Zarychanski; Thomas Mutter; Eric Jacobsohn; Gordon Buduhan; Jamie Falk; Robert Balshaw

Dr. Meaghan Jones, \$70,000: "Breaking the link between prenatal environment exposures and allergic disease: Insights from epigenetic research"

Dr. Emily Rimmer, \$70,000: "Plasma exchange in septic shock (PLEXSIS) pilot study"

Co-Investigators: Ryan Zarychanski; Donald Houston; John Wilkins; Robert Balshaw

RESEARCHER SPOTLIGHT: Dr. Emily Rimmer

Grant recipient and hematologist Dr. Emily Rimmer is intent on combatting one of the most common reasons patients are admitted to HSC's Intensive Care Unit: septic shock. Septic shock is a life-threatening condition, caused by a blood infection. It affects approximately 30,000 Canadians annually.

"Infection is one of the leading causes of death worldwide. While there are antibiotics to support the patient throughout the infection, there are still a significant number of people who die in part because there are no other specific treatments," says Dr. Rimmer.

This is what Dr. Rimmer's pilot study—"Plasma exchange in septic shock (PLEXSIS)"—aims to help solve as Dr. Rimmer and her team work to set a new standard in treatment for these patients.

Dr. Rimmer, who completed her medical school training and a residency in internal medicine and hematology at the University of Manitoba, finished a clinical and research

fellowship in bleeding disorders at the University of Manitoba and Queen's University before beginning her career as a hematologist at HSC in 2013.

"I've always been interested in the blood side of sepsis research. This study is unique in that it doesn't target just one abnormality in septic shock. It is a more generalized treatment that may be more broadly applicable to those affected," says Dr. Rimmer.

From being on call at HSC; to spending time in clinics treating people with blood disorders; to being the Medical Director of Therapeutic Apheresis; to conducting her own research and being a member of the Acute Care Hematology research group, it's safe to say the Winnipeg-born mother of two young children sees a lot of blood, and puts in a fair amount of sweat, in her day-to-day work.

The HSC Foundation extends a special thank you to our Honourary Directors who provided support for Dr. Rimmer's grant.



Recipients at the 2019 grant reception: L-R: Christine Henriksen, Renée El-Gabalawy, Jennifer Birt, Emerald Savary, Cherry Nixdorf, Allison Robinson, Brett Houston, Emily Rimmer.

Allied Health

Ms. Jennifer Birt, \$12,082.74: "Wheelchair skills area rejuvenation improving environmental and clinical engagement"

Co-Investigators: Allison Robinson; Emerald Savary; Cherry Nixdorf; Melissa Colbeck

Ms. Natalie Ruest, \$13,325.00: "Does body mass index (BMI) affect the magnitude of curve at diagnosis in patients with adolescent idiopathic scoliosis?"

Co-Investigators: Brian Black; Kristy Wittmeier; Kathy Mulder

Mindel & Tom Olenick Research Award in Immunology

Dr. Vidyanand Anaparti, \$5,000: "Role of microRNAs in preclinical rheumatoid arthritis"

Mr. Anthony Altieri, \$5,000: "Regulation of Airway Inflammation: Cytokines IL-17 and TNF, and cationic host defense peptide LL-37"



Financial Statements



Summary Financial Statements

The following is taken from the Health Sciences Centre Foundation's audited financial statements reported on by BDO Canada LLP.

Statement of Accountability

These financial statements were prepared by management in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations and are taken from the March 31, 2020, audited financial statements.



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Health Sciences Centre Foundation Inc. Summary Statement of Financial Position

As at March 31,		2020	2019 restated*
ASSETS			
Current Assets	Cash	\$5,634,760	\$2,744,359
	Investments	6,769,650	12,265,850
	Accounts Receivable	294,012	117,928
	Prepays	40,890	27,721
	Total Current Assets	12,739,312	15,155,858
Long Term Assets	Investments, at Market	31,242,495	33,185,410
	Capital Assets	6,859,343	6,362,889
	Total Long-Term Assets	38,101,838	39,548,299
Total Assets		50,841,150	54,704,157
LIABILITIES			
Current Liabilities	Accounts Payable and Accrued Liabilities	673,413	710,640
	Deferred Revenue	7,500	25,000
	Total Current Liabilities	680,913	735,640
FUND BALANCES			
Unrestricted	Endowment	20,788,857	18,774,148
	Restricted	17,867,372	22,978,909
	JBRC Capital	11,504,008	12,215,460
	Total Fund Balances	50,160,237	53,968,517
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances		\$50,841,150	\$54,704,157

For further details, please refer to the HSC Foundation's audited financial statements on our website.

