

Enhancing healthcare through your generosity

With your generous support, the Bethesda Foundation has continued to enhance health services and infrastructure in our community for almost 40 years. Thank you to all who have donated in the past, your future donations, and for your continued support as we work together to better our community's health care future.

In June, our 26th annual golf tournament was yet another success, raising almost \$20,000. We would like to take the opportunity to thank our many loyal sponsors for their donations and support.

For the past 19 years students on the SRSS Dragon Boat teams have raised funds for Bethesda Foundation. This year they raised just over \$1000, bringing the 19 year total to \$86,000. Huge thanks to the students for your contributions to improving health care in our community.



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Bethesda Foundation Launches Caring Together Capital Campaign to raise 15 Million Dollars



In 2005 Bethesda Foundation embarked on its last fundraising campaign to build a CancerCare Centre and Obstetrics wing at Bethesda Regional Health Centre, as well as a redevelopment of the Emergency Dept. Now the time has come for new healthcare needs in our community to be fulfilled.

In mid-Sept we announced our Caring Together Capital Campaign, which began in an informal capacity a number of years ago, with funds being raised to complete the Bethesda Primary Care Centre and Stonebridge Wellness Centre. Now Bethesda Foundation looks forward to engaging with the entire community in the campaign, to raise funds for some additional much-needed healthcare services.

One of the campaign projects is the expansion of the RestHaven Nursing Home. Personal care home beds have been an urgent need in the community for many years. The wait list for placement is very long, and all too often seniors are having to move far away from family and friends when they need personal care home support. Construction has now started on a project that will see the 60 bed facility more than double, to a total of 143 beds. Bethesda Foundation is very excited to partner with a local organization, HavenGroup, to help make this project a reality.

Bethesda Foundation also has a vision to provide enhanced palliative care services to Steinbach and area. We want to create a space that is a peaceful, home-like environment, for those who require end-of-life care. This facility would have private rooms for patient dignity, plenty of green space to promote tranquil and serene surroundings, and spaces for families to gather.

Refurbishment of the surgical department at Bethesda Regional Health Centre has also been identified as a genuine need. This area of the hospital has long been in need of an upgrade, so that we can continue performing surgeries and attracting quality surgeons to our community.

The goal of 15 million is an aggressive one, but not an impossible one. At the launch event it was announced that Bethesda Foundation has already raised \$10 million towards that goal.

Keeping healthcare services close to home has always been the vision of Bethesda Foundation. We look forward to seeing the community participate with us to make these projects a reality during our Caring Together Campaign.

For more information on the campaign visit the Bethesda Foundation website at www.bethesdafoundation.ca.



Gifts of Light

The season has arrived where you can again give Gifts of Light to those who are spending time in the hospital over the Christmas season, and for those visiting them. Having the hospital grounds lit up with thousands of colorful lights sends a wonderful message of hope and healing during the holiday season.

You can be that "hope" for someone this year!

There are FOUR ways to sponsor.

\$1,500 – Emerald sponsor (xlarge in-ground tree at Healing Garden – 20-25 ft)

\$1,000 – Sapphire sponsor (large tree – 12-14 ft)

\$500 – Pearl sponsor (regular tree – 6-8 ft)

\$100 – Ruby sponsor (red trees hung along Main St. & Hwy 12)

Contact Laurie at lunrau@bethesdafoundation.ca, or 204.326.1054 to reserve your tree today.

Join us on Sunday, December 1 at 4:00pm on the hospital grounds for the official tree lighting ceremony. There will be sleigh rides, music, hot dogs and hot chocolate. A heartfelt thank you to our 2018 donors.



SPREAD HOPE TODAY! Call or email to sponsor your tree.

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