



APRIL 2020 NEWSLETTER

A message from our Executive Director

The arrival of spring is usually accompanied with optimism and this year is no different for The Chalmers Foundation, despite the uncertainty caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. With the realization that things must be done differently now and into the future, we have been adjusting our approach and working on many exciting new initiatives.

For example, we are proud to be a part of The Frontline Fund. This fund represents Canadian hospital foundations dealing with COVID-19 across the country. All donations to fund will be shared nationally with the hospital foundations selected to take part in the initiative. For more information, [click here](#).

Everyday life and business has changed due to the COVID-19 pandemic, but one thing is certain and that is we continue to strive for excellence, with the help of our generous community. On behalf of The Chalmers Foundation, I wish you and your loved ones the best of health.





Giving Hearts Fund gaining great traction

Giving Hearts : A COVID-19 Support Fund kicked off on April 3 and has been a great success to date. So far we've been able to purchase iPads for patients isolated in hospital as a way to connect with family and friends. The fund has also been used to provide all hospital staff with food vouchers to be able to get a snack or drink on-site at the hospital. The Giving Hearts COVID-19 Support Fund has shown the importance of a flexible initiative to be able to respond to needs as they come up. However, we still need your help to reach our goal so please visit [our website](#) to learn more about this important cause and how you can give.



Purchasing of life-saving equipment

As a part of the Giving Hearts fundraiser, the Horizon Health Network leadership team has identified the need for two chest compression devices. These devices perform hands-free chest compressions in the event of a cardiac arrest. "During this pandemic it is important as we need to limit exposure to staff (the fewer staff involved the better) and chest compressions in full PPE is an exhausting task," said Nicole Tupper, Executive Director of Horizon's Dr. Everett Chalmers Regional Hospital. "This device has been recommended for use in cardiac arrest situations during this pandemic but it can and will be used after the pandemic is over."



Planning for Radiothon in June

We are once again partnering up with Stingray for The Chalmers Foundation's 7th Annual Radiothon. On June 25th, from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. both Up! 93.1 and New Country 92.3 will broadcast for a full day of recognition to the amazing work in our community. This Radiothon will be a bit different than previous years, as we are working with the great team at Stingray to incorporate technology so that the event is virtual to support physical distancing. Contact our Manager of Engagement, denis.lagace@horizonnb.ca to find out how you can make pledges and donations towards this community event.

Recognizing volunteers and saying thanks

National Volunteer Week was April 19 to 25. The Chalmers Foundation was founded by a group of volunteers in 1983. To this day, they continue to be an integral part of our success. We want to thank all of our valuable volunteers and let them know how important they are to us and our community!

Almost 13 million Canadian volunteers deserve our coast-to-coast-to-coast cheers for their dedication and generosity. Let's all join together to applaud their immense contribution to our country, our communities and millions of our lives. Check out: www.volunteer.ca for more details.

Interested in volunteering with us? Give us a call at (506) 452-5090 or email us at chalmers.foundation@horizonnb.ca. We'd love to hear from you!



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