

The Fort St. John Hospital Foundation was established in 1994 to receive and manage donations and bequests for the Fort St. John Hospital & Health Centre. The Hospital Foundation is dedicated to building a solid foundation for continued community support of the Hospital & Health Centre.



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Dr. Greg Lang tries out one of three new Hi-Lo Stretchers purchased through contributions to the "Be an Angel, Light a Light" campaign at Christmas. It appears he is not expecting the tender care he is about to receive from nurse Claire Musselman in the emergency department.

Whatever will they think of next?

Local businesses are coming up with fun and creative ways to support the Hospital Foundation

A Benefit Buffet sponsored by Chatter's Restaurant in the Fall of 1996 marked the beginning of the business-based fundraising program for the Fort.St. John Hospital Foundation. Dimitris Karampelas of Chatter's sponsored a second Benefit in 1997 and is planning a third in November of this

year. So far, Chatters has raised a whopping \$2850 for the Hospital. Other businesses have since joined in with fundraising events of their own: Boston Pizza's Lunch raised \$1350, Maxx's Fitness '97 January Registration raised \$1239, Aristo-Cut's Hair Colouring Day raised \$800, Tea Bag Annie's Doctor's

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THE FOUNDATION'S *Salute to* Donors



Canadian Tire's Bike Raffle raised \$2000 for the Foundation. The three top sellers were Pauline Goodfellow, Barbie Jones, and Cheryl Ostashek.

A new form of recognition for contributions to the Fort St. John Hospital Foundation will be unveiled this Fall. The Recognition Wall will feature names of donors whose contributions range from \$500 to \$25,000 and above. The Recognition Wall will be installed in the main lobby of the Fort St. John Hospital and Health Centre. A special place of Honour on the Recognition Wall will be given to Archie Ferguson, Founder of the Foundation. His was the first contribution and has been, to-date, the largest. He bequeathed \$150,000 to the Fort St. John Hospital and Health Centre.

The design of the Recognition Wall encourages on-going contributions from each individual, club or company. Names can be moved up to the next category when contributions accumulate over a period of years.

About 50 donors will be listed on the Wall when it is unveiled. These are individuals, businesses or groups who have made contributions of \$500 or more since 1996 specifically for the purchase of medical equipment and other patient comforts.

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 The Northerner
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If we have missed anyone, please let us know!

DONOR RECOGNITION WALL

Categories

\$500 - 999
 \$1000 - 2499
 \$2500 - 4999
 \$5000 - 9999
 \$10000 - 24999
 \$25000 and above

Archie's Legacy

From Homesteader
to Foundation Founder



Archie was a quiet, kind man and a bachelor all his life. He was described as a private person, but with a colorful character and a good sense of humour. As a gardner, he grew African violets under grow lights and supplied Billie Friend of Friendly Gardens with violets and cacti to sell. He saved every penny of his government pension -\$16.03 per month, and kept close track of his five bank accounts, his property in Parksville, and the value of his homestead in Grand Haven.

ARCHIE FERGUSON (1908-1993) became the first contributor to the Fort St. John Hospital Foundation with his generous, and to date unsurpassed, donation of \$150,000. The Hospital Foundation was established to manage his bequest to the Hospital. The Foundation's mandate is to invest the funds and add to them, enabling the interest to be used for the purchase of medical equipment and Foundation administration.

Archie Ferguson was born in 1908 in Pocatello, Idaho. He had two stepbrothers and a stepsister.

As a child Archie became nearly deaf from rheumatic fever. During his later years in the Peace Lutheran Care Home, Archie's friends and neighbours complained constantly that his hearing aid squealed because it was turned up so high.

Tasmania or the Peace?

In 1926 Archie rode bareback from Spirit River to Grandhaven where he staked out his quarter section of land to homestead. He was an excellent carpenter, a perfectionist, according to some reports. He built his own home and barn which still stand today. The Bible that Archie's father gave him in 1921 can also be seen today in a private collection of Archie's belongings in Fort St. John.

