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ROYAL UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL FOUNDATION  
2019-2020 ANNUAL REPORT

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## ROYAL UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL FOUNDATION 2018–2021 STRATEGIC PLAN

### OUR VISION

Inspiring Health-Care Philanthropy

### OUR PURPOSE

To create excellence in health care by  
raising funds that anticipate and respond  
to needs for innovative research, education  
and patient care at Royal University  
Hospital.

### OUR STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

- Grow Fundraising Programs to  
Maximize Impact on Investment
- Inspire Innovation and Efficiency
- Build and Nurture Strategic Partnerships
- Tell the Royal University Hospital Story



# REPORT OF THE VOLUNTEER CHAIR AND CEO

Royal University Hospital is ready. Ready when your wife suffers a heart attack, ready when your neighbour has been in a car accident, and ready for the global pandemic COVID-19, when it threatens hundreds of vulnerable lives.

Through your generous support and confidence in our Foundation during the 2019–2020 fiscal year, a total of \$9.6 million was raised to ensure RUH is ready today and for the future. We cannot thank you enough for your donations, and you can trust that they are carefully invested to improve care for thousands of patients and their families.

Our Board of Directors granted \$6.2 million to the Saskatchewan Health Authority and University of Saskatchewan College of Medicine to support multiple priority areas including life-saving patient care, innovative medical research, training, and state-of-the-art medical equipment. We completed the fundraising for the \$5 million Legacy Fund for Trauma Care, a fund established in honour of the Humboldt Broncos and the medical teams who cared for them. We supported the development of a pilot Colorectal Health Centre to help prevent and treat colorectal cancer by improving patient outcomes and decreasing their time in hospital; and we ensured funding was in place for a dedicated four-bed epilepsy monitoring unit that will improve the patient experience and shorten the waitlist for epilepsy surgery candidates from across Saskatchewan. Additionally, funding towards the Community Mental Health Endowment will support programs and research for patients living with mental illness. And finally, funds will support continuing education for medical professionals and the purchase of innovative technology and equipment for improved patient care.



*RUH Foundation Board Chair Don Neufeld and CEO Arla Gustafson speaking with donors Irene and Les Dubé at the opening of RUH's new Adult Emergency Department*

On August 28, hundreds of donors and friends of our Foundation joined representatives of the Government of Saskatchewan and the Saskatchewan Health Authority to celebrate the long-awaited opening of RUH's new Adult Emergency Department, funded in part through the \$28 million GREATER Campaign. The new Adult Emergency Department supports over 60,000 people who receive emergency care at RUH each year.

Last July, former RUH Foundation Board Member and donor, Bob Steane, passed away. It was Bob's wish to continue supporting his community after his passing and to encourage others to do the same. Our Foundation, along with two others, honoured Bob's \$10 million estate gift through the memorable 'Be a Bob' Campaign. Through this gift, Bob's legacy of generosity, volunteerism, and commitment to health care will live on. Bob is deeply missed.

Since 1955, RUH has treated Saskatchewan's most severely injured and critically ill patients. Since its establishment in 1983, our Foundation has worked alongside medical teams to raise and invest over \$146 million to transform patient care. Thank you for your generosity, which allows us to support Saskatchewan's busiest hospital, and ensure you and your loved ones receive the medical care you need at RUH.

On behalf of the Royal University Hospital Foundation Board of Directors and staff, thank you for ensuring RUH and its medical teams will be ready when you need them most.

**Don Neufeld**  
RUH Foundation  
Board Chair

**Arla Gustafson**  
RUH Foundation  
CEO

# A MESSAGE FROM THE



Health care in this province would look quite different if not for the generosity of the citizens of Saskatchewan.

The Saskatchewan Health Authority values its partnership with Royal University Hospital Foundation (RUHF). For the past thirty-seven years, RUHF has helped fund innovations in medical research, training, and education. They have worked with dedicated donors to enhance service delivery through advanced medical equipment and critical improvements to infrastructure. This unwavering support contributes to creating an environment that attracts and retains the highest quality physicians and staff, who are the backbone of health care; providing the high-quality care our patients and families expect and deserve.

The opening of the new Royal University Hospital (RUH) Adult Emergency Department this past fall was celebrated jointly by the Government of Saskatchewan, the Saskatchewan Health Authority and the Royal University Hospital Foundation. This was the culmination of years of hard work by many individuals. It was made possible in large part by RUHF's fundraising activities that contributed \$5 million for furnishings, new technology and advanced equipment and fixtures. This beautiful new space allows us to provide emergency care in a more efficient and effective manner. The "Ready When You Aren't" Campaign has led to enhancements in trauma care, mental health, cancer care, and epilepsy care to name a few. The Foundation also funded much needed renovations to our two RUH lecture theatres, creating attractive learning and sharing environments for physicians, staff and students.



*Scott Livingstone, Saskatchewan Health Authority CEO*

This coming year, we recognize the rich and storied history of Royal University Hospital as we celebrate its 65th anniversary. This is a time to reflect and acknowledge the many accomplishments achieved by working together. Our partnership with RUHF's Board, staff and donors is more important now than ever; and we sincerely look forward to continue working together in the future.

On behalf of the board of directors, physicians, and staff of the Saskatchewan Health Authority, I thank you for your unwavering and generous support of our hospital, a lasting collaboration for many years to come.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "SLivingstone".

**Scott Livingstone**  
Saskatchewan Health Authority  
CEO

# A YEAR IN REVIEW

What does it mean to be ready? For Royal University Hospital, it means medical teams can enhance their education and training; they can conduct life-saving research; and they have access to advanced technology and equipment. Through the generous support of donors, sponsors and volunteers, Royal University Hospital Foundation is helping those teams be ready year after year; this year was no exception.



