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Similkameen
Medical Foundation

Annual Report 2016/2017



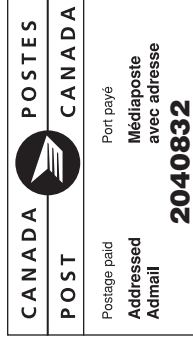
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PENTICTON HOSPITAL STAFF 'AMAZING!'

Penticton resident Kelly Phipps submitted a note to Interior Health after being hospitalized at PRH earlier this year. Here is her story:

In April, Kelly was brought to the emergency department of Penticton Regional Hospital with a fractured leg and collarbone. Despite her serious injuries, Kelly says the experience she had at the hospital was “wonderful” and the care provided by each person she encountered throughout her journey was “completely amazing!”

Kelly said she saw and experienced the most incredible acts of kindness, thoughtfulness and dedication from the amazing nursing staff during her stay. She said the nurses’ ability to problem solve, work as a strong team, adapt and respond to continually changing challenges and, above all, provide compassionate care to every patient was remarkable and inspiring.

“I feel it is important to commend [Interior Health and PRH] for the exceptional front line people working in EVERY department. Genuinely caring, competent, compassionate individuals who make up a system we in Canada and here in the Okanagan are very blessed to have when we are in need.”



Checking out a mock-up of one of the 84 patient rooms to be included in the David E. Kampe Tower now under construction at PRH, are volunteer “patient” Caryl Parker, with hospital staff members (from left) Becky Miller, Jessica Nattress and Maureen Thompson.

REPORT TO OUR DONORS

Dear Friends,

To the many who have been so generous and want to play a part in helping provide excellent healthcare in the South Okanagan Similkameen region, we say thank you!

In this report we want to share with you a few stories that provide a glimpse at how the Penticton Regional Hospital expansion will benefit the entire community. We also want to provide our Annual Report and Campaign Report. The Annual Report provides a summary of revenue and expenses of the Foundation during our 2016/17 fiscal year. On the flip side of this report you will find our Campaign Report which highlights the progress of the Patient Care Tower (David E. Kampe Tower) campaign.

In the past year the SOS Medical Foundation received donations from every community in the South Okanagan Similkameen. Many of you asked for your donations to be directed towards the Patient Care Tower campaign, but we also received many donations for hospitals, health care centres and extended care facilities throughout the region. Whether it be for new wheelchairs in Keremeos, funding a \$100,000 Phaco Unit in Summerland, ordering new telemetry equipment in Princeton and over \$200,000 donated to specifically help at South Okanagan General Hospital in Oliver – people have been so generous in meeting the needs for their communities.

We also THANK those who give so generously of their time with service clubs and hospital auxiliaries. Last year you gave thousands of hours of your time in volunteering. Your volunteer help at fundraising events, thrift stores, or chipping in at one of many other fundraising activities provided almost \$300,000 in donations received from service clubs and auxiliaries!

For the next 18 months construction of the new David E. Kampe Tower will continue, with the exterior shell to be completed by the end of 2017. The focus will then turn to interior work, getting the building ready for patients.

The SOS Medical Foundation will continue to focus on reaching our goal of \$20 million which will provide the funding for the medical equipment within the new tower. The Foundation will also continue to work with nurse managers and hospital administrators throughout the South Okanagan Similkameen as they connect with us seeking funding for medical equipment or other things that improve patient comfort in every community we serve.

Thank you,



Walter Despot
Chair
SOS Medical Foundation



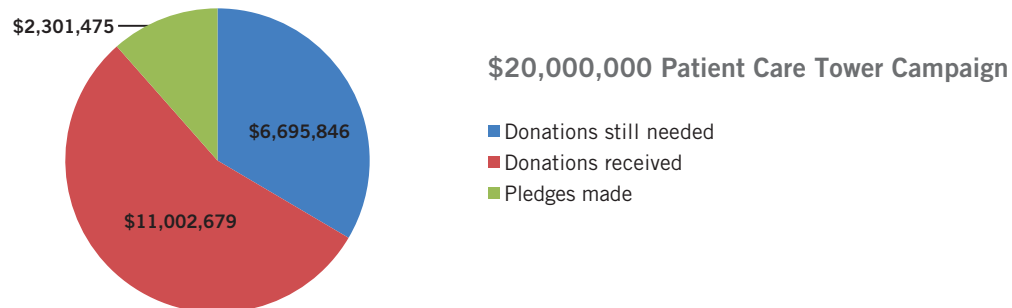
Carey Bornn
Executive Director
SOS Medical Foundation

Patient Care Tower Campaign Financial Report

Year ending March 31, 2017

As of March 31st, 2017 we have received \$11,002,679 in donations and we have another \$2,301,475 which has been pledged towards the Patient Care Tower Campaign for a total of \$13,304,154. But the BIG BLUE area in the pie chart is number we are focused on. We still need to raise \$6,695,846! PLEASE continue to support the Campaign so we can meet our commitment of funding the medical equipment and other items going into the new tower.

