

# Community Report

A Newsletter from Grace Hospital Foundation

Spring 2023

## A year of supporting our Staff! Focusing on our Health Care Heroes

Best way to a health care heroes heart is through their stomach

Even though COVID began to slow in 2022, the year was still fraught with challenges for our staff. Unprecedented staff shortages, largely related to the pandemic, meant our health care heroes needed to do more with less. But as always, our caring community rose to the occasion and helped our staff when they needed it most.

### Princess Auto Foundation

The Princess Auto Foundation came through, once again, during the latter stages of the Omicron wave in January and February 2022, by providing 7,000 hot meals for our staff. Throughout 2020 and 2021, the Princess Auto Foundation provided over 17,000 meals to the Grace.

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## MESSAGE from Jeffrey A. Coleman and Rachel Ferguson

In many ways 2022 was much like other years. Our exceptional staff went above and beyond as always to provide the very best patient care. Our community supported Grace Hospital Foundation in force, and 2022 was our best year of fundraising to date.

But, in fact, 2022 might have been our most challenging year as a facility, outstripping even the COVID period of the previous two years. Everyone has heard that there are major staff shortages in the health care system. This not exclusive to the Grace or even the province, it is a nationwide issue, and one that has presented extraordinary challenges.

Our staff have been overworked in an extreme way. That is the only way to describe it. Mandatory overtime, missing scheduled breaks, working short-handed, these are regrettably frequent occurrences at the Grace. It is heartbreaking, but also heartwarming. If you could see our compassionate, dedicated staff giving it their all every day in the face of such adversity, you would marvel. We do. Their heroic efforts fill us with the greatest pride. And also the greatest sadness.

COVID can be blamed for the staff shortages to a certain extent, but there are many factors including an aging workforce and a lack of enough new graduates to fill the void. Ultimately, the reasons don't matter at this point. What matters is a solution. As a site we are working every day in collaboration with our staff to

come up with ways to make work life better. Our health region and the government are looking at novel ways to resolve the issue. We know that collectively we will succeed, but the road is long.

We wish to express our truest thanks to this caring community. Your moral support and your monetary support are making an undeniable difference at the Grace, for both patients and staff. In 2022, we completed work on our brand new, state-of-the-art Diagnostic Imaging Centre, thanks to over \$3 million in support from you. We just started work on a new Staff Wellness Room supported by \$360,000 in donations. You have no idea how important that will be for our staff. It will provide peaceful respite in an otherwise chaotic day.

We look to 2023 with optimism. Things are going to be better. With your help we will assure the very best health care possible.

**Jeffrey A. Coleman**  
Chair,  
Grace Hospital Foundation

**Rachel Ferguson**  
Chief Operating Officer,  
Grace Hospital



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Never before has a group made such a major and meaningful contribution to our staff. We will always be grateful to the Princess Auto Foundation. In many ways, their efforts helped us make it through the darkest days of the pandemic.

### Trans Canada Brewing Company

Another group that remains near and dear to our heart is Trans Canada Brewing Company (TCB). In fact, through their affiliation with the Princess Auto Foundation, most of the 17,000 meals we received were made by TCB. They were delicious, warm and nourishing comfort food.

In 2022, TCB once again provided beer for all our staff. They provided us with 2,000 four-pack tall boys of TCB Pale Ale, brewed especially for our employees. For two days in May we gave out beer to staff around the clock as they finished their shifts. This is on top of the 3,200, eight-packs of Bluebeary Ale they provided for our staff in 2021. Our gratitude and delight to receive their beer made us bubble over with joy.

### Coffee Days & Ice Cream Days

A little can go a long way and so the Foundation, along with our sponsors, provided more free coffee and drink days for all staff to enjoy. We held 13 free coffee days in 2022. In addition to the coffee days, we thought, what could be better than a Sargent Sundae Ice Cream on a hot day? Or on a cold day for that matter. With the support of John Dussesoy, owner of Sargent Sundae, we held 4 ice cream days for staff; amounting to over 6,000 delicious and creamy ice cream sandwiches.