*Donors and guests at the sneak preview of RUH's new Adult Emergency Department*

***Royal University Hospital Emergency is where patients go when time is of the essence.***

RUH's Adult Emergency Department serves over 60,000 people each year; five times as many patients as it did in 1964. On August 28, our Foundation recognized donor support during a sneak preview of RUH's new Adult Emergency Department. The newest emergency department in Canada is two and a half times larger than the previous Emergency Department built in 1978. It includes new space for patient triage; a separate area for minor assessment and care; a dedicated trauma zone; a dedicated CT scanner and imaging equipment zone; a four-vehicle ambulance bay and roof-top helipad; individual patient rooms; and five pneumatic tube system stations. This milestone was possible in part thanks to funds raised during the 2015–2018, \$28 million GREATE.R Campaign.



"Many of our patients come to us on the worst day of their lives," says Dr. Joanna Smith, Emergency Department lead physician for Saskatoon. "They are critically ill or injured, and we have an amazing team of dedicated nurses and physicians who stand ready to deal with any trauma." Because of donor support, our medical teams now have a state-of-the-art Emergency Department to support these patients.



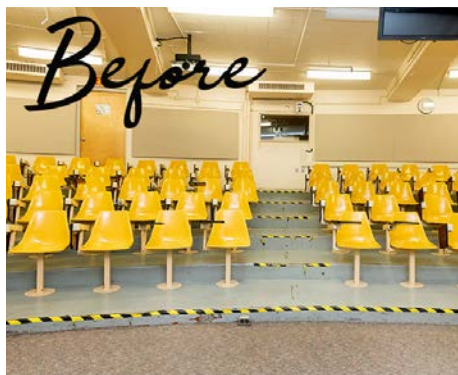
2019 WLP Grant Recipient Dr. Soo Kim with patient advocate Michelle McKinnell

#### **Women helping women to advance health care.**

RUH Foundation's Women Leading Philanthropy (WLP) donors awarded a \$100,000 grant to Dr. Soo Kim for her project, Aftermath of Mastectomy and Breast Reconstruction: Sorting out Shoulder Dysfunction through Biomechanical Analysis. The team's research will serve over 80% of breast cancer survivors who experience persistent shoulder problems following breast removal or reconstruction, by using cutting-edge technology to identify specific shoulder movement patterns and tailoring rehabilitation to maximize physical outcomes. "I am extremely honoured," says Dr. Kim. "Our team of researchers and breast health-care providers are poised to implement and share our findings to help the women of Saskatchewan and women worldwide." Women Leading Philanthropy, now in its second year, is comprised of 120 women donors who have awarded a total of \$200,000 in support of two female-led innovative programs.

#### **Quality care starts with education.**

In 1955, when the then University Hospital opened as a teaching hospital for future



physicians and nurses, the single lecture theatre was filled with medical students attending the University of Saskatchewan's College of Medicine. In 1978, a second modern lecture theatre was unveiled to support students, physicians, and medical teams from across the city. This past year, thanks to donor support of the Ready When

You Aren't Campaign, these historic lecture theatres benefited from a remarkable \$1.6 million renovation. Now, the Theatre in the Mall and Vivian K. Asher Lecture Theatre are equipped with the newest technology and comfortable seating for medical staff and students to connect and learn with others across the province and around the world.

#### **Be a Bob**

On December 3, Giving Tuesday, a gift in excess of \$3 million from the estate of Robert 'Bob' Steane, past board member, donor, and volunteer was announced. This gift was part of a donation of more than \$10 million, which was divided equally between St. Paul's Hospital Foundation, Saskatoon Community Foundation and our Foundation. Bob knew the importance of having the right equipment and up-to-date technology in place at RUH to provide life-saving care to patients in their greatest time of need and uncertainty. And, he understood that a legacy gift of this magnitude would transform health care for years to come through investments in education, technology and research at RUH.



To date, Bob's impactful bequest has supported the purchase of a \$1.3 million new generation CT Scanner and \$1.2 million for trauma care which included a \$300,000 dollar-to-dollar match for donations to the Ready When You Aren't Radiothon presented by Suer and Pollon Mechanical on January 30 and 31, 2020. Bob's gift will also establish a grant of \$500,000 for mental health. Thank you, Bob.



*(l-r) Debby and Eugene Paquin*



# WE WEREN'T READY

"We weren't ready."

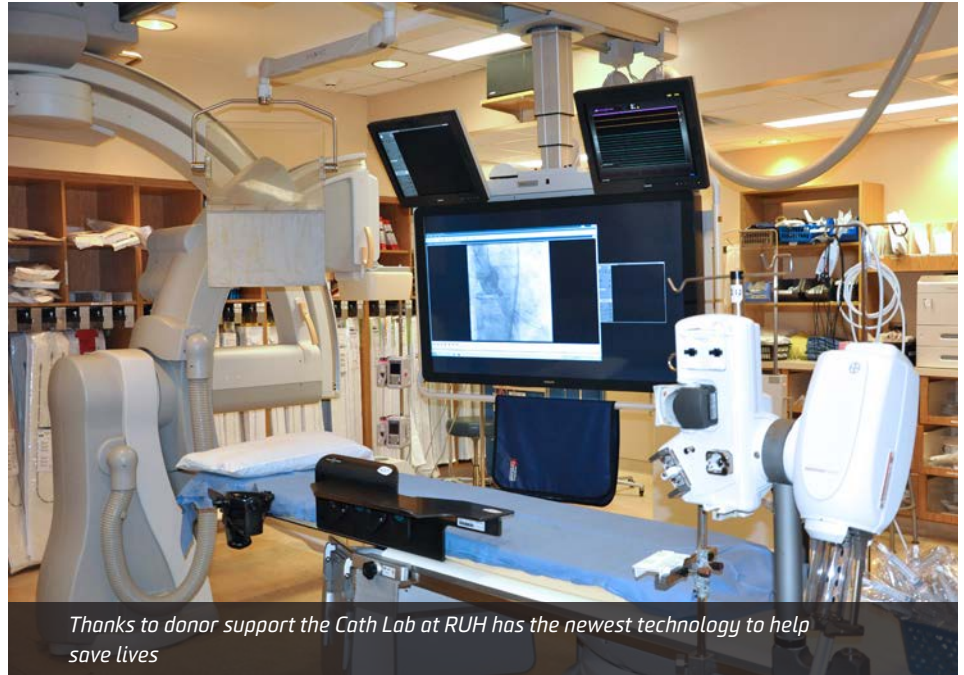
January 6 was a typical morning for Eugene Paquin and his wife, Debby. The retired couple woke up mid-morning, ate breakfast and read the newspaper.

