

# WE ARE DELIVERING ON OUR PROMISE. WITH OUR COMMUNITY BY OUR SIDE.



It's always a pleasure to write this note to you, our donor community, and share what we have accomplished together this past year. And what an incredible year it was. Our We Are campaign — the largest healthcare fundraising campaign in our region — has major momentum and is elevating health care at the QEII Health Sciences Centre.

To date, as part of We Are, we have raised \$57 million towards our \$100-million goal, bringing 14 projects to completion. From surgical robotics to cancer care, these are all life-changing projects, transforming care for patients and their families, today and for future generations. And we are not stopping until we are done. We are bolstered by having generous donors like you by our side — helping make these ambitious goals a reality.

There's no denying the needs in health care are great, yet so are the passion and desire of our community to make a difference. The collective actions of many — from the dedicated and resilient healthcare teams to our donor community and volunteer leaders — are creating real change. All in the name of providing the highest quality of care for patients and families.

The stories shared in the pages that follow show how philanthropy takes us to the next level, driving innovation in treatment, research, and care. Donors like you are helping to define the future of health care at the QEII. That's powerful.

A sincere thank you to our volunteer leadership who generously share their expertise and time to serve on our board of directors and campaign committees. And much gratitude to the QEII Foundation team, who lead with heart every day, living the values of our organization.

SUSAN MULLIN,
President & CEO, OEII Foundation

## \$13.5 MILLION

GRANTED FOR ADVANCED PATIENT CARE.

GO PROJECTS, AND INITIATIVES SUPPORTED.

Every gift received in 2022-2023 contributes to life-changing moments experienced every day by patients and their loved ones at the QEII. All gifts of all sizes have an incredible impact.

#### THANK YOU.

Pictured: Adam MacDonald is a radiation therapist at the QEII Cancer Centre and a 2022 QEII Foundation Diversity in Health Care Bursary recipient.

The QEII Foundation raises funds for many QEII Health Sciences Centre's priorities, some of which have multi-year commitments. As a result, funds raised may be disbursed over several years. For a complete set of financial statements, which have been audited and reported upon by our auditors Grant Thornton LLP, please visit OE2Foundation.ca, call 1 888 428 0220, or email Info@OE2Foundation.ca.





#### \$20 MILLION

PLEDGED TO TRANSFORM CANCER CARE

The MacDonald family gift will support advanced cancer care technology, such as personalized radiotherapy, a world's first cancer-fighting technology being developed at the QEII. The family's generous support will also be a catalyst for enabling future innovation and discovery opportunities to happen sooner. This will help contribute to delivering care differently, improving access and patient outcomes, reducing wait times, and attracting and retaining the brightest minds in medicine.

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Our family is very proud to be able to make this donation in memory of our parents. Mom and dad were hard-working parents who loved all their seven children unconditionally. Our family is very proud to attach our name to something that will have such a positive impact and will mean so much to so many families in Atlantic Canada.

- The MacDonald Family

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The cancer care program at the QEII cares for patients from across Nova Scotia and the Maritime provinces. It provides the full continuum of care, from prevention and early detection through to screening, diagnosis, treatment, survivorship, palliative, and end-of-life care.

The MacDonald family's gift will help bring the best cancer care treatment to our region and will support a vision of integrated, advanced care in a supportive, healing environment.



New ways to deliver radiotherapy to patients with the goal of shortening treatment times and fewer visits.



Novel imaging technology for unparalleled quality and increased accuracy.



Gathering data to help clinicians around the globe improve the patient experience.

In honour of their late parents, Colin and Belle MacDonald, the MacDonald family's tribute gift will name a new cancer care centre being planned at the QEII.