In recognition of the \$2 million Penticton businessman David Kampe donated towards the Campaign, funding the purchase of a new permanent MRI, a SPECT-CT (Nuclear Medicine), and for the donation of land near the hospital in 2011, the new tower will carry his name – the David E. Kampe Tower.

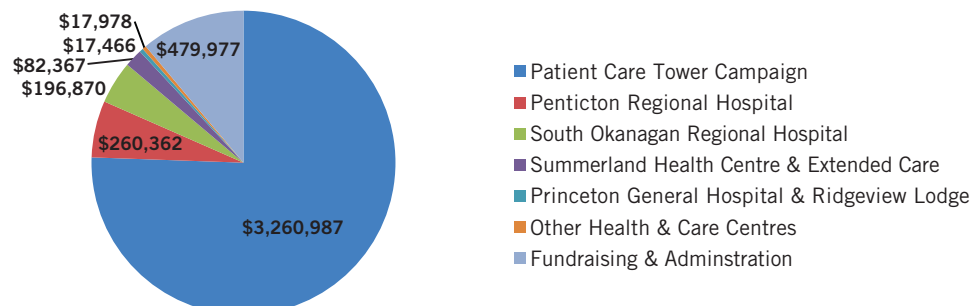


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Fiscal Year End Report, April 1, 2016 to March 31, 2017

We are pleased to report revenue for our fiscal year ending March 31, 2017 of \$4,316,007. Our revenue came from donations of \$3,661,933 and interest and other income of \$654,074. The pie chart illustrates how monies were used or designated during this time period. The current Patient Care Tower Campaign is where the largest percentage of donations are being designated but note that almost \$300,000 was designated to healthcare outside of Penticton.

We are so thankful for the generosity of those living in the South Okanagan Similkameen region!





THE GIFT

*At the age of 102 Helen Holowiecki
leaves a gift from her estate.*

The bank foreclosed on Helen and Brownie Holowieski's farm when they owed just \$150.

Such was life during the "Dirty Thirties" as the Depression gripped the world's economy.

Helen Holowieski reached the tender age of 102 before she passed away in 2014. She was born on Christmas Day 1911. Her husband, Brownie died in 2003 at age 97.

Now Helen has left more than \$48,000 in her estate to help Penticton Regional Hospital. The Holowieskis had no children.

Dennis Hrycun, the couple's grand-nephew, said in an interview that Helen was born in Alberta, where her father worked as a coal miner. The family later moved to the Edmonton area, where her parents bought a small farm.

"Her father had some health problems, working the coal mines in those days," Hrycun said.

After Helen met Brownie (a nickname he had acquired in elementary school), they later got married. Helen was only 17 and Brownie 23. They soon moved to the small town of Egremont, AB where they also bought a farm, but by 1931 the couple fell victim to the Depression.

They owed the bank \$150. Today that seems like a paltry amount, however by Depression era standards it represented a considerable sum of money.

"Unfortunately, like a lot of other people, they couldn't make the mortgage payments when things went bad," he said. "You couldn't find 150 bucks if your life depended on it, so they lost their farm."

The couple later took up a government offer to acquire a quarter-section farm in northern Alberta near Athabasca for \$10. They also operated a small sawmill.

By the mid-1950s, they'd had enough of northern Alberta and moved to Penticton.



A PERS STO

Every patient at Penticton Regional Hospital has a story. The following is Penticton resident [Name] of his experience when a large tumour was found in his brain.

In the early morning of August 22, 2014, I awoke from sleep with a terrible headache.

This was rather common for me since for the previous week, I've been waking up with headaches in the early morning. They generally lasted for a couple of hours and regular pain medication took care of it. However, on this day the pain did not go away, but increased to a level I had not previously felt.

Added with the pain, I was vomiting. I vomited all morning long until I was dry-heaving and in severe pain. My father, who was awake by 6:30 a.m., could hear me in the downstairs bathroom trying to vomit. By 8 o'clock, we decided that it was serious enough to warrant a visit to the Penticton Regional Hospital emergency room.

As I was talking with a doctor, I had to stop and grab the waste bin and began dry-heaving into it. The headache came back as bad as before and I could not talk anymore.

They directed me to sit in a chair and they placed an IV into the back of my hand to help with the nausea. They then sent me to get a CT Scan right away. I remember lying down in the machine as it began scanning my head. The bed moved in and out many as they scanned. I was then sent back to the emergency room to wait for the results of the scan.

Dr. Connolly later came in and asked me to be strong before he told me what was wrong. There was a mass in the centre of my brain. I asked him to clarify what it meant and was told it was a tumour.

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onal Hospital has a story to tell.

*Chris Tennert's personal reflection
our was discovered inside his brain.*

My body reacted in a way I never had experienced before. I became instantly cold, I was shivering and jolting back and forth. The fear was overwhelming: Was my life over? A tumour in the centre of the brain, were they able to work on it? At age 25, I did not expect to be hearing the news that I had a tumour.

I phoned my mother and told her the news. The response I got was terrifying on its own: the fearful, nervous crying of a mother on the phone who heard that her son had a tumour. About 10 to 15 minutes later, my mother, father and sister came to visit me in the emergency room. Everyone had tears in their eyes.

