JULY 2020 NEWSLETTER



A message from our Board Chair Trevor Corey

It's an exciting time to be a part of The Chalmers Foundation Board of Directors as we recently added five new members with a wealth of experience and expertise during our first-ever virtual Annual General Meeting on June 16.

We are delighted to have Marty Forsythe, Kent Fox, Christine Little, Luisa Montoya and Sheena Teed join the fold!

These new board members have very impressive backgrounds in various fields and each will offer their own expertise to help us serve the board's mandate and provide the best quality healthcare to people in western and central New Brunswick.

The new arrivals join the existing team of myself, Kirk White, Dave Armstrong and Dr. Mark MacMillan on the Executive, along with board members Greg Gillis, Sherri Hatheway, Nora Kelly and Micheline Joyce. The CEO of Horizon Health Network, Karen McGrath, is an ex-officio member of the board and Gilles Allain is our Executive Director.

I'd like to officially welcome the new board members by introducing them to you. As well, we always have room for more community leaders who want to make a difference on our board. Watch <u>https://bit.ly/2Z9rdGV</u> to learn more.





Marty Forsythe

Marty has been an advisor at Sun Life in Fredericton for more than 20 years and he says he provides a solid common-sense approach to life insurance and health insurance for his clients. Considering his impressive professional background, Marty felt it made perfect sense to join the Chalmers Foundation Board of Directors.

Another big reason why Marty is lending his expertise to our amazing board is because he's been fundraising for most of his adult life and notes that he usually volunteers between 400 and 500 hours per year. The Burton resident since 1980 also says that raising money for his local hospital is close to his heart because of the huge importance healthcare plays in the quality of life. The grandfather notes that providing a bright future for his grandchildren is also important and he looks forward to raising funds for departments such as Pediatrics.

Among his many community accomplishments, Marty has served as the District Education Chair for District 17 Oromocto, Rotarian, Treasurer Ducks Unlimited Provincial chapter, and The John Wood Foundation.



Kent Fox

Kent is an experienced Mortgage Broker and long-time business professional who is very familiar with the Chalmers Foundation and our mission of supporting healthy, caring communities.

Kent says when the opportunity arose this spring to join the Foundation's Board of Directors, he stepped up immediately to offer his life experiences and business acumen. Kent adds that he looks forward to working with a great management team and Board of Directors in helping the Chalmers Foundation move forward in a positive manner.

Kent's business knowledge and experience will certainly be an asset on the Chalmers Foundation Board of Directors. He was the owner/operator of the Mark's franchise in Fredericton for 19 years and is past general manager of Fredericton Exhibition Ltd. Kent obtained his Real Estate License in 2002 and also has a Mortgage Broker's License and his AMP Accreditation. He was a Senior Mortgage Specialist in Residential/ Commercial mortgages and is now semi-retired.



Christine Little

Christine is no stranger to the Chalmers Foundation after having been employed as the organization's event coordinator between 2006 and 2010. She says this provided her with a first-hand understanding of the important role the Foundation plays in providing the best possible healthcare equipment, programs and services to the Fredericton area.

For the past seven years, Christine has been the Membership Development and Marketing Manager at the Fredericton Chamber of Commerce. With her demonstrated history of working in the civic and social organization industry, she is adept in sales, event management, team building, and media relations.

She says she joined the board because as the population ages, it's that much more important to have a hospital with modern technology, equipment and programs. She adds that a modern hospital such as Horizon's Dr. Everett Chalmers Regional Hospital ensures people can get treatment close to home.



Luisa Montoya

Luisa is a Principal Consultant at Two Roads Management Consulting and she has worked in the non-profit sector, government, post-secondary institutions and private industry.

She says she's passionate about health and her seven years of working in the health field has strengthened her resolve. She believes in the board's mission and she is especially passionate about the Chalmers Foundation's focus on raising funds towards mental health initiatives.

Luisa adds that the future of healthcare is community-based, and she is thrilled to be on a board where fundraising monies remain in the region.

Luisa, who has worked in Canada and abroad, served for more than three years as a Member Engagement Officer with the New Brunswick Medical Society and was a Program Manager for the Association of New Brunswick Licensed Practical Nurses.



Sheena Teed

Sheena is a Primary Care Nurse with the Canadian Armed Forces in Gagetown and she's an experienced Nursing Officer with a demonstrated history of working in the military industry.

She says she joined the board because community engagement has always been a part of her life and she's supportive of the board's vision and mission. She says she's excited to broaden her experience and perspective of the needs in the healthcare community.

Sheena feels that her varied background of military and nursing provides a unique and useful perspective in helping the board reach its goals. She says what's she's looking forward to the most is having the opportunity to work in a different capacity within the healthcare community and meeting like-minded individuals.

Sheena holds a Bachelor of Nursing from the University of New Brunswick and a Master of Science in Disaster Medicine. This has led to many international deployments in support of the Canadian Federal Government.

Community steps up once again for our annual Radiothon fundraiser

On June 25, we had the pleasure of hosting our 7th Annual Chalmers Foundation Radiothon in partnership with Fredericton radio stations Up! 93.1 and New Country 92.3. This year's event was held virtually for the first time and we couldn't be more pleased with the results!

We were once again blown away by the generosity of our community. Your donations will help us reach our goal of creating a mental health Safe Room in the Emergency Department of Horizon's Dr. Everett Chalmers Regional Hospital in Fredericton.

Thank you for your participation in our Chalmers Chain of Caring initiative. Your commitment to donate \$10 and then nominating (tag) three of your friends, helped us accomplish our goal of raising \$5,000!

If you didn't have a chance to donate during our Radiothon, we invite you to visit our website to donate anytime: <u>www.chalmersfoundation.com</u>