#### \$2.5 MILLION

CAMPAIGN COMPLETED FOR THE ORTHOPAEDIC ROBOT AND AFFILIATED RESEARCH

QEII Foundation donors were the catalysts to bring the Mako SmartRobotics system to the QEII. A game-changer for orthopaedics in Nova Scotia, personalized care is at the forefront of surgical robotics. This technology allows surgeons to replace a joint that is tailored to the patient, by adapting the surgical plan based on their unique features. Meaning minimally-invasive surgeries with less pain, bleeding, quicker recovery time, and shorter hospital stays for patients.

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I can see knees and hips in ways I've never seen before. The robot is the vehicle that's going to transition us into the new world of patient-specific surgery. We are grateful to the donors who have supported orthopaedic surgical robotics.

- Dr. Michael Dunbar, QEII orthopaedic surgeon, QEII Foundation Endowed Chair in Arthroplasty Outcomes 5757

Affiliated research is also driving innovation in orthopaedics. Data collected from each surgery helps experts from the QEII, Nova Scotia Health, and Dalhousie University study the efficacy of robotics in knee and hip surgeries. This data is crucial to understanding each patient's needs, improving patient outcomes, and tailoring the surgical approach for more personalized care.



2,000 donors helped bring the Mako SmartRobotics system to the QEII.



The ortho robot is one of four surgical robots at the OEII; three of which are donor-funded.



Access to leading-edge technology like the ortho robot helps with recruitment and retention of top medical talent.

Bringing the Mako SmartRobotics system to the QEII is a prime example of our \$100-million We Are campaign at work and the role philanthropy plays in elevating health care to new heights.



#### \$106 MILLION (NET)

RAISED THROUGH THE QEII HOME LOTTERY SINCE 2003

Since 2003, the QEII Home Lottery has been advancing health care at the QEII. The generosity of Nova Scotians has touched nearly every patient cared for and nearly every care area at the QEII, including the Sim Bay. Pivotal in shaping tomorrow's healthcare leaders, the simulation-based interprofessional education offered in the Sim Bay can include anything from critical medical emergencies and interventions to multi-disciplinary healthcare team training.

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If you've ever had a loved one who has been in hospital and whose care has been exemplary, know that behind the team providing that care and expertise is hours and hours of simulation practice and getting it right

- Donna Warren, Simulation IP Educator Ask most Nova Scotians about the QEII Home Lottery and you will hear tales of visiting show home properties and dreaming about hosting family gatherings there. You will hear how they know someone who won or the fact that they buy tickets every year. And you will also hear stories of life-saving care received at the QEII.

Tickets purchased through the QEII Home Lottery have supported many areas of care at the QEII, including:



Advanced cancer care technology.



New imaging technology.



Medical research to find tomorrow's cures.

With 2.9 million tickets sold and 165,563 prizes awarded to date, the QEII Home Lottery has been changing lives for 20 years — for grand prize winners and for the one million patient visits to the QEII each year.



## \$718,207 GRANTED FOR EDUCATION SUPPORT

The Diversity in Health Care Bursary program is one example of donor commitment to education for healthcare professionals — today and in the future. Since 2018, these bursaries have supported 164 students on their learning journey and many past recipients are now working in Nova Scotia, helping create an inclusive healthcare system that is reflective of our communities.

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I believe with my strong values of social equity and advocacy, and my love for our Nova Scotian community, I will be able to make a difference in our health care moving forward.

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- Sean Wang

Sean always knew he wanted a career centred around working with people. As a future physician, Sean shares the values encouraged in medicine — openmindedness, advocacy, empathy, community, and life-long learning. Grateful for donor support, Sean also acknowledges his family, who worked very hard — holding down multiple full-time jobs and taking classes to learn English — to help him get where he is today.



In 2022, bursary recipients represented 12 postsecondary institutions and technical schools across Nova Scotia.



Students from 40 different healthcare programs such as nursing, dentistry, and medical laboratory technology received bursaries.



The bursary creates opportunities for single parents, mature students, newcomers, and others who face barriers due to historical cultural and racial biases.