Before noon, Eugene developed a headache. As the pain increased, he decided to take some Aspirin. As the morning went on, Eugene started to feel a small amount of pressure in his chest and then through his arms. He knew this feeling was not normal. Eugene recalls walking into his living room and saying to Debby, "I think I'm having a heart attack."

Instantly, Debby called 9-1-1 and instructed Eugene to lie down on the floor. "I knew time was important," says Debby. "I felt a bit panicked. I couldn't remember my phone number while talking with 9-1-1. I ran to unlock the front door so the paramedics could enter our house and I went to the basement to tell our two daughters what was happening."

The paramedics arrived at the Paquins' residence in less than seven minutes. Eugene was amazed at the efficient communication between the paramedics and Royal University Hospital, Saskatchewan's busiest adult emergency and trauma centre. By this time, Eugene's pain had escalated. "I was in a lot of pain in my neck and jaw; it was body crushing pain," he describes.

The paramedics rushed Eugene to RUH's new Adult Emergency Department, where



over 60,000 patients are treated each year. Eugene remembers being wheeled into the new emergency and then right into the Cardiac Cath Lab where he met Cardiologist Dr. Stephan Wardell. "I was told by the medical team later on that the heart attack I had was called the 'widow maker.' I had 100% blockage in the artery that feeds the heart. They told me there is only a 35% recovery rate for this type of heart attack."

Thanks to our generous donors, the new Adult Emergency Department and the newly upgraded Cath Lab both provided the newest technology for our medical teams who were ready to save not only Eugene's life but the over 3,300 other patients who are treated for a heart attack each year. "Within 3 hours, I was transported, operated on, and in recovery. I credit the care providers' fast

work for saving my life. The communication between the paramedics and the team at RUH was remarkable. Everyone was working together. They were ready."

Eugene is feeling better today. He continues to receive aftercare from the cardiology team at RUH, the LiveWell program and his family doctor. "I will be on medication for the foreseeable future, but I can do a lot of the things I did before," says Eugene.

The Paquin family is thankful for the medical teams at Royal University Hospital who were ready when he was not.



*"I knew time was important."*



*(l-r) Archie La Rocque and his wife, Arlene Mongovius*



# BREATHING EASIER—IMPROVING QUALITY OF CARE FOR CHRONIC DISEASE

When Archie La Rocque's younger brother passed way 12 years ago from idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis at the age of 44, "there was a fatalistic attitude toward the disease," says Archie. Until he was referred to the Interstitial Lung Disease (ILD) clinic at RUH in 2018, Archie, who has a different type of pulmonary fibrosis saw his health steadily decline. According to Archie's wife, Arlene Mongovius, the clinic provided a new attitude toward lung disease. "We are no longer waiting for my husband to die; instead they have offered him treatment, and most importantly hope for the future,

Archie's story is not unique. Over a 19-month period, the multidisciplinary team at the ILD clinic was able to refine or change the diagnosis in 78.2% of referred cases, resulting in appropriate treatment options and support in prognosis.



*Dr. Veronica Marcoux, Assistant Professor, Respiriology, Critical Care and Sleep Medicine, University of Saskatchewan and Director of the Interstitial Lung Disease Clinic*

Dr. Veronica Marcoux, the province's only ILD Specialist, started the ILD clinic and explains how donor support through the

RUH Foundation has made a difference: "Central to any ILD clinic is the support of a dedicated nurse who provides patient care, medication counselling, emotional support, and organizes the patient support group for the province. With RUH Foundation's support we were able to extend her position, which now allows me to have more time to dedicate to patient care, multidisciplinary rounds with dedicated chest radiologists and pathology, and research."

The ILD clinic is just one of six chronic care initiatives funded through our Foundation's \$1.5 million donation to the Department of Medicine last year. Other innovative projects aimed at improving the quality of care for patients with chronic conditions include:

- Identifying demographics, clinical characteristics, and potential gaps in patient care for cardiac patients.
- Re-examining care practices for patients with both diabetes and cardiac conditions.
- Developing culturally safe approaches for improving health literacy for patients with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) or heart failure.
- Validating the use of a mobile electroencephalogram (EEG) unit for diagnosis of epilepsy.
- Developing a nurse-led telephone-based secondary stroke prevention follow up program.

The chronic care studies are overseen by Dr. Haissam Haddad, Provincial Head of

Medicine for the Saskatchewan Health Authority and Professor and Head of the Department of Medicine for the University of Saskatchewan. "By enabling us to focus on chronic conditions, donors to the Foundation support the work that will improve the health and quality of life for many of our friends, family and neighbours," states Dr. Haddad.