# The Dr. & Mrs. Donald and Anne Reimer Diagnostic Imaging Centre

## NOW OPEN

After two years of construction, we are pleased to report the Dr. & Mrs. Donald and Anne Reimer Diagnostic Imaging Centre is now open and serving our patients.

Grace Hospital Foundation funded \$3 million of this \$9 million project. We are so grateful to the community for their extraordinary generosity in helping us reach our goal. In particular, we say thank you to our capstone donors, Dr. & Mrs. Reimer, for the \$1 million commitment to this vital project. The Reimer Family are dear friends to the Grace, and their legacy here will truly enhance the service received by those who come to us for care.

With our expanded role in the health care system, our patient volumes have risen significantly in recent years, in many areas by more than 30%. The new Diagnostic Imaging Department boasts over 17,500 square feet of space, technology and patient volume capability.

The new department includes:

- New SPECT-CT Gamma Camera
- Additional CT Scanner
- Additional Ultrasound
- Upgraded Digital X-Ray Equipment
- Two New Echocardiogram Machines
- Existing Fluoroscopy Machine
- Existing MRI

This dynamic renovation will position the Grace to continue as a centre of excellence in diagnostics and patient care.



## Diagnostic Imaging

Total # of exams carried out in 2021/22

CT	18,745
Flouroscopy	674
MRI	8,274
X-Ray	36,518
Nuclear Medicine	3,049
Ultrasound	11,224

\*CT scan capacity up 9% since 2019

## Cardiology Department New cardiac testing at the Grace

Dr. & Mrs. Donald and Anne Reimer Diagnostic Imaging Centre provides a clear picture to heart health

### ECHOCARDIOGRAM TESTING

The new Diagnostic Imaging Centre includes a much needed echocardiogram suite; which includes two stress labs. Prior to this, patients requiring an echo would need to be transported off site for this vital test.

By the end of 2023, the Grace will double its capacity for EKG's, Stress Tests and Cardiac Monitoring Tests.



# Envision & Invest

We want to extend our sincere appreciation to the following individuals and corporations who made a lasting gift to the Envision Our Grace Capital Campaign to redevelop the Dr. Donald & Mrs. Anne Reimer Diagnostic Imaging Department.

**Thank you for helping us bring this vision into focus.**

## **\$1,000,000**

Dr. Donald & Mrs. Anne Reimer

## **\$250,000-\$999,999**

Daphne Bolton  
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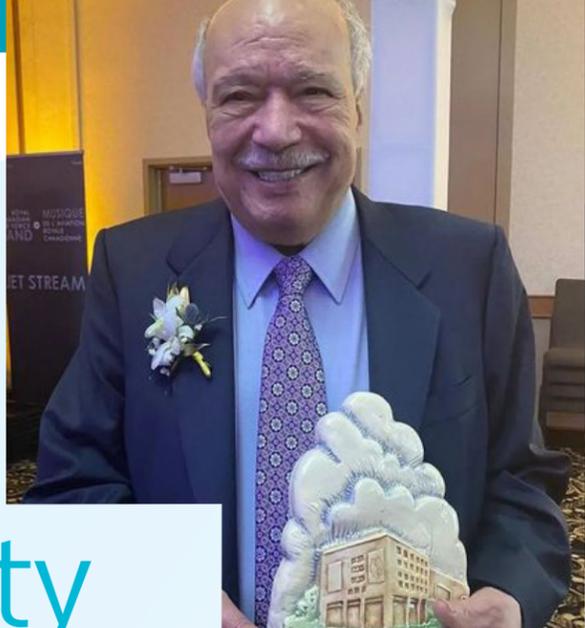
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# Celebrating our Community



Wajih (Moe) Zeid honoured with Pearl McGonigal Award

On October 27, 2022, 550 guests attended the Grace Gala to celebrate Moe Zeid's acceptance of the Pearl McGonigal Award for a lifetime of achievement and support for Grace Hospital.