An Unprecedented Year

A comment on our financials

The Health Sciences Centre Foundation experienced a truly unprecedented year in 2019/20. It was a year when new records were achieved thanks to our donors and loyal supporters. We were able to achieve record revenue with our Radiothon and our Savour: Wine & Food Experience.

Health Sciences Centre Foundation Inc. Summary Statement of Operations and Changes in Fund Balances

For the years ended March 31,		2020	2019 restated*
REVENUE	Donations	\$1,782,784	\$989,309
	Lotteries, Net	2,760,741	2,325,234
	Ventures, Net	278,240	298,431
	Investment Income (Loss)	(1,957,847)	1,623,598
	Major and Planned Gifts	7,085,252	12,635,801
	Funding Commitments	12,943	45,763
	Total Revenue	9,962,113	17,918,136
EXPENSES	Office Administration	1,170,627	968,554
	Donor Development	398,199	315,270
	Major and Planned Gifts	932,306	656,928
	Communications	259,128	154,741
	Amortization	203,813	185,215
	Total Expenses	2,964,073	2,280,708
Excess of Revenue over Expenses before Funding Commitments		6,998,040	15,637,428
Funding Commitments		(10,806,320)	(2,418,341)
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenue over Expenses		(3,808,280)	13,219,087
Fund Balance, Beginning of Year		53,968,517	40,749,430
Fund Balance, End of Year		\$50,160,237	\$53,968,517

During the year, the Foundation changed its accounting policy for the treatment of pledges receivable to record pledges as revenue when collected in order to provide more reliable and relevant information to users of its financial statements. Comparative amounts presented in these financial statements have been retroactively restated.

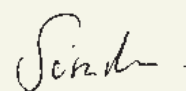
The Foundation was also able to provide \$10.8 million in direct support to clinical projects and research at HSC Winnipeg. This level of support is a testament to the commitment of our donors and the community.

Just weeks after our February 22 Savour event—with 720 people in attendance—the first case of COVID-19 was diagnosed in Manitoba and our world changed. The global pandemic had an immediate impact on financial markets, and the Foundation experienced an unrealized loss on investments that is reflected here in the Foundation's financial statements. By early 2020/21, the unrealized losses rebounded. However, the global community and financial markets continue to be affected by the pandemic. Here at home, we were humbled by the immediate support our community showed by contributing to the Foundation's COVID-19 Crisis Response Fund, beginning in the 2019/20 fiscal year.

While the impact of the pandemic creates uncertainty, one thing that remains certain is the commitment of our donors and the community to advancing health care in Manitoba. Because of our amazing donors, the HSC Foundation is able to make investments to make health care more accessible, immediate, and effective.

Thank you for your confidence, support, and your commitment to the HSC Foundation.

With thanks and admiration,



Susan Robinson
Vice President of Operations

Bannatyne Legacy Circle


The gift of a lifetime

Twelve passionate donors signed a pledge to support the HSC Foundation with a legacy gift.

On September 14, the HSC Foundation welcomed 12 new members to the Bannatyne Legacy Circle at the second-annual Bannatyne Legacy Circle Celebration, presented by Johnston Group Inc. and in partnership with Canad Inns.

Over 100 guests gathered at Canad Inns Destination Centre Polo Park for conversation, a delectable breakfast, and live entertainment, applauding the philanthropic commitment of the Circle's newest members.

Being a member of the Bannatyne Legacy Circle involves naming the HSC Foundation in your will or naming the Foundation as the beneficiary of an asset you currently hold. Your commitment will be celebrated at the event and through a story written about you and your connection to the HSC Foundation and HSC. This story, approved by you, will be professionally written and presented to you in a special keepsake folder at the Bannatyne Legacy Circle Celebration.

Thanks to the support of our Bannatyne Legacy Circle members, we can advance vital medical research and continue to provide the absolute best in patient care to Manitobans for years to come. 



F. Lynn Bishop, Chair of the HSC Foundation's Honourary Directors, guides new signers through the Bannatyne Legacy Circle signing ceremony: L-R: Irma McKenzie, Don Pharoah, Monique Levesque-Pharoah, Glen Torgerson, Dr. Brock Wright, Tina Jones, O.M., Tannis M. Richardson, C.M., LL.D., Jonathon Lyon, Deborah Thorlakson, O.M., Pam Sigurdson, George Sigurdson.



Gathering together at Canad Inns Destination Centre Polo Park. Back: L-R: Jack Wilson, Irma McKenzie, Lila Goodspeed Everett, Deborah Thorlakson, O.M.; Front: L-R: Muriel Sutherland, R.W. (Bob) Cunningham, Tannis M. Richardson, C.M., LL.D.