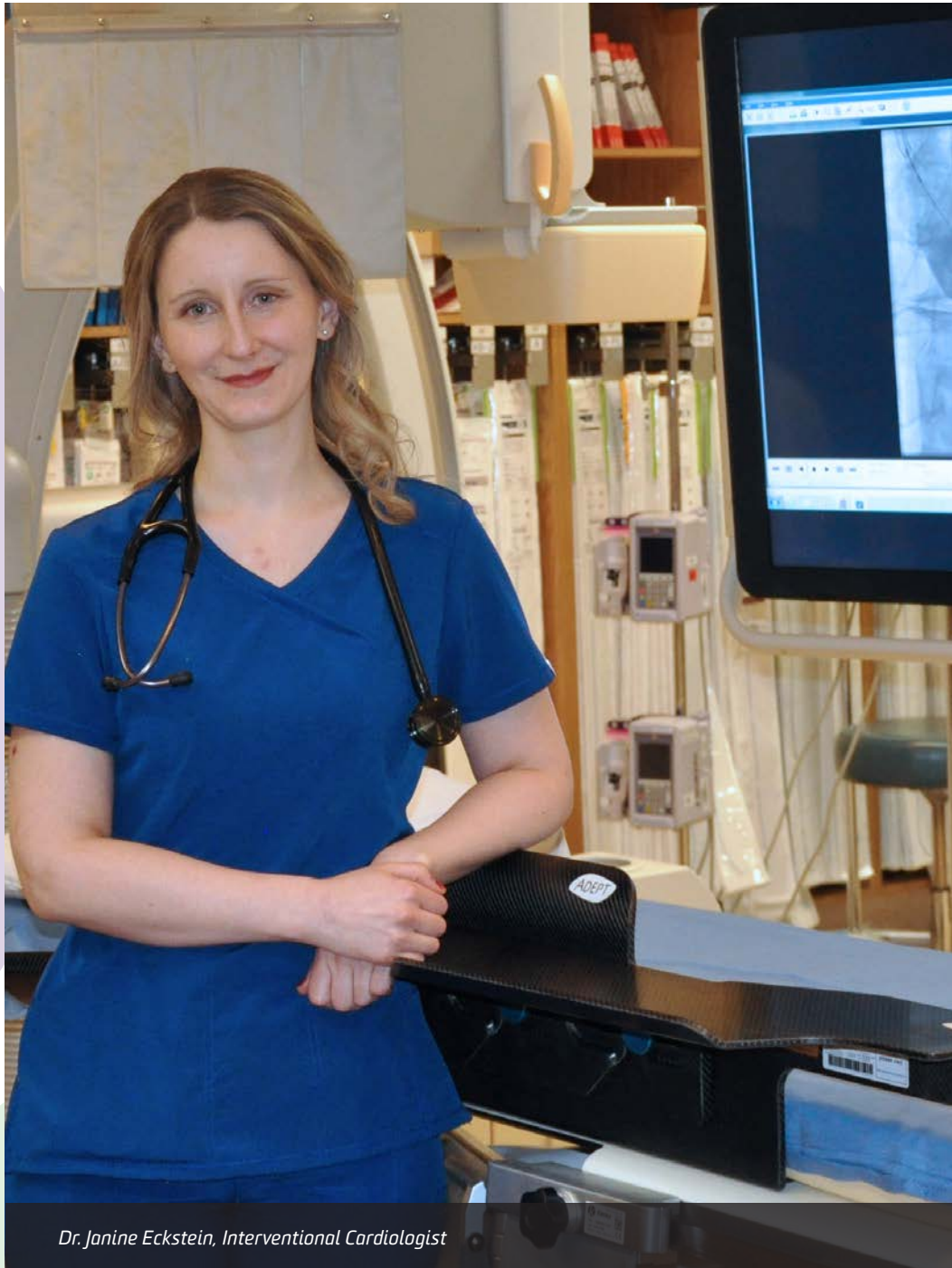


*Dr. Haissam Haddad, Provincial Head of Medicine for the Saskatchewan Health Authority and Professor and Head of the Department of Medicine for the University of Saskatchewan*

Nearly a quarter (23%) of Saskatchewan residents are living with at least one of the five most common chronic conditions: diabetes, COPD, asthma, ischemic heart disease, and heart failure. Ultimately, the goal of the new and innovative chronic care initiatives at RUH is to implement new processes and procedures to care for patients and their families who live with chronic illness throughout the province. This research and support offers answers and provides hope for the future.



***"Donors to the Foundation support the work that will improve the health and quality of life for many of our friends, family and neighbours."***



*Dr. Janine Eckstein, Interventional Cardiologist*



# RETAINING OUR BRIGHTEST THROUGH FELLOWSHIP TRAINING GRANTS

Dr. Janine Eckstein, Interventional Cardiologist, received her medical degree in Internal Medicine and Cardiology at the University of Saskatchewan. She knew early in her career that she wanted to sub-specialize in Interventional Cardiology. The mentorship she received prompted her to apply for a fellowship. In 2018, Royal University Hospital Foundation awarded a Fellowship Training Grant to Dr. Eckstein to support her sub-specialty training in Toronto, Ontario.

Our Foundation's education support enabled Dr. Eckstein to focus on her studies while living in one of the most expensive cities in Canada. She describes her two-year fellowship at St. Michael's Hospital in Toronto as challenging. "During the first year I was on call every other night. I was putting in over 60-hour weeks, so having to work outside of those fellowship hours would have been exceedingly difficult. I was receiving some pay, but I was fortunate that the Foundation grant helped with the cost of living in Toronto."

When asked what the RUH Foundation Fellowship Grant meant for her, Dr. Eckstein says, "It is about someone recognizing your potential and it is about believing this specialty will help people in Saskatchewan."

"The experience I gained through my training at St. Michael's Hospital in Toronto has allowed me to return to Saskatoon and work with a wonderful team here to offer an innovative valve replacement procedure called a transcatheter aortic valve

implantation or TAVI. During the procedure one of the heart valves is replaced through the leg. It's a lower risk procedure than open chest surgery, with a quicker recovery time and is ideal for patients that are elderly," Eckstein explains.



*Dr. Janine Eckstein (centre) with colleagues Dr. Rashpal Basran (left) and Dr. Jeff Booker from Regina (right) before the first TAVI procedure at RUH*

Prior to her return, TAVI had been done for two years year in Regina. Since August 2019, Dr. Eckstein and the team have performed 35 TAVI procedures at RUH.

Recovered TAVI patient, Peter Stroh, describes the procedure as a reset button on his life. "I had the TAVI procedure on November 22, 2019. I was not a good candidate for open-

chest surgery, due to an open-heart, multiple-bypass surgery I had 10 years earlier. It was too risky to split my sternum again. The recovery time for this procedure is essentially instant; within hours I was able to walk and move about. After a short time, I was attending the LiveWell cardio program at the Field House; and, within a month I was playing hockey again. It was a miracle."

Since 2005, our Foundation, through donor support, has invested over \$1.3 million in 42 Fellowship Grants for young physicians sub-specializing in priorities identified for the province. The Saskatchewan Health Authority chooses fellowship candidates and, upon their return, their new skills may lead to the delivery of new procedures and programs at RUH and other hospitals. As a result, fewer patients have to travel out of province and can receive care close to home.

