



Like many of you, I have been steadily following social media and news reports over the last two weeks. It is heartwarming the many stories showing generous and compassionate individuals supporting total strangers during this time of need and uncertainty. Thank you to the many individuals who have contacted us offering to help in any way that you can.

The **Giving Hearts COVID-19 Support Fund** has been created by the Chalmers Foundation to give you a fast, efficient way to support the needs of the Dr. Everett Chalmers Regional Hospital and the Upper River Valley Hospital. We are working alongside Horizon Health Network leadership to determine the areas of greatest need in the community where your donation will have the biggest impact in supporting your communities.

We have just purchased a number of iPads for patients isolated in hospital as a way to connect with family and friends. Your donations will enable the foundation to have financial flexibility to respond quickly to emerging needs for patients and employees alike.

Donations to the **Giving Hearts COVID-19 Support Fund** can be made online at www.chalmersfoundation.com. Mailed donations are also accepted but may experience a delay in tax receipting.

Meanwhile, in keeping with the critical need to achieve physical distancing to prevent further community spread of COVID-19, the Chalmers Foundation staff continues to work remotely. The best way to reach out to us is through email at: gilles.allain@horizonnb.ca or through our website chalmersfoundation.com.

We are grateful to all hospital staff and first responders who continue to work diligently to ensure our community is kept safe during COVID-19. We are also grateful to the donor community for all your support during this time.

Warmest regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gilles Allain".

Gilles Allain, Executive Director

PS. In recognition of the need for ongoing physical distancing, we have separated the three hearts of our logo to show solidarity for our community.