

# MAY 2020 NEWSLETTER



## A message from our board chair Trevor Corey

The board is currently working alongside staff to position ourselves in order to be successful in a post-COVID-19 world. Some things we have done in the past will remain a core part of our identity, and we will also incorporate new ideas to achieve our goals.

The next few months present an exciting opportunity in which we can all come out stronger. Stay tuned for announcements on our upcoming projects!

If you are interested in joining the board leadership, we are recruiting new board members. This is a chance for community members to really make a difference by getting involved. Anyone who is interested in learning more about our board can contact me directly at [chalmers.foundation@horizonnb.ca](mailto:chalmers.foundation@horizonnb.ca)

As well, with National Nursing Week being held this week, the board wants to show our gratitude to our nurses and all hospital staff. You're doing an amazing job and we're thankful for all your hard work and sacrifices.

And last, but not least, we thank our generous donors. Because of you we will be able to continue to support important health care projects in Greater Fredericton.





### **Celebrate the amazing work of nurses during National Nursing Week May 11-17**

They work tirelessly and are compassionate. They heal and provide emotional support. They are the glue for patient healthcare.

*THEY* are nurses - and with National Nursing Week being May 11-17, this is a perfect time to highlight their contributions and say thank you.

The care that nurses provide these days has been highlighted during the COVID-19 pandemic as they put their own health at risk to protect us. For patients in the Fredericton area who are thankful for this sacrifice, there is an avenue to show appreciation to nursing staff, and that is through a donation to The Chalmers Foundation.

Patients, their family or friends, can make donations to different hospital departments as a grateful patient. There are all kinds of unique ways to give back through this program. For example, last year a gentleman provided funds for the hospital team entering information for blood work at the hospital. Another person made a significant donation towards the purchase of a patient lift in the hospital.

When you make a donation to the Foundation on our website, [chalmersfoundation.com](http://chalmersfoundation.com), you can add information in the Note section in the category named Reason For Donation. Here you can make a donation in the name of the hospital staff person.

Want to learn more about how to thank a nurse? Contact our Director of Philanthropy: [kathleen.specht@horizonnb.ca](mailto:kathleen.specht@horizonnb.ca)



### **Bequest leaves lasting impact for nursing students and experienced professionals**

"A society grows great when old men plant trees whose shade they know they shall never sit in."  
(Greek Proverb)

A dairy farmer in the Burton, New Brunswick area, the late Eugene Burpee was an honest man who from childhood lived the hard-working life of a farmer. Remembered by those who knew him for his generous nature, he loved to help his friends and his community.

In 1984, he received a Bicentennial Farm award to commemorate the five generations of dedicated family members who had created and operated the Pine Grove Holsteins dairy farm for 200 years.

Grateful for the compassionate care he received as a patient, he directed a portion of his estate to Horizon's Dr. Everett Chalmers Regional Hospital Foundation to fund scholarships for nursing staff. Three scholarships are available annually to nurses just starting their education and those looking to advance their careers.

Mr. Burpee's bequest has had annual impact for nursing students and experienced professionals since his passing in 2008. We are grateful to Mr. Burpee planting the tree under which nurses benefit from its shade.

If you are interested in learning how you can create a legacy for healthcare professionals, please contact Gilles Allain, Executive Director, at 506-476-0523 or through email at: [gilles.allain@horizonnb.ca](mailto:gilles.allain@horizonnb.ca)

## Hockey fundraiser helps our hospital healers

The Fredericton Jr. Red Wings 'Hockey Helps Healers Campaign' is a fundraising initiative to recognize front-line workers at Horizon's Dr. Everett Chalmers Regional Hospital (DECH). The campaign has produced a special window decal package to show your support for those battling every day against COVID-19. The decal features The Chalmers Foundation logo with the words 'Thank You' to workers at the hospital.

For just \$35, you can purchase a decal package with all proceeds from this campaign going to The Chalmers Foundation's Giving Hearts Fund in the battle against COVID-19.

The campaign aims to sell 3,000 decals and as of May 6, about 600 decals have been purchased already. Don't miss your chance to show your support for our health-care workers and visit: [frederictonredwings.com/hockeyhelpshealers](https://frederictonredwings.com/hockeyhelpshealers) and purchase your decal package today!