Three newly trained sub-specialists will return to Saskatoon to join Dr. Eckstein as fellowships totaling \$90,000 were awarded in 2019-2020 through the inaugural Legacy Fund for Trauma Care Fellowship Program to Dr. Zane Tymchak in the area of Endovascular Neuro surgery; to Dr. Laura Sims for training in Upper Limb Orthopedic Surgery; and to Dr. Gage Watson in Angio/Interventional Radiology. They will return to Saskatoon to begin practice in July 2020.



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**1952**

On Friday, September 19, 1952, Premier Tommy Douglas laid the cornerstone of the new "University Hospital".

**1955**

On January 26, 1955, the first patients were admitted. There were only 40 patient beds but by March, 75 patients were being treated in the 84 hospital beds. The opening ceremony was on May 14, 1955, with 4,000 people in attendance.

It was during this year that the Women's Auxiliary was founded and began its first year of activities lending great support to the work of the hospital as volunteers.

**1956**

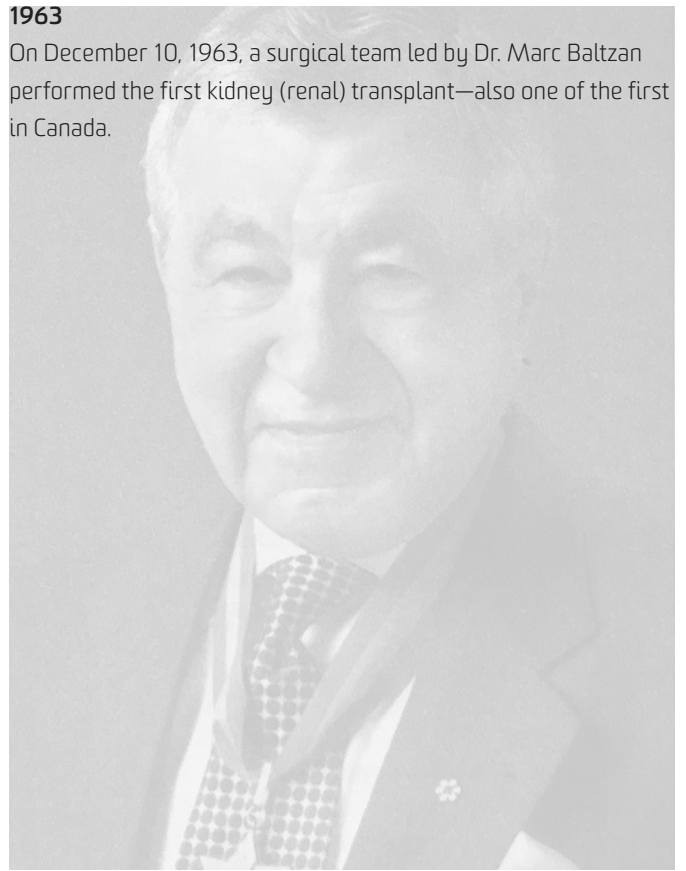
One year after opening, there were 3,783 surgical operations performed, 947 babies born and 1,400 employees, medical professionals and students in the various departments and programs working, teaching or studying.

**1957**

First graduating class of physicians and nurses to obtain their training at University Hospital

**1963**

On December 10, 1963, a surgical team led by Dr. Marc Baltzan performed the first kidney (renal) transplant—also one of the first in Canada.



## 1950's – The beginning

## 1960's – Planning for growth

# RUH HISTORY

## 1990's – Becoming Royal

## 2000's – Into the future

**1990**

His Excellency Governor-General Ray Hnatyshyn representing the Queen conferred the Royal title to University Hospital and with that, the University Hospital Foundation becomes Royal University Hospital Foundation.

RUH Neurology establishes the WHO Stroke Centre for Surveillance and Epidemiology.

**1992**

RUH Foundation's \$3.8 million MRI Campaign (1989–1991) in partnership with then Potash Corporation of Saskatchewan, raised funds for the province's first MRI.

On July 13, the first patient is examined in RUH's new MRI, helping doctors determine in a matter of minutes that she was not afflicted by Multiple Sclerosis.



**2004**

The \$15 million Royal Care Campaign supported education, research and patient care through the establishment of a Chair in Clinical Research and a Chair in Indigenous Health; five research professorships for recruitment or retention of specialists; fellowships; a new Picture Archive System (PACS); funding for the Synchrotron to establish a medical beam line; and Saskatoon's first centralized molecular laboratory for DNA testing.

**2007**

The Future in Mind Campaign raises \$10.28 million for a new mental health inpatient unit named The Irene and Leslie Dubé Centre for Mental Health. The Dubés \$3 million lead donation was the largest gift to a hospital foundation in Saskatchewan.

**2008**

Multi-disciplinary Saskatchewan Cerebrovascular Centre is established for stroke and cerebrovascular research and advanced patient care including capital and equipment.

Dr. Ali Rajput Endowment for Parkinson's Disease and Movement Disorders Research was established through a \$1 million anonymous gift. The Saskatchewan Parkinson Program includes the largest brain bank for Parkinson's research in the world.





**1975**

With the assistance of the Saskatchewan Professional Firefighters Association, a new unit was established supporting burn patients.

The Respiratory Unit and Neonatology program were also established enhancing the medical care offerings for patients from across Saskatchewan.

**1978**

Queen Elizabeth II officially opens the new 300,000 square foot in-patient care addition on July 31.

**1979**

Ownership of the University Hospital was transferred from the University of Saskatchewan to a stand-alone Board of Directors led by CEO, Tony Dagnone.

**1980**

The Geriatric Assessment Unit and Geriatric Day Hospital patient programs were opened. This facility, the first of its kind in North America to be associated with an acute care teaching hospital was intended to keep the elderly independent in the community for as long as possible through the careful assessment of medical and social issues, the beginning of rehabilitation and the planning for continuing care.

**1982**

Neonatal Intensive Care Unit and the Provincial Pediatric Intensive Care Unit were officially opened by Her Royal Highness Princess Anne.