Performer and producer Donna Fletcher coordinated an outstanding performance, featuring our signers' favourite songs.



In 2019/2020, we received estate gifts from generous supporters of the HSC Foundation who, sadly, passed away. We are grateful for their foresight and we recognize them as members of the Bannatyne Legacy Circle. Their promises have been fulfilled, and we celebrate their legacy.

We honour the memories of:

Nancy Ford
Elaine Heinicke
Diane I. Hoskins

Jessie H. Lang
Tom Anthony Liewicki
Paul Mowdy

George Pilbeam
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Excerpts from our 2019 signer stories:



“Our population is changing, as are our health care needs. Research is imperative if we hope to address these issues as efficiently and effectively as possible.”

– Deborah Thorlakson, O.M.



“My legacy gift will honour the legacy of my ancestors, honour the work they started, and prepare the hospital for what is to come.”

– The late Diane I. Hoskins

“If you live here and you haven’t been touched by HSC in some way, that would be unusual.”

– Glen Torgerson



“Through the lens of a family member, as a patient, and as someone who is in regular contact with medical personnel and administrators, I have a good sense of what the needs and opportunities are. Government can’t fund it all. We all need to do our part to the best of our abilities. I am proud to commit to a legacy gift and I am proud to serve the HSC Foundation.”

– Jonathon Lyon



“The greatest privilege is having a front row seat to the impact of philanthropy. We can draw a straight line from the dollars we’ve raised to the lives that have been saved. That means a great deal to me.”

– Tina Jones, O.M.



“You can’t rely on others to make the changes you want to see. We all need to take responsibility by getting politically active, volunteering, and making a difference through philanthropy.”

– Pam and George Sigurdson

“HSC has always played a major and essential role in Manitoba’s health care system... It is exciting that HSC is now recognized as ‘Manitoba’s Hospital.’”

– Dr. Brock Wright



“Philanthropy takes on many forms. Philanthropy not only supports causes financially but includes volunteering your time and exerting oneself for the well-being of others. It could be a gesture, a smile, or a kind word. We can all be philanthropists.”

– Tannis M. Richardson, C.M., LL.D.



“It’s going to take private sources of funding—like what we are doing at the Foundation—to keep HSC strong and ensure that it can attract world-class professionals who have access to world-class technology.”

– William S. Gardner, Q.C.



“We have borne witness to how donations made to the HSC Foundation can have a direct, tangible, often immediate impact—the HSC Foundation can change lives.”

– Monique Levesque-Pharoah and Don Pharoah

Broadcasting Hope

Annual Radiothon shares stories of strength

Twenty dollars; 100 dollars; 1,000 dollars. On January 24, Manitobans gave from the heart in support of the HSC Foundation's annual Hope to Life Radiothon, presented by Maric Homes.

Broadcast live on 680 CJOB, Power 97, and Peggy 99.1, the Radiothon inspired supporters to call in, donate online, and donate in person, enabling the HSC Foundation to exceed our goal. \$212,458.81 was donated, including \$30,000 in matching gifts from The Wawanesa Mutual Insurance Company, Johnston Group Inc., and Access Credit Union.

Money raised through the Radiothon helps improve patient care at HSC through important research initiatives, training opportunities for health care staff, the acquisition of cutting-edge medical equipment, and the development of new state-of-the-art facilities.

Savouring the Moment

Record-breaking support at 10th-annual Savour: Wine & Food Experience

The Health Sciences Centre Foundation raised over \$650,000—a record-breaking amount—to support patient care at HSC, thanks to over 700 attendees at the 10th-annual Savour: Wine & Food Experience on February 22.

Guests enjoyed a glamorous evening of delicious culinary creations, impressive ambiance, and, of course, fantastic wines, while supporting a cause that reaches every family in the province.

Thank you to all of our generous donors, sponsors, and guests who not only enjoyed an evening inspired by Portugal, but who also made a significant contribution to the quality of health care in Manitoba.

Thank you to our Savour Partners!:

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Dr. Annaliese Tisseverasinghe goes on air to discuss her HSC Foundation donor-funded grant research.

Thank you to our Radiothon Partners!:

- **Maric Homes (Presenting Sponsor)**
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- **The Wawanesa Mutual Insurance Company (Matching Partner)**
- **Access Credit Union (Matching Partner)**



The Big City All Star Band kept the crowd dancing all night.