Moe Zeid, the Zeid Family and FOODFARE are Grace Hospital's largest corporate supporters and have been so for decades. Their generosity goes far beyond their major annual funding. The Zeids donate food to most Foundation and Hospital activities. A few years ago, when we did a Polynesian themed gala dinner, we asked Moe if he would donate 50 pineapples for us to use as centerpieces. He sent us 500 pineapples so each guest could have one to take home.

They volunteer. Most all of Moe's grandchildren have participated in the Grace Hospital Youth Volunteer Program. Two of his granddaughters are now nurses at Grace Hospital. The list of generosity goes on.

The Board of Directors and Grace Hospital Foundation were proud to present the Pearl McGonigal Award 2022 to Moe Zeid. His dedication to our hospital has helped shape it into the vital institution it is today.

*Wajih (Moe) Zeid came to Canada in 1967 when he was twenty years old, with, as the old saying goes, nothing but the shirt on his back. For 15 years Mr. Zeid worked during the day as a butcher at Manitoba Sausage and in the evenings as a delivery driver. He saved well and in 1985 he bought his first grocery store, a small Pay Fair store, on St. Matthews Avenue. Now 38 years later he is the largest independent grocer in Winnipeg, with five highly successful FOODFARE locations. Mr. Zeid is the father of seven children and has 38 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren. He has dedicated much of his time and resources to many important causes in the community, including Grace Hospital.*

Established in 2019, the Pearl McGonigal Award honours an individual or group for outstanding contributions to Grace Hospital and our community at large.

#### Past Recipients

- 2019, The Hon. Pearl McGonigal
- 2020, R.W. (Bob) Cunningham
- 2021, Edward and Marjorie Danylchuk



Left - Right R.W. Bob Cunningham, The Hon. Anita Neville, The Hon. Pearl McGonigal, Wajih (Moe) Zeid, Marjorie Danylchuk, The Hon. Heather Stefanson, Jordan Van Sewell

## GRACE HOSPITAL DAY

On May 12, 2022, the Government of Manitoba declared the second Friday in May is "Grace Hospital Day".

This day of recognition is a day to thank the community for all they have done and continue to do for Grace Hospital. It is also a day of recognition and thanks for Grace Hospital staff who do such extraordinary work each and every day.

Grace Hospital Day is celebrated in conjunction with a Radiothon on Corus Entertainment station 680CJOB and 99.1 Peggy. The radiothon runs from 9 am - 6 pm where we share stories of health, hope and caring. The goal of the radiothon is to raise funds for patient care at The Grace.

**The inaugural Grace Hospital Day raised over \$200,000 for patient care at The Grace!**



Left - Right, Jon Einarson (Executive Director, Grace Hospital Foundation), Scott Gillingham (Councillor St. James, current Mayor of Winnipeg) Keith Davidson (Board of Directors, Treasurer)

EVENTS

Save the date: Grace Hospital Foundation is pleased to announce the return of our annual events - all of which raise funds to help guarantee every patient has access to the best care possible.

### + Grace Hospital Day May 12, 2023

Join us the second Friday in May for Grace Hospital Day. A whole day filled with fun activities including a Radiothon, Drive In Movie, Book Sale and so much more!

### + Bocce Ball Tournament August 9, 2023

Grab your friends and meet us at Sturgeon Creek Park for the 5th Annual Bocce Ball Tournament hosted by Joe Aiello. Fun for everyone!

### + Grace Gala October 24, 2023

Join over 500 guests at the Victoria Inn Hotel and Convention Centre as we celebrate the 2023 recipient of the Pearl McGonigal Lifetime Achievement Award.

### + Winter Celebration Date TBD (Winter 2023)

The Annual Winter Celebration and Tree of Life Ceremony honours our loved ones and those we have lost over the years.

# Staff Wellness Room

Coming May 2023!

Thanks to our caring community, the Grace Hospital will be building a state of the art Staff Wellness Room for our health care Heroes!

