



NEWSLETTER



SOMETHING NEW!

Welcome to our first monthly newsletter!

Here we'll showcase a few exciting things that have happened over the last month, share upcoming events and other special information.



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FUNDING SPOTLIGHT

January to March
Funded
Purchases
total over
\$350,000!

Over the past few months we have been busy funding some amazing pieces of equipment and some exceptional educational opportunities!

- OR Molli Surgical Lesion Location Technology
- Floor Mount Patient Lift for the new CT Machine
- Emergency Department Professional Development Retreat
- Perinatal Clinic Enhanced Exam Table
- Social Work Annual Patient Care Fund
- Nutrition and Food Services Smart Warming System
- OR Breast Liposuction Unit for Reconstructive Surgeries after Mastectomy



Through funds raised from our parking lot at St. Martha's Regional, the Foundation was able to fully support the purchase of a new microscope for the Laboratory Department!

**THE
PARKING
LOT:
YOUR
\$2
STAYS
HERE!**



SPOTLIGHT: LABORATORY MICROSCOPE

Above left: Medical Laboratory Technologist Gabi using the new microscope.

Above right: Medical Laboratory Assistant Emma with a big thank you for all the Foundation's supporters!





Our wonderful Surgeons (L-R) Dr. Wasserman, Dr. DeBoer & Dr. Hossain showing off the Molli!

SPOTLIGHT: O.R. MOLLI SURGICAL LESION LOCATION TECHNOLOGY

The Foundation was excited to fund the Molli Surgical Lesion Location Technology for the O.R. This enhanced technology allows our Physicians to accurately mark breast lumps with a localization marker. That marker assists Surgeons locating the lump in surgery allowing for removal!



SPOTLIGHT: O.R. BREAST LIPOSUCTION UNIT FOR RECONSTRUCTIVE SURGERIES AFTER MASTECTOMY

A brief explanation from one of our plastic surgeons Dr. Nel:

As part of post cancer breast reconstruction, there are usually two routes to follow - using your own tissue only, or using expanders followed by implants. For some women, especially if they have had radiotherapy, the risks for some of these options are very high. One way that we can offer reconstruction to more women, and improve the safety and outcome of their reconstruction, is if we can combine the two methods - use some of their own tissue (fat) as well as the expanders/implants. This tissue can only be harvested using the liposuction machine. This then allows us either to offer reconstruction where it was impossible, or to salvage a reconstruction where it may not have been otherwise possible. This is called hybrid reconstruction and has become standard of care in first world treatment of breast reconstruction.



This technology has a positive impact for women following breast cancer surgery.

SMRH is the only site in Nova Scotia outside of Halifax that will be providing this surgery for women after having a mastectomy.

THANK-YOU!
YOUR SUPPORT ALLOWS US TO FUND THESE NEW AND INNOVATIVE ITEMS!



April 2024

MCHAPPY DAY!

MAY 8TH

Join us for McHappy Day on May 8th at the Antigonish & Port Hawkesbury McDonalds!

This McHappy Day, funds raised will support an improved Pediatric Friendly Treatment Room in our Emergency Department!



SHOW YOUR MCHAPPY DAY LOVE!

Our friends at Ross Screenprint are hosting a sale of McHappy Day Shirts!

The store will be open for sales until April 14th. Shirts will be ready approximately 2 weeks after that. You can choose to have them shipped or you can pick up your order at Ross Screenprint



Thank-you Ross Screenprint!

SHOP NOW



<https://smrhf2024.itemorder.com/shop/home/>

SAVE THE DATE



Chip in Fore St. Martha's
Golf Tournament
Sept 6th



989 XFM
Hospital Help Day
Oct 30th



WE'RE CELEBRATING!

NATIONAL MEDICAL LABORATORY WEEK

April 14-20

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK

April 21-27

EARTH DAY

April 22

ADMINISTRATIVE PROFESSIONALS DAY

April 24



We are so excited to share with you that we have joined forces with other healthcare foundations across the province to bring you a new monthly 50/50 lottery fundraiser!



How is our 50/50 different? Funds raised will be distributed evenly among all of the participants! The smallest foundation will receive the same amount as the largest.

We're working together to improve healthcare for everyone in Nova Scotia, because that's what Nova Scotian's do!

Purchase your tickets by heading to www.rafflebox.ca/raffle/nshf/16

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