The QEII Foundation Diversity in Health Care Bursary program fosters employment through education, reducing social barriers, and creating opportunities for people and communities. By investing in people, we attract and maintain the best healthcare professionals in the country and, often, the world.



#### \$2.29 MILLION (NET)

RAISED THROUGH EVENTS, INCLUDING A \$500,000 MATCH FOR THE 2022 BMO RIDE FOR CANCER

Hosted by the QEII Foundation, peer-to-peer fundraising events like the *JBCGC* and *BMO* Ride for Cancer bring communities together to revolutionize care at the QEII and beyond.

East Coast pride and impact is the rallying cry behind both events. In 2022, the *JBCGC* and *BMO Ride for Cancer* had their most successful years to date — smashing fundraising goals and creating unforgettable event-day experiences for participants, volunteers, sponsors, and more.

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Our family is beyond proud that what we have accomplished to date has established a legacy for my brother and fulfilled a promise that he would not be forgotten — all while doing good for others impacted by heart disease. While this one chapter is closing, we're truly just getting started.

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In 2013, while attending a hockey training camp, 16-year-old Jordan's life came to an end after he collapsed on the ice. It was later determined that Jordan had an undiagnosed, inherited heart condition called Arrhythmogenic Right Ventricular Cardiomyopathy (ARVC).

Ever since, Jordan's family has made it their personal mission to help prevent sudden death from cardiac arrest, which includes fueling vital heart health research at the OEII's Inherited Heart Disease Clinic.



Over \$1.2 million net raised for the QEII's Inherited Heart Disease Clinic via the *JBCGC* and *JBCHC* events since 2014.



The 2022 BMO Ride for Cancer event raised \$2.1 million net, including a \$500,00 match, for cancer-fighting technology at the QEII.



Over 1,600 BMO Ride and JBCGC participants in 2022, raising critical funds for cancer care and heart health.

Thanks to the Boyd family's incredible fundraising efforts, Jordan's name has become synonymous with impact — not just within the tight-knit Bedford community where he was raised but every patient and family who will benefit from the life-saving research funded.



# \$361,898 RAISED TO SUPPORT QEII PATIENT GRANTS

Illness or injury interrupts daily life, meaning a loss of income, increased travel to medical appointments, and strain on patients and their families. With the rising cost of living, the need is amplified. The QEII Patient Assistance Fund was created to help patients pay for necessities of daily life that can create financial burdens during an illness or amenities and services like rent, mortgage, lodging, home utilities, transportation costs, medication, and more.

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These grants have meant access, help, and hope for patients. It has been such an important resource in these very challenging times. Any time we can remove a barrier or minimize stress, it helps the patient's overall health. I, and patients alike, are extremely grateful for this program.

- Rachel Millet, QEII social worker, rehabilitation and supportive care rogram.

The QEII Patient Assistance Fund is just one example of a donor-funded grant that directly supports patients during their healthcare journey. The QEII Patient Essentials Fund and Comfort & Care Grants also have a meaningful and tangible impact. Whether it's a gas gift card to offset the cost of getting to appointments or a warm blanket during treatment, small touches that are filled with kindness make all the difference to patients and their families.



In 2022-2023, 1,244 gifts were received to support QEII Foundation patient grants.



Patient grants touch every care area of the QEII — from cancer care and heart health to dialysis and rehabilitation.



Granting flexibility helps to meet patients' unique circumstances, whether it's paying an oil bill or covering the costs of medical equipment.

Every day, dedicated frontline healthcare teams provide patients with the highest quality of care. And they see firsthand the unique needs of patients. QEII grants equip them with more resources to help patients when they need it most.



### \$157,672

#### RAISED THROUGH COMMUNITY FUNDRAISING

When we come together as a community, we can create a powerful impact. We are continually inspired by the dedication of community champions like Jordan and his team at Blended Athletics, who selflessly stepped up to organize their own fundraisers in support of QEII patients, families, and care areas. Their remarkable efforts show that we all have the power to positively impact the lives of others.