I was soon put on a Medivac flight to Vancouver, and spoke with a neurosurgeon in Vancouver who was already making space for me in the Neuroscience Intensive Care Unit. I arrived at Vancouver General Hospital within three hours of getting the news that I had a tumour. Within eight hours I already had my first of three brain surgeries, all thanks to Dr. Connolly in Penticton. His actions that day saved my life, for he believed it was serious enough to do what he did.

It was not until later, after I was discharged, I learned how serious of a condition I was in – I was days, if not hours away from a possible coma.

The actions of everyone involved have left me great satisfaction that we truly have one of the best health care services in the world.

Note: Chris Tennert, now 28, leads a normal active life in Penticton three years after the tumour was discovered.



Dr. Robert Semeniuk and registered nurse Sarah Wilson, patient care coordinator at the Summerland Health Centre, adjust the settings on a new Phaco unit used in eye cataract surgeries. The Summerland Health-Care Auxiliary is donating \$100,000 for the upgraded high-tech machine.

CATARACT SURGERY GETS HIGH-TECH BOOST FROM SUMMERLAND AUXILIARY

Medical equipment for the Penticton Regional Hospital expansion wasn't the only major acquisition for the South Okanagan Similkameen Medical Foundation in 2016-17.

Patients undergoing eye cataract surgery at the Summerland Health Centre now benefit from the latest high-tech equipment, courtesy of the Summerland Health-Care Auxiliary.

A new Phaco Unit – a key piece of equipment used in cataract surgeries – has been purchased through a \$100,000 donation from the Summerland Auxiliary. Already in use, it replaces an older model unit dating back to 2002.

"We are fortunate to be able to offer our patients the opportunity to have surgery utilizing the most advanced technology currently available," said Dr. Robert Semeniuk, one of three eye cataract surgeons at the Summerland Health Centre. "These machines have been used since the early 1980s and just like home computers, the technology has improved over the years."

Cataracts result in the clouding of the lens of the eyeball. They prevent clear images from appearing on the eye's retina; causing mild, moderate, even severely blurred vision.



PRH CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Construction of the David E Kampe Tower is now well underway. The exterior of the six-storey building should be complete before the end of this year, when extensive interior work will begin. The new tower will be ready for patients by early 2019.

The tower will include 84 single-bed patient rooms on the top three floors. However, this does not mean a corresponding increase in the overall number of beds at PRH.

Plans call for the existing four-beds rooms to be downsized to two beds and the current two-bed rooms to become single-bed units. This allows patients to get more badly need rest and greatly decreases the chance of infection. The net gain will be about 18 new beds. It may not sound like a lot, but with most patients staying in hospital for shorter periods of time, it will certainly address our health care needs.

The new tower will also include new operating-surgical rooms, ambulatory care clinics, a rooftop helipad, and be home to the UBCO Medical School. An adjacent six-storey parkade with room for about 480 vehicles will also be ready when the new tower opens.

A major upgrade of the hospital's Emergency Department is planned for Phase 2 of the \$312.5-million project, which will also see updates to the pharmacy and supplies area and equipment storage in the existing building.



DAVID E. KAMPE TOWER

On March 3, 2017 a special recognition ceremony was held at Penticton Regional Hospital.

Penticton businessman David Kampe, arguably the community's most generous philanthropist, was the centre of attention as Interior Health announced that the new PRH tower will be named in his honour.

The David E. Kampe Tower will open in early 2019.

Mr Kampe has donated \$2 million directly to the SOS Medical Foundation's \$20 million equipment campaign and contributed funds for a permanent MRI machine at PRH, as well as new nuclear medicine equipment.

Previously he donated a parcel of land at Camrose Street and Industrial Avenue for future health-related purposes. It is currently being utilized for staff parking during the construction period.

Mr. Kampe said his donations are all about giving. "Every gift is an encouragement to others to donate as well," he said.

The tower naming announcement coincided with word that Mr. Kampe had donated \$1.4 million for a SPECT-CT machine used mainly for cancer and heart patients who currently have to travel to Kelowna for the Nuclear Medicine procedure. Cardiac patients can face a wait of up to six months for a scan at Kelowna General Hospital.

The Phaco Unit is used by the surgeon to dissolve and remove the cataract, while simultaneously inserting fluid to maintain the correct pressure within the eye.

"We remove the old cloudy lens and dissolve it into a liquid. Then we vacuum it out as a liquid through a very tiny incision," Semeniuk said. "A brand new artificial lens is then put inside the eye in the same place the old lens was."

Each cataract surgery takes from 15 to 20 minutes to complete, with the patient remaining awake during the procedure. About 40 surgeries are performed each week.

The Summerland Auxiliary is a major supporter of health care in the community. In addition to equipment purchases for the Summerland Health Centre, they are donating \$1 million over five years to the SOS Medical Foundation's PRH campaign.



SUPPORT MESSAGE

David Kampe receives a heartfelt "Thank You" for his tremendous support for PRH from Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen chair Karla Kosakevich.