**1983**

The then University Hospital Foundation was incorporated by charter under Non-profit Corporations Act on June 17 and registered as a charitable foundation. It's inaugural meeting of the founding Board was October 7 led by its Chair Dr. Gatercole.

**1984**

In March, the first test-tube triplets in Canada were born to a woman from Edam Saskatchewan. The fertilization procedure was performed in Toronto but the woman was referred to RUH's high-risk obstetrical unit for the delivery. The three tiny babies were cared for in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit for 6 weeks.

**1970's – More to offer patients**

**1980's – A decade of firsts**

# TIMELINE

**2010's – Transforming health care**

**2010**

The Irene and Leslie Dubé Centre for Mental Health opens its doors. The new in-patient centre houses 54 beds for adults and 10 beds for children and youth.

The only Bone Marrow Transplant Unit in the province opens ensuring Saskatchewan residents do not have leave the province for transplants.

**2011**

In April, the "Royal Express" electric cart funded by a HUG Grant and driven by volunteers, assists patients and families to get to outpatient appointments.

**2012**

The Picture This Campaign raises \$5 million for Saskatchewan's first PET/CT and establishes the then PotashCorp Molecular Imaging Clinic Research Centre.

**2013**

RUH's new hospital pharmacy opens its doors thanks in part to \$1 million donation from the Foundation.

**2014**

A new dedicated 16-bed acute stroke unit opens on 6300 on June 1 supported by donor funding through the 90 Days of Innovation.

**2016**

Official opening of a new state-of-the-art biplane interventional suite through the \$12 million Campaign for Royal University Hospital. \$200,000 was donated by Alliance Energy employees, partners and their spouses with a matching contribution from the company.

**2017**

Saskatchewan's first O-Arm was unveiled on June 15 thanks to a \$1 million donation from the Joseph Alfred Rémai Family Foundation. This advanced imaging system supports spine, cranial and orthopedic surgery.

The \$28 million GREATER Campaign supported advancements in remote presence technology for Saskatchewan people through a research project trialling the MELODY ultrasound imaging system allowing a radiologist to conduct an ultrasound on a patient across a room or across the province using tele-robotic technology.

**2019**

The new RUH Adult Emergency Department opens on September 29.

RUH is the first Emergency Department in Canada to allow therapy dogs to visit patients.

# THANK YOU!

We would like to acknowledge and thank these special individuals, organizations, corporations, businesses and anonymous friends who donated to the Royal University Hospital Foundation during the fiscal year of April 1, 2019, to March 31, 2020.

## **\$2,500,000+**

Anonymous

## **\$1,000,000 – \$2,499,999**

Hospital Home Lottery  
Estate of Robert Steane

## **\$100,000 – \$999,999**

Orme and Shirley Asher  
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Estate of William W. Dougall  
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## **\$50,000 – \$99,999**

Estate of Ken Arnold

## **\$25,000 – \$49,999**

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**Dr. Janet Markland Fund** – priorities for the Oncology Unit.

**Nutrien Chair in Clinical Health Research Fund** – dedicated time for a researcher to undertake clinical research.

**Orano Wish Fund Endowment** – items that improve patient care for which there is no alternate source of funding.

**Ostomy Endowment** – equipment and education for the Ostomy Clinic.

**Pharmaceutical Services Fund** – education, research and equipment in the Department of Pharmacy.

**Princeton Scholarship Fund** – educational funding for nurses, licensed practical nurses and other medical professionals.

**Rajput Research Fund** – Parkinson's disease and movement disorder research.

**Dr. Ali Rajput Endowment for Parkinson's Disease and Movement Disorders Research** – research into Parkinson's disease and other movement disorders.

**Royal University Hospital Auxiliary Legacy Endowment** – medical equipment and furnishings as well as an annual Auxiliary scholarships and education.

**SaskEnergy Centennial Research Fund in Children's Health** – research projects for the betterment of children's health.

**Hartley Sommerfeld Memorial Fund** – neurosciences.

**Jarret Stoll Trauma Fund for Royal University Hospital** in honour of the Humboldt Broncos – trauma priorities for patient of all ages.

**Peter and Anna Zbeetnoff Memorial Endowment** – the annual Peter and Anna Zbeetnoff Memorial Drug Therapy Decision-Making Conference for physicians, pharmacists and nurse practitioners in Saskatchewan.

# GUILD OF FRIENDS

The following Guild of Friends members are a special group of donors who have made provisions in their estate plan through wills, life insurance, charitable remainder trusts and other means to create a legacy of giving to Royal University Hospital Foundation that will continue long into the future:

The late Nahid Ahmad  
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## LEVERAGING HIS LEGACY



*The late Robert 'Bob' Steane*

For Robert 'Bob' Steane philanthropy meant so much more than being able to contribute financially; it was a passion embraced with hands-on enthusiasm.

Bob enjoyed giving back to the community. He was first to donate to the newest

generation of interventional imaging at Royal University Hospital; he served breakfast at the Friendship Inn with his partner Kathy Berg and family; and he served on the Board of Directors of Royal University Hospital Foundation. Bob's compassionate legacy has improved lives and communities in Saskatchewan and across the country. His generous support of our Foundation will endure long after his passing on July 30, 2019.

On December 3, Giving Tuesday, Bob left a \$10 million estate gift divided equally among our Foundation, Saskatoon Community Foundation and St. Paul's Hospital Foundation; the largest estate gift in RUH Foundation's history.

The \$3 million gift has leveraged donations, to the Ready When You Aren't Campaign

by matching every dollar donated during the Ready When You Aren't Radiothon, which raised over \$600,000 for patient care at RUH. Additionally, \$1.3 million of this tremendous gift will purchase the newest generation CT scanner; support fellowships for trauma sub-specialty training for physicians; and establish the Bob Steane Community Mental Health Fund.

Bob, a former Senior Vice-President and Chief Operating Officer of Cameco, was a philanthropist who loved humanity, believed in people and cared about his community. Through his legacy gift, he wished to encourage others to 'Be a Bob' and give back any way they could: by volunteering their time, with financial contributions and by including charities such as RUH Foundation in their will or estate plans. Bob is missed by all.



