



Healthcare Hotline

November, 2021

COVID-19

Well here we are 19 months later and still dealing with pandemic measures. We are currently riding the fourth wave of infection and the numbers have been high in our Central Zone area.

Hospital Futures News:

We continue to partner with the Wetaskiwin Health Foundation for receipting the donations received on our behalf and handling the accounting and audit of our books.

Our Capital Campaign this year has been to raise \$100,000 for the purchase of new Space Lab equipment (cardiac monitors) and we are getting very close to goal!!

We received a very generous donation of \$10,000 from the Legion Poppy Fund toward our campaign.



This spring the new Cowboy Trail Farmer's Market started up and Sundre Hospital Futures was the charity they chose to support with all of the vendor table fees being donated to us. Big thanks to everyone who came and shopped the market and stopped by the Hospital Futures booth for a chat.



We partnered with local crafter Annette Clews of "Ragn's n Such" to sell facemasks at the market with 50% of the proceeds coming to Sundre Hospital Futures. And Bargain Browzer was also kind enough to display and sell our facemasks while they waited for their order of masks to arrive.

Donations to our Capital Campaign or other areas of need can be made online on our updated website or in-person at the Myron Thompson Health Centre.

www.sundrehospitalfutures.com



Our 2020 fall Gala was cancelled due to COVID restrictions like so many other fundraising events and we had hoped to have a summer event; then it looked like things were going well and we could hold our usual amazing November event. But...enter COVID again and a new list of restrictions so once again the in-person event has been cancelled but we are planning an online auction with some great items donated by our local super supportive businesses.

With the goal of making Sundre a community with a Campus of Care we have been hard at work creating a space for an eSIM lab. This stands for educate, Simulate, Innovate, Motivate. These concepts are used to develop training for

healthcare professionals and deliver scenarios that allow participants to run through a situation in practice and gain skill before encountering the real-life event. The Town of Sundre has been a supportive partner in the development of this space (located in the old Town office). We are extremely fortunate that we have three trained instructors who can offer these simulation trainings locally to our community.

SHPARC News:

SHPARC Chair, Joyce Wicks has been active keeping our healthcare workers front and centre and working to show appreciation and support for them.

“Guess Who’s Going to Dinner?” was an initiative to send staff out for dinner - members put their names in for the date that best suited them and then five names were drawn to enjoy a dinner out with other staff members. We sent staff to 7 local restaurants for a nice evening out.

RhPAP has continued to support us and has patiently waited while we planned and rescheduled the Doctor’s ultrasound training four times! They are covering a portion of the costs for our local physicians to do this training here in Sundre. Dr. Jonathan Somerville was the push behind this initiative and researched how we could make this happen.

We would like to welcome Dr. Somerville and his family to the community as they made the move to live in Sundre in October. We hope you create many happy family memories here.

The Health Care Aide program offered here in Sundre wrapped up in June. We experienced some growing pains and learned some valuable lessons along the way so our next offering will reflect these improvements. We hope to offer this program again in 2022.

In Local Healthcare News:

AHS continues to encourage and support vaccination as the best defence against Covid-19.

Our local pharmacies, Sundre Community Drug Mart and Sundre Family Pharmacy have vaccines available; call or walk-in to make an appointment. Moose and Squirrel Medical Clinic also has vaccine capability, please call to book an appointment.

For further information on Vaccines and Immunization check out the AHS website. <https://www.albertahealthservices.ca/topics/Page17295.aspx>

The Myron Thompson Health Center remains the health hub of our community and we encourage you to seek medical attention if you need it. With the COVID situation there has been a lot of reluctance to go to the hospital. Yes, there are more screening protocols to go through, but it is a safe place, and the staff is continuing to provide their usual amazing care.

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