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Breast Cancer Survivor says 3D Mammography will Help Future Patients

Friends Foundation Campaign Goal \$1.1 Million

Riverview resident Katherine Reeder has had yearly mammograms since she was 44, because of breast tenderness. Results had always been clear until this past June, when within a few days of having had the mammogram she received a phone call telling her that she needed to have additional mammograms done, followed by a core biopsy using mammographic guidance (a hollow needle used to remove some tissue) on June 30th.

On July 8th, Katherine was diagnosed with ductal carcinoma in situ (DCIS) and on August 18th underwent a double mastectomy.

If it wasn't for routine mammograms this could have ended up very differently for Katherine, as DCIS is not usually associated with a mass, so the mammogram was the way it was detected. If she opted out of her regular mammograms, the probability of her developing breast cancer in one or both breasts would have been very high given her prior chest wall radiation.



Katherine Reeder on the day of her double mastectomy in August.

Katherine, an LPN at The Moncton Hospital for over 44 years was already back to the work she loves in September. She was delighted to hear that the Friends of The Moncton Hospital Foundation will raise \$1.1 Million for two 3D Mammography

Screening Units for the Katherine Wright Centre (KWC) to help with the early detection of breast cancer. This upgrade will allow for the transition from a conventional Digital Mammogram (2D

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You can help advance breast cancer detection at The Moncton Hospital.

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image) to Digital Breast Tomosynthesis (3D image) technology resulting in optimal patient care, improved patient experience and better outcomes. The current two screening units located in the KWC were purchased by the Friends in 2008. These units are aging and need to be replaced with the latest technology.

“This state-of-the-art technology is a game-changer allowing for superior imaging and more confident assessment of breast abnormalities at an earlier stage, ultimately saving lives.”

—Dr. Jean-Pierre Martel, Radiologist at The Moncton Hospital

For women in New Brunswick, breast cancer is the most frequently diagnosed type of cancer. Survival rates increase when breast cancer is detected early through regular breast screening with access to “best in class” technology.

This advanced form of mammography can detect a cancer much earlier and easier



especially within an area of dense breast tissue. The benefits of finding a cancer at an early stage can mean that the patient will have less invasive surgery and treatments.

This 3D technology, which is used to look for breast cancer in women who have no signs or symptoms, will improve the patient experience by offering shorter and more comfortable screening mammography

procedures.

Campaign Co-Chairs Dr. Heather Tait and Ryan Dillon, encourage donors to give to advance breast cancer screening at The Moncton Hospital.

“In our community, virtually everyone knows someone who has received the results of their mammogram and heard the unsettling news that they are now battling breast cancer. The good news is that breast screening and early detection will save lives,” remark Dr. Tait and Dillon.

Your Donations are Being put to Good Work!

Digital Slide Scanner a Welcome Addition to the Lab

We are pleased to let you know that an advanced Digital Slide Scanner is now in place at The Moncton Hospital (TMH) assisting Pathologists in diagnosing many types of diseases, such as cancer.

TMH is the first hospital laboratory in New Brunswick to acquire this modern equipment! This device, which costs \$235,000 entirely funded by the NB Doctors Cycling Against Cancer, will enhance turnaround time for test results, allowing patients to receive diagnosis and



treatment options more quickly. Every pathology diagnosis, from cancer to Crohn's disease, is made by a Pathologist looking at patient samples. This slide scanner allows for a high-quality digital picture of patient samples which can be shared within Horizon Health Network instantly.

A faster turn-around time is critical to expedite a patient's treatment, improve patient care and potentially save lives.

James Dixon, Lab Manager at The Moncton Hospital, standing in front of the new advanced digital scanner.



Over **10,000 patients** are screened at the **Katherine Wright Centre** annually.

YOU CAN HELP ADVANCE BREAST CANCER DETECTION AT THE MONCTON HOSPITAL BY DONATING TODAY

A Home Away from Home for Families of our Youngest Patients

The Friends would like to recognize Killam Apartment REIT who have made a remarkable in-kind donation which will benefit families of our youngest patients. Killam Apartment REIT has offered a beautiful apartment for families who have loved ones staying at The Moncton Hospital for extended periods of time - free of charge. These families will be identified through the Women's & Children Health Program which includes the Maternal Fetal Medicine Clinic, Labour and Birth Unit, Neonatal Intensive Care and Pediatrics.



Check out new Railing Installed Outside of the Dr. Sheldon H. Rubin Oncology Clinic!

This new railing is all thanks to the NB Doctors Cycling Against Cancer fund and the Friends.

This is a huge safety improvement for our patients and looks awesome.



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Covid-19 Care Fund Provides TV Service to Patients

One of the things that the Covid-19 Care Fund at TMH has covered, is the cost of TV service for some patients during the pandemic.

One such patient is Jack Cameron who is very grateful.

“Having TV service in my patient room during lockdown made things bearable. Thank you to all those who donated to this fund.”

The Covid-19 Fund was started to respond to emerging staff and patient needs. Over \$90,000 has been raised.



Patient Jack Cameron and LPN Shelly Crossman.



MNU Update

Construction is coming along nicely on a new family-centred Maternity and Newborn Care Unit (MNU).

The new building, on MacBeath Avenue, will include the Labour and Birthing Unit, Neonatal Intensive Care Unit and the Maternal Fetal Medicine Clinic.

Funding is being provided by the province and money raised through the Extraordinary Care Capital Campaign. Expected date of occupancy is early 2023.

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