***'Be a Bob' and give back.***



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*Thank you for giving your time, talent and passion!*

# AUDIT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Through the generosity of our donors, Royal University Hospital Foundation continues to enhance patient care and support innovative



*Nilesch Kavia, CPA, CMA, MBA, Treasurer and Chair, Audit and Finance Committee*

health-care priorities at Royal University Hospital.

This past year, the Foundation recorded \$9.6 million in revenue from donations, bequests, events, lottery proceeds, and investment earnings. As a result, we granted \$6.2 million to the Saskatchewan Health Authority and University of Saskatchewan College of Medicine in support of health-care priorities, capital planning, research, and education. Funds raised were used towards the purchase of a new CT scanner, a complete upgrade of both RUH lecture theatres; the development of a pilot Colorectal Health Centre; continued planning for a dedicated four-bed epilepsy monitoring unit; and enhancing mental health programs and research. Additionally, the new Legacy Fund for Trauma Care received \$2.7 million

to support trauma equipment, research and education over the next nine years. Imagine Canada Standards Program re-accredited the Foundation for five years; acknowledging our commitment to ethical, transparent and effective fundraising practices.

Summary Financial Statements are provided on the following pages and full audited statements are available online at [ruhfh.org](http://ruhfh.org) or by contacting the Foundation at 306.655.1984. We thank all of our supporters for your direct and significant impact on health care at Royal University Hospital.



**Nilesch Kavia**, CPA, CMA, MBA  
Treasurer and Chair, Audit and Finance Committee



## Report of the Independent Auditor on the Summary Financial Statements

To the Board of Directors of Royal University Hospital Foundation Inc.

### *Our opinion*

In our opinion, the accompanying summary financial statements of Royal University Hospital Foundation Inc. (the Foundation) are a fair summary of the audited financial statements, on the basis described in the note to the summary financial statements.

### *The summary financial statements*

The Foundation's summary financial statements derived from the audited financial statements for the year ended March 31, 2020 comprise:

- the summary statement of financial position as at March 31, 2020;
- the summary statement of revenue, expenses, and changes in fund balances for the year then ended; and
- the related note to the summary financial statements.

The summary financial statements do not contain all the disclosures required by Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations. Reading the summary financial statements and the auditor's report thereon, therefore, is not a substitute for reading the audited financial statements and the auditor's report thereon.

### *The audited financial statements and our report thereon*

We expressed an unmodified audit opinion on the audited financial statements in our report dated May 26, 2020.

### *Management's responsibility for the summary financial statements*

Management is responsible for the preparation of the summary financial statements on the basis described in the note to the summary financial statements.

### *Auditor's responsibility*

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on whether the summary financial statements are a fair summary of the audited financial statements based on our procedures, which were conducted in accordance with Canadian Auditing Standard (CAS) 810, *Engagements to Report on Summary Financial Statements*.

## **Signed by PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP**

Chartered Professional Accountants

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

May 26, 2020



# SUMMARY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## Royal University Hospital Foundation Inc. Summary Statement of Financial Position as at March 31, 2020



2020

2019

### ASSETS

#### Current Assets

Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$	6,841,583	5,428,358
Pledges Receivable - current		99,194	155,762
Accounts Receivable		105,401	103,668
Inventory		124,064	123,221
Due from Other Funds		706,465	378,701
Prepaid Expenses		253,927	298,594

8,130,634 6,488,304

#### Investments

19,170,912 18,993,001

#### Other Assets

Planned Giving		26,516	27,762
Pledges Receivable - long term		511,833	135,498
		538,349	163,260

#### Capital Assets

189,273 195,251

\$ 28,029,168 25,839,816

### LIABILITIES

#### Current Liabilities

Accounts Payable and Accrued Liabilities	\$	900,288	848,682
Grants Payable		4,295,825	3,478,815
Due to other Funds		706,465	378,701
		5,902,578	4,706,198

### FUND BALANCES

Operating	\$	1,952,762	2,788,340
Designated		5,099,061	2,420,052
Endowment		15,074,767	15,925,226
		22,126,590	21,133,618
	\$	28,029,168	25,839,816



**Royal University Hospital Foundation Inc.**  
**Summary Statement of Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Fund Balances**  
**for the year ended March 31, 2020**



		2020	2019
<b>REVENUE</b>			
Donations	\$	7,250,427	6,926,552
Donations - endowment		626,916	653,342
Events, gaming, other (gross)		2,130,271	2,160,018
Investment income (loss)		(410,171)	1,071,801
		<b>9,597,443</b>	<b>10,811,713</b>
Fundraising, events, and administrative expenses		<b>2,389,770</b>	<b>2,292,928</b>
Net revenue available for granting		<b>7,207,673</b>	<b>8,518,785</b>
Grants		<b>6,214,701</b>	<b>9,852,944</b>
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenses		<b>992,972</b>	<b>(1,334,159)</b>
Fund balances, beginning of year		<b>21,133,618</b>	<b>22,467,777</b>
Fund balances, end of year	\$	<b>22,126,590</b>	<b>21,133,618</b>

**Royal University Hospital Foundation Inc.**  
**Note to Summary Financial Statements**  
**March 31, 2020**

The summary financial statements are derived from the complete audited financial statements, prepared in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations, as at March 31, 2020 and for the year ended March 31, 2020.

The preparation of these summary financial statements requires management to determine the information that needs to be reflected in the summary financial statements so that they are consistent, in all material respects, with or represent a fair summary of the audited financial statements.

These summary financial statements have been prepared by management using the following criteria:

- whether information in the summary financial statements is in agreement with the related information in the complete audited financial statements; and
- whether, in all material respects, the summary financial statements contain the information necessary to avoid distorting or obscuring matters disclosed in the related complete audited financial statements, including the notes thereto.

Management determined that the statement of cash flows does not provide additional useful information and as such has not included them as part of the summary financial statements.