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After the event, I went home with such a full heart. I was so happy that so many people filled with joy came out to support this cause, even if they weren't directly affected by brain cancer. When things affect our community is when people need to come together, and that's just what they did.

- Jordan Forbes

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Jordan Forbes and his team at Blended Athletics have shown how just one spark can ignite a community movement that makes a difference. When three people in Jordan's life were diagnosed with brain cancer, he wanted to rally support. That's why he and his team organized the *Summer Bash Against Brain Cancer*, raising funds and awareness for QEII brain cancer treatment and research. The event exceeded expectations, with nine teams participating in an unforgettable day of games, food, and fun. Many others attended and generously donated, demonstrating the power of human kindness and community spirit.



Nearly \$10,000 raised through the *Summer Bash Against Brain Cancer*.



In 2022-2023, 212 gifts directed towards QEII community fundraisers.



Community fundraisers can be customized to support various QEII care areas.

From walks to bake sales, to online auctions and beyond, events and activities organized by our community fundraisers can be customized to support any cause close to home. Learn more about starting your own campaign at My.QE2Foundation.ca.



# \$171,686 RAISED FROM MEMORIAL GIFTS AND TRIBUTE GIVING

Grateful patients and families generously direct memorial and tribute gifts to the QEII in recognition of care received. These special gifts reflect the unique experiences, interests, and memories of those being honoured or remembered, and can be directed to a care area of choice. Collectively, this meaningful and heartfelt giving creates lasting impact by improving care for those that follow.

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Ask yourself 'what is special about today' and enjoy the moment, enjoy the day. You never know when life is going to take a turn but there is so much to life, outside of what is restraining you.

- Don Ingram, taken from video interviews during Life Extended filming 5757

The two biggest diseases in Canada are cancer and heart disease and Don was dealing with both. He was living without a pulse as a battery-powered person, with an implant known as a LVAD (left ventricular assist device) that made his heart pump. He was also diagnosed with prostate cancer.

As the QEII is the most specialized health centre for our region, memorial giving is making a meaningful difference in the lives of many.



In 2022-2023, 671 memorial and tribute gifts were received, touching countless care areas of the QEII.



Memorial or tribute giving is a wonderful way to recognize QEII teams that provide exceptional care.



Giving in memory of a loved one honours that individual while changing the life of another.

Don believed that by sharing his story and his strong faith, he would give hope to others looking for encouragement during medical challenges. His story and the gifts received in his memory will continue to live on throughout the QEII.



ensure more cancer patients and survivors can benefit from the QEII's ACCESS program, which integrates exercise into the continuum of care.

#### **\$2.27 MILLION**

IN GIFTS OF SECURITIES

Giving a gift of securities — including stocks and mutual funds — can transform an asset into immediate impact on care at the QEII. For many donors, these gifts are an easy way to support a care area close to your heart and avoid capital gains tax. It's a win-win.

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In the past 20 years, my husband, Siggy, has been treated for prostate and throat cancer. We saw firsthand how exercise helped him manage the side effects of treatment. We're thrilled that our gift of stock for the ACCESS program will mean more people get to experience the benefits exercise can make in their cancer recoveries.

- Gail Heinze-Milne

The Heinze-Milne family are firm believers in the power of exercise when facing a cancer diagnosis. Husband and father, Siggy, is a two-time cancer survivor who credits his daily jogs and bike rides for improving his recovery, while undergoing radiation and chemotherapy at the QEII.

That experience directly inspired the family's recent gift of stock in support of Activating Cancer Communities through an Exercise Strategy for Survivors (ACCESS), a free exercise program to help patients better cope with their treatments and enhance their overall health and well-being.



Over 100 ACCESS patients impacted thanks to Gail and Siggy Heinze-Milne's generous \$16,000 investment.



In 2022-2023, 73 gifts of securities were received — touching nearly every care area of the QEII.