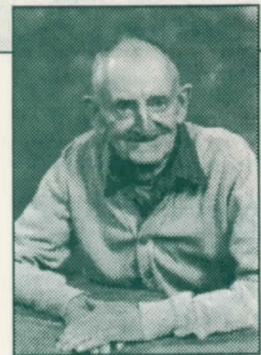
In 1927 Archie met Gustaf Hedin in Fort St. John. Gus became Archie's life-long friend. Although Gus eventually moved to Tasmania, he and Archie remained in touch, and he never stopped encouraging Archie to join him there. Found among Archie's papers was a note



*I Archie Ferguson
in January 1926*

*I Archie Ferguson rode a
horse bare back January 1926
from Spirit River to Grand Haven
B.C. with Kansas Pete, looking
for a home and homestead near
at Grand Haven, B.C. Jan 1926*

Who would have guessed that this quiet, unassuming homesteader would become the founder of the Fort St. John Hospital Foundation?



he had written...that while his friend Gus lived 1600 miles from the Antarctic Circle, he, Archie, lived 1900 miles from the Arctic Circle!

For nine years, Archie worked at Red Powell's mill which supplied lumber to the Peace Country. In the 1940's he cooked for survey crews in the Arctic. He may best be remembered for his work over many years as the maintenance man at the Co-op.

An indication of how responsible Archie was for his own actions is revealed in a story about his driving ability. When he felt he was becoming too forgetful and was no longer capable of driving safely, he voluntarily gave up his driver's license and walked all the way to town. He was in his late 70's at the time!

Thank you to Bill Smith, Ross MacLean and Hugh Powell for information about Archie Ferguson

Great Support from Staff

The employees and medical staff at the Hospital and Medical Centre are dedicated supporters of the Hospital Foundation. Their 50/50 Draw has attracted more than 90 employees so far in a total of 40 draws since October, 1996. Over \$7,000 has been raised for much needed equipment at the Hospital. Forty smiling winners have taken home the other half of the contributions as winnings.

50/50 Draw
for Hospital Employees
and Medical Staff
Tickets:
only \$5 each



CIBC Manager, Lars Rogers, notes the need for improved wheelchair access.

CIBC \$15,000 Commitment

The Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce has committed \$15,000 to improve the wheelchair access at the Fort St. John Hospital and Health Centre when renovations take place.

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Dr.'s Recipes Dinners over three months raised \$650, The Pioneer Inn's Mother's Day Brunch raised \$252, and the Canadian Tire Bike Raffle raised \$2000.

The business-based fundraising events not only benefit the Hospital, they also

advertise the uniqueness of each business sponsor.

If you have an idea for a project and/or would like to participate, please call Sue Popesku at the Foundation Office:

250-262-5299

The Jazz Pot

Students and the Foundation – A Healthy Partnership

A special night of fun with elements of “getting back to the basics” will be top on everyone's list October 16th. The Jazz Pot: A Celebration of Wind, Water and Fire is a special event planned by the students of NPSS and Bert Bowes to raise funds for the Hospital Foundation. It is a buffet dinner, jazz band, unique pottery auction, and natural fiber fashion show, all in one evening.

The Fire Element

The Art Students of Bert Bowes under the direction of artist and teacher, Donna Sheh,

are firing large pottery bowls to donate to the event. Thanks to the financial assistance of the North Peace Pottery Guild which paid for the clay. Each bowl will be filled with natural, healthy products compliments of local businesses. These bowls will be auctioned at The Jazz Pot in October.

The Water Element

A main feature of the decorations will be clean, clear water. And the “drink of choice” for the night will be some special surprises focusing on our most basic liquid element: water.

The Wind Element

The Jazz Band of North Peace Secondary School is already in rehearsal for the big night of listening to hot jazz and, maybe, some dancing for those so inclined. Musician and teacher, Linda Woodward, hinted at a Singing Quartet of ??? (doctors, maybe?). She's not just whistling in the wind when she says the 17 musicians can really play those wind instruments and she can guarantee that the people dancing will get winded.

Tickets go on sale in September. Mark October 16 on your calendar.

Annual General Meeting

May 26

7:00 PM

Assembly Room

Fort St. John Hospital
& Health Centre

Everyone welcome!

Your membership is important to us!

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/Prov.: _____ Postal Code: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

Annual membership is \$10.00. All donors and members will receive a tax deductible receipt.

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Foundation sets goal of \$51,000

New equipment is needed for the Intensive Care Unit

The Intensive Care Unit in the Fort St. John Hospital and Health Centre gives cardiac and severe trauma patients immediate and continuous nursing care. Patients in critical situations are under 24 hour observation, monitored by nurses specifically trained in critical care.