L-R: Dr. Jennifer Hensel, Dr. Biniam Kidane, Dr. Tom Jelic, and Laura Jelic were among the over 700 guests who enjoyed Savour 2020.

Our 2019/2020 Donors

Thank you for advancing innovation and excellence at Manitoba's hospital

Your support helps us acquire new, life-changing equipment as the pace of change in medical technology accelerates. Your generosity helps us to adapt our facilities as the needs of our community evolve. Your vision helps us to advance important health research that will improve the lives of people in Manitoba and around the world. Thank you for your trust and confidence, and thank you for helping us achieve tomorrow's health care today.

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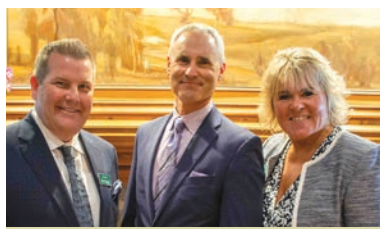
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Jonathon Lyon (President & CEO, HSC Foundation); Dr. Jeff Saranchuk (urologic surgeon, HSC); and Tina Jones, O.M. (Board Chair, HSC Foundation) at HSC Foundation's annual Donor Appreciation Luncheon.

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Each day, we are inspired by you: people who are invested in providing support for the thousands of Manitobans who pass through the doors of HSC Winnipeg—Manitoba's hospital—each and every year.

Your contributions allow our foundation to work with HSC Winnipeg to elevate health care in our province. These donations assist with providing world-class medical research, advanced technology, and excellence in patient care.

We THANK YOU!

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The Winnipeg Jets' Mark Scheifele, Dmitry Kulikov, Bryan Little, Andrew Copp, and Nik Ehlers swapped ice hockey for air hockey at their annual visit to HSC. PsychHealth patients were ecstatic to meet, chat, play games, and sing carols with some of their favourite players.

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Grateful patient Blaine Hadaller addresses attendees at the Wilf Taillieu Thoracic Surgery Clinic and Endoscopy Unit unveiling.

Third-Party Events

With the support of numerous third-party events and initiatives, including a community outreach initiative from Canadian jeweller Hillberg & Berk, more than \$24,504.21 was raised this year to support patient care at HSC. Thank you to everyone who generously provided their time and effort to organize an event and thank you to all supporters for helping us transform lives in our community.

Hillberg & Berk cheque presentation with (L-R) Monique Levesque-Pharoah (Director of Sponsorships & Events, HSC Foundation); Jonathon Lyon (President & CEO, HSC Foundation); Rachel Mielke (Founder & CEO, Hillberg & Berk); and Haley Bolen (Director, Purpose & Engagement, Hillberg & Berk).




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Located near the William Avenue entrance, the Donor Celebration Centre features the powerful and life-affirming stories of donors, patients, and volunteers, and acknowledges key milestones in the history of HSC Winnipeg. With stunning images capturing the natural beauty of Manitoba, the Donor Celebration Centre is a place of rest and reflection for patients, visitors, and hospital personnel.

The Donor Celebration Centre is an expression of gratitude to all of our donors. We thank you for your thoughtful support. Your generosity helps us create a hospital without boundaries and a future without limits. The Donor Celebration Centre is our gift to you. 





The Donor Celebration Centre was completed in the summer of 2020 and made possible by the tremendous generosity of Mike and Tina Jones, O.M. Our community is grateful. The Donor Celebration Centre was designed and installed by BrookGlobal and coordinated by Annette Frost, Vice President of Development at the HSC Foundation.



Watch the Donor Celebration Centre video at
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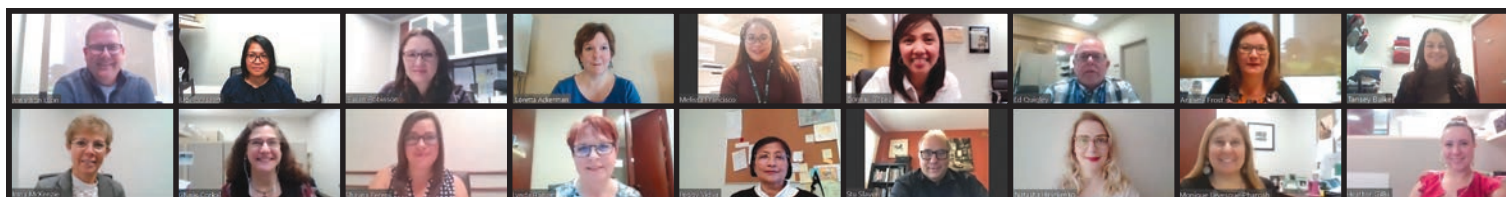
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