Gifts of securities may be made during your lifetime or as a gift in your will, achieving the same tax benefits.

When you transfer securities directly to the QEII Foundation, rather than sell them and donate the proceeds, you eliminate any capital gains tax otherwise owed and receive a valuable tax credit for the full value of the securities. To learn more about gifts of securities and how your investment can change and save lives, visit QE2Foundation.ca/securities.



#### **\$1.37 MILLION**

RECEIVED FROM GIFTS IN WILLS

Every person who leaves a gift in their will to the QEII Foundation is helping to transform health care for future generations. It's a legendary act of generosity. A gift in a will — even as little as one per cent — helps to ensure the best, most innovative care is available now and in the future. Wills and estate gifts have a direct impact on patients.

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Family rooms are safe, calm spaces that provide a break from what is happening on the floor and a location for important conversations between healthcare providers, families, and patients. These conversations are critical to patient-centred care. So, in that way, family rooms have a direct impact on care.

- Jasna Jamshidi, QEII health services manager 77

Through an estate gift, the late Barbara Hadley's generosity has transformed 27 family rooms at the QEII's Halifax Infirmary. An incredible legacy that will impact every person — patient, loved one, and healthcare provider — who steps foot into these much-needed spaces. Every room has been refreshed with an intention to create calm, functional areas to support patients and families during their healthcare journey.



Every major family room in all inpatient units at the QEII's Halifax Infirmary have been rejuvenated through Barbara Hadley's legacy gift.



Input from QEII healthcare teams, families, and patients helped guide the needs and updates in each room.



Legacy giving helps donors establish how they wish to be remembered, while supporting an area of care or research they're passionate about.

WE'RE PROUD TO HONOUR AND REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS — OUR QEIL LEGENDS — FOR WHOM WE RECEIVED A GIFT IN THEIR WILL OR ESTATE IN 2022-2023:

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In addition to the names listed, several gifts were received from individuals who have chosen to remain anonymous. We thank them for their incredible support. The legal name for all gifts is: Queen Elizabeth II Health Sciences Centre Foundation. Our charitable number is: 88646 3496 RR0001.

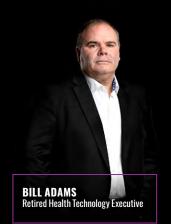
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#### IT IS AN HONOUR TO BE PART OF THIS BOARD OF COMMUNITY LEADERS STEPPING FORWARD TO HELP ADVANCE HEALTH CARE IN OUR REGION.

It is inspiring to see the difference QEII healthcare teams make in our community every day and donors like you who support this work. Thank you for your unwavering commitment to transforming health care and changing lives.

- Bruce Towler

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A LOYAL QEII FOUNDATION TRUSTEE, QEII FOUNDATION FORMER CHAIR, AND STAUNCH COMMUNITY LEADER AND VOLUNTEER, WHO PASSED AWAY IN AUGUST 2022.



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996,410 NOVA SCOTIA

5,621
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

7,933

NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR

2,894

**OUTSIDE OF ATLANTIC CANADA** 

#### **QEII HEALTH SCIENCES CENTRE:**

As the largest adult health sciences centre in Atlantic Canada, the QEII is more than 10 buildings on two sites. It's thousands of people delivering exceptional care, every day. From the operating room to the research lab, and everywhere in between, the most advanced care in our region is within the walls of the QEII. In addition to being the specialized care centre for heart health, cancer care, neurosurgery and organ transplantation, the QEII is the leading research centre and training facility for tomorrow's healthcare professionals.

#### **QEII FOUNDATION:**

Transformed health. Transformed lives. This is our vision. For more than 25 years, the QEII Foundation has been advancing health care at the QEII by funding new technologies, medical research, innovation, and professional education that contribute to life-changing moments experienced every day by patients and their loved ones. With incredible support from the community, we are making health care better for Atlantic Canadians.