# SOCIAL MEDIA – ICYMI (in case you missed it)



Thank you to the people of Saskatchewan and to Saskatoon Media Group for your support of the Ready When You Aren't Radiothon presented by Suer & Pollon Mechanical for life-saving care at RUH! A total of \$647,100 was raised which includes matching donations by the Estate of Bob Steane! #gratitude #AreYouReady #beabob



Thank you so much to the amazing women from Sisterhood YXE for hosting the Artisan Market at Wallstreet Common on November 16, 2019. What a beautiful event! A huge thank you to all the creative and talented vendors who donated a total of \$1,400 through 10% of their sales! Your support will help to enhance and bridge community based programming around mental health and addictions through RUH Foundation's Community Mental Health Endowment.

A special thank you to everyone who attended. #gratitude

(l-r) Charlene Quiring; Lisa Sands, RUH Foundation Chief Development Officer; and Jenna Hildebrandt



Transformational change happens when people in our community step forward to make it possible.

The generosity of a remarkable donation from Orme and Shirley Asher in honour and in memory of Orme's mother Vivian will ensure that going forward, Royal University Hospital – Saskatchewan's largest acute care and tertiary hospital – will have the right space to proudly educate, advance and support our medical professionals and teams to deliver transformational patient care.

This morning we gathered in the newly renovated and dedicated Vivian K. Asher Theatre (formerly the 65-year-old East Lecture Theatre) to thank Orme and Shirley for their generous and thoughtful donation of \$250,000 through the Ready When You Aren't Campaign towards the renovation of RUH's oldest lecture theatre.

Special thanks to LMNO, Seventy-Seven Signs Ltd. | 77 Signs, the Town of Kindersley, SHA Capital Project Manager Shelley Marshall, Ellyn Berg of Group2 Architecture Interior Design Ltd. and Grant Grenier and his team at Graham for their vision and execution of this incredible space.

Thanks to proceeds from the spring Hospital Home Lottery, seat sales and the Asher gift, this former dated and well-lived-in theatre has a warm, fresh and inviting atmosphere to allow staff and students to gather and learn.

(l-r) Andy Asher with his parents Shirley and Orme Asher.



What a gem! Olga Cherniatski made a thoughtful \$1,500 donation last week in support of trauma and critical care priorities at Royal University Hospital. Her generous support is greatly appreciated by the medical teams, patients and their families! Thank you! #gratitude

(l-r) Arla Gustafson, RUH Foundation CEO and Olga Cherniatski

Thank you to everyone who supported the annual Walk of Life on June 2! To-date the 2019 event has raised over \$38,000 in support of cardiac programs in Saskatoon and area! That brings the total raised since 2016 to over \$112,000! The RUH FUNdations were proud to be there alongside many other individuals and teams including Team Bourassa who raised over \$7,600! Wow, way to go Team Bourassa!

Thank you to the organizers, volunteers and the 300 plus people who walked, ran or strolled! Thank you to the sponsors and donors! #gratitude





Barb Labatt is staying active to help combat her chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD). An active participant in the LiveWell Program, Barb uses the facilities at the Shaw Centre in Saskatoon and found that the NuStep Recumbent Stepper worked well for her and others suffering with the chronic disease. With only two of these steppers available to program participants, Barb "stepped up" and contacted Stacy Sigfusson, an Exercise Therapist with the Chronic Disease Management Department to see if Barb could donate the funds to purchase another stepper. Thank you Barb for your generous donation – you're thoughtful gift is positively impacting so many lives!

(l-r) Tristin Etcheverry, Certified Respiratory Educator, Manager – LiveWell Chronic Disease Management Exercise and Heart Function Clinic; Graham Blue, Director, Clinical Integration Urban (Saskatoon), Saskatchewan Health Authority; Stacy Sigfusson; and Barb Labatt



February 17 was Random Acts of Kindness Day and today 9 year old Samara and her Grandfather stopped by to share their kindness with us! Samara made a donation in honour of her Grandmother who received care at RUH. Thank you! #RAKDay2020 #Gratitude #Kindness #YoungLeader

(l-r) Om Kochar; Samara Kochar and Arla Gustafson, RUH Foundation CEO

Today is #NationalPhilanthropyDay.

Thank you to all our donors for your generous support and a special thanks to Novatex Graphics and John Tompson who we honoured today at the National Philanthropy Day Luncheon. #NPD2019 #Gratitude #ThankYou

(l-r) John's parents Doug Tompson and Diane Harold; Speech Therapist Jill Frith; John Tompson, Novatex owners Cindy and Henry van Seters; Arla Gustafson, RUH Foundation CEO



Congratulations to Dr. Ron Geyer, who yesterday was appointed the Nutrien Chair in Clinical Research.

Dr. Geyer was awarded \$600,000 over the next five years – \$500,000 from RUH Foundation's Nutrien Endowment created by (then) PotashCorp in 2004, and an additional \$500,000 from the Vice-Dean of Research, College of Medicine.



Together with colleagues, Dr. Geyer has developed injectable molecules to help surgeons diagnose, locate and remove cancerous tumours. The Nutrien Chair funding will support Dr. Geyer and colleagues Dr. John DeCoteau and Karen Mochoruk at the Advanced Cancer Diagnostic Research Laboratory with molecular testing on clinical biopsy results.

"Being able to do this at Royal University Hospital is great for patients in Saskatchewan because it improves wait times for results, improves monitoring of patients to get them off therapy sooner, and it provides training for residents and a research infrastructure for clinicians," he says. "This funding is really good news for everyone."

(l-r) Don Neufeld, RUH Foundation Volunteer Board Chair; Chuck Magro, Nutrien President and CEO; Dr. Ron Geyer, Nutrien Chair; Arla Gustafson, RUH Foundation CEO





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In May 2014, Royal University Hospital Foundation was awarded the highest level of accreditation and shared the distinction of being one of the first charitable organizations in Saskatchewan to be accredited under Imagine Canada's National Standards Program. In 2019, RUH Foundation was successfully re-accredited for five years. With this achievement, we join a growing community of more than 240 organizations dedicated to operational excellence.

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*Image on cover: Cam Forrester painting commissioned for the  
Hospital's 65th anniversary in 2020.*