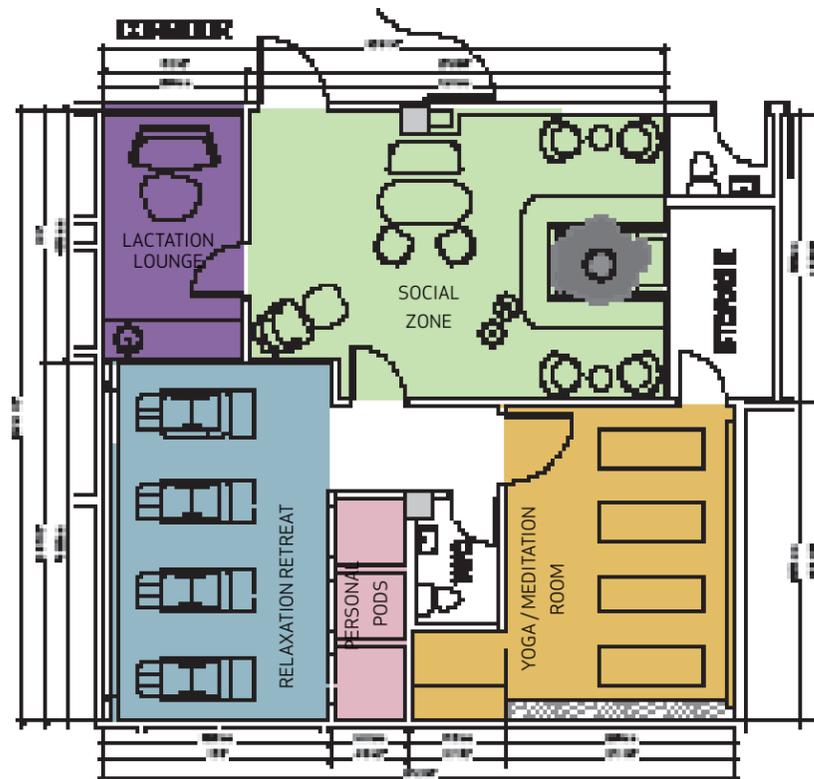
This \$360,000 project was funded with a portion of the proceeds from our Annual Tree of Life Campaign. The community support we received was extraordinary and truly validating for our staff.

This 24-hour refuge will feature a relaxation room with massage chairs, an area with personal pods for resting, a yoga/meditation room for many types of therapies, a social zone and a lactation lounge. Pet therapy and other therapeutic interventions will also occur in this special space.



## Thank you Manitoba!

♥ Thank you to our major donors for making the Staff Wellness Room a possibility



# Your Donations at Work

Your gift to Grace Hospital Foundation directly supports patient care enhancements that would not otherwise be funded by the government, and helps assure that every patient who comes to the Grace has access to the best care possible.

### UPCOMING PROJECTS

#### A new Intensive Care Unit for Grace Hospital

What we have learned from clinical consolidation, and indeed from the pandemic, is that Winnipeg needs more intensive care capacity. This is one of our health care system's highest priorities. As the third acute care site in Winnipeg, with a 24-hour Emergency Department and 24-hour emergency surgery, more Intensive Care Unit beds are essential. Since 2018, our patient volumes have increased dramatically. In fact, our Emergency Department went from seeing 30,000 patients annually to 45,000 annually. We currently have a 10-bed ICU. It needs to be much larger, not only for our own patient

base at Grace Hospital, but for the city and ultimately the province.

We are currently in the planning phase of this new ICU, in collaboration with Shared Health and the Government of Manitoba. It is still early going, so we do not yet have a timetable of final projected cost, but the process is speeding along well and we hope to have more information for you soon.

All proceeds from our campaigns in 2023 will be in support of this new ICU.



### PAST PROJECTS

- \$3 million to renovate and expand the Diagnostic Imaging Department
- \$250,000 to add Echocardiogram services
- \$650,000 to support staff resources and patient care needs during the COVID-19 pandemic
- \$6 million to build a new Emergency Department and MRI Suite
- \$2.5 million to build Grace Hospice
- \$1 million to purchase a CT scanner
- \$1 million to upgrade the General Surgery and Urology operating room suites
- \$700,000 to build a clinical simulation teaching lab
- \$200,000 for VOICERA staff communication system
- \$150,000 to provide free WI-FI for patients and visitors



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