

SEPTEMBER 20, 2022

# DR. REM LEE HOSPITAL FOUNDATION

*'Our mandate is to expand and enhance the provision of medical care to those who reside in Terrace, British Columbia, and surrounding communities whether through direct medical services and facilities or medical and educational research which enhances those services and facilities.*

*By enhancing the scope and quality of medical and health care services available, the health needs of our residents and of the neighbouring areas can be addressed locally and eliminate costly referrals to larger centres.'*

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## LETTER FROM THE CHAIR,

2021 was a year that tested our perseverance, and patience as we went into the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of the Covid Pandemic. I am grateful for the ongoing commitment of our Board members to bringing the latest medical technologies and services, as well as much-needed encouragement, to the Nursing staff of Mills Memorial Hospital, Public Health and Terraceview Lodge.

In response to many in our community who expressed the desire to encourage our nurses in Terrace, our REM Lee Foundation contributed an initial \$4,000 then with generous gifts from the Terrace Ministerial, Harjinder and Harpreet Gill (Sunflower Day Care,) the Seventh Day Adventist Church, the Evangelical Free Church, the Salvation Army and several private donors, over \$11,000 was raised! This was enough to give \$70 grocery gift cards to each of the 169 Nurses, LPN's and Midwives, working at Mills Memorial Hospital, in Public & Community Health, and Terraceview Lodge! The card of appreciation read:

*We want to thank you, our Nurses, LPN's and Midwives!*

*We honor you for facing the pandemic crisis in Terrace with resilience and strength; caring for the sick in ER, ICU, on the wards, those quarantining at home, and our precious seniors at Terraceview Lodge. We appreciate all you do to keep us safe and healthy!*

A highlight of 2021 was the addition of 'Robin-Town,' one-of-a-kind First Nations art pieces, created by Kitsumkalum artists to be auctioned off during the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Festival of Trees at Heritage Park. Heather Bohn gathered talented artists like Sandra Wesley, who created a large woven cedar mat, Maurice Sam who carved and painted a traditional paddle, and Mike Dangeli who contributed a painted drum.

With \$3,000 contributed by sponsor RBC, the Art Auction brought in \$5,075 to the total funds raised at the 2021 Festival of Trees= \$20,980! These funds went toward the purchase of the ENT Scopsis Navigation System.

We also owe a debt of gratitude to our committed local media outlets, Black Press and CFNR Network who donated over \$7,400 worth of valued in-kind promotion to make our Festival the growing annual community event it has become.

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## THE CHAIR, Cont.

I also want to express my thanks to our Directors and Community volunteers who despite challenging winter weather conditions, made this a successful fundraiser!

Many thanks to the following sponsors for major contributions to these 2021 Completed Equipment projects:

**\$2,588 Pediatric Vein Finder-** Pediatrics/Maternity

**\$22,187 Uretero-Reno Scope-** Urology

Donations from Pacific Northern Gas and the Legion came alongside great community donors like Ivan Laschenko who had his children shave off his hair to *'raise money for cancer.'*

**\$5,962 Counter Top Fluid Warmer-** ER/ICU

Purchased by the Legion and one long-time donor with a personal story of gratitude to ER staff for their care of her daughter after a car accident.

**\$121,325 ENT Scopsis Navigation System-** Med/Surg

Tim Hortons- \$10,719,

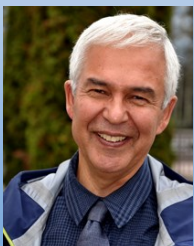
Terrace Community Fund- \$12,230

Prince Rupert Port Authority- \$51,000.

Unfortunately, Dr. Bosch left Terrace, leaving MMH to recruit another ENT Specialist. The purchase of this ENT System will be delayed until a new Physician is found. This will be used as a key recruiting incentive.

**\$11,218- Active/Passive Omni Trainer-** Terraceview Lodge

I want to again thank our Foundation Board members for supporting the efforts of bringing the best healthcare possible to our community, and look forward to another year of working together in this important endeavor.



Sincerely,

Ron Bartlett- Chair

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## 2021/2022 Highlights

Highlights	2019	2020	2021	2022
Revenue	\$235,356	\$270,146	\$295,717.	\$483,181
Administrative Expenses	\$31,814.	\$60,899.	\$63,361.	\$71,425.
Equipment Purchased	\$292,742.	\$161,644.	\$330,466.	\$216,356.

\***Equipment purchased** totals only show completed Equipment Projects for the reporting year, paid in full within the fiscal year. Supply chain delays, invoicing and payment often occur in the following fiscal year.

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## IMPACTS

*Dear Donors of the Nurses' Gifts,*

*I wanted to express my gratitude for the very generous gift that I received from all of you. The timing could not have been better.*

*Working through the pandemic has been challenging and the week the gifts were distributed the hospital was also dealing with security issues and negative media coverage. It was so timely receiving a gift from all of you expressing how much nurses are appreciated.*

*There have been many reasons to despair this year but certainly many reasons to hope. The love shown by the community to the health care workers in Terrace has been extraordinary and will not soon be forgotten! Thank you.*

*Trish N. -RN/Cancer Care*

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