In order for the Intensive Care Unit to provide the best care, the following medical equipment is necessary:

EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS

3 Electrical Beds @ \$9,000 ea. \$27,000

These beds will replace the beds that currently allow limited positions and must be moved up and down by hand. The new beds will provide patient control of multi-positions for patient comfort and nursing efficiency.

CPAP Machine \$4,000

This machine continues positive airway pressure for patients with critical air intake complications. Currently, a CPAP machine must be borrowed from

the Vital Air company which introduces a risk factor due to the time delay.

4 Multi-infusion Pumps @ 5,000 ea. \$20,000

Multi-infusion pumps are capable of administering a number of life-saving intravenous infusions simultaneously to a patient

TOTAL \$51,000

The Fort St. John Hospital Foundation has received \$26,000 toward this goal from community-minded businesses and individuals.

Contributions can be sent to the Fort St. John Hospital Foundation. All contributions are tax deductible.

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\$26,000 raised so far for I.C.U. thanks to:

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How many Angels?

There were 362 Angels identified in Fort St. John over Christmas! The "Angels" were contributors to the Christmas fundraising campaign to raise \$15,000 to provide the Ambulatory Care Dept. at the Hospital with three Hi-Lo stretchers. To the delight of viewers, the huge tree in front of the Hospital was lit with 2000 lights for the holiday season as a result of the "Be An Angel, Light a Light" campaign.

Look what's new! *Equipment for hospital*

Due to the generous contributions and participation of the citizens of Fort St. John and area, the Hospital Foundation has been able to buy new medical equipment as well as provide for other patient comforts.

Three Hi-Lo Stretchers for Ambulatory Care "Be An Angel, Light a Light" \$15,000

Address-o-graph \$600
From the Anglican Church Women

Posie Bed Alarm \$2,000
In honour of the late Craig Lucas

Ice Machine \$1,000
Proceeds from the 50/50 Draw

Cafeteria Trays \$1,600
Proceeds from the 50/50 Draw

Two Infant Stethoscopes \$250
From the Order of the Eastern Star

Refurnishing the Family Room \$1,200
In honour of the late Wayne Gretzinger

The Foundation Funds Education for Hospital Staff

Employees of the Fort St. John Hospital and Health Centre may apply for assistance from the Foundation to further their education in areas relating to their work at the Hospital. The Foundation receives applications by May 1 of each year, and issues grants from \$5000 to \$10,000 annually to qualified recipients.

To qualify for a Foundation grant, applicants must have been employed by the Fort St. John Hospital and Health Centre for at least one year and be committed to remain at the Centre for one year or more upon completion of the course. Recipients must also be members of the Hospital Foundation.

The Foundation will assist an employee with 80% of tuition and course materials for further training in their field.

Applications are available from the Foundation Office.

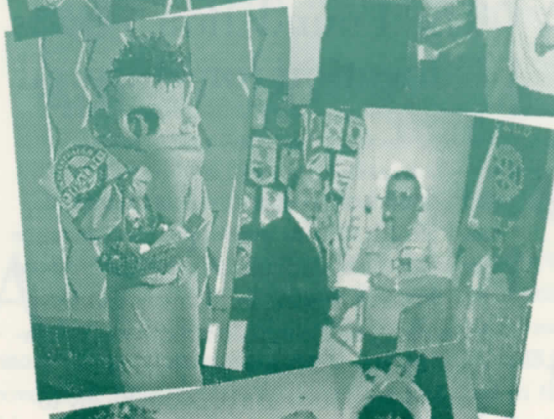
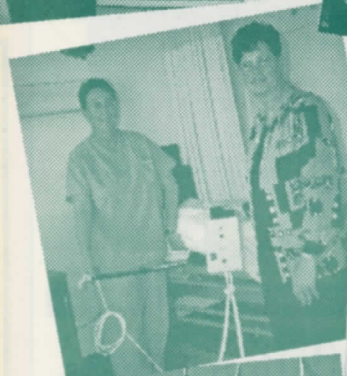
This angel knits

Agatha Loeppky donates her time and materials for the comfort of others. She knits slippers for patients in the Fort St. John Hospital and Health Centre.

We value our members

Fort St. John Hospital Foundation Members 1997-98

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Enthusiastic fundraisers have brought in over \$70,000 in the past two years. Pictured above are (from top, left to right) Hospital staff at their bake sale; Chatter's Restaurant annual fundraising buffet; the Pioneer Inn brunch; gift in honour of Craig Lucas; winning doctor's recipe's at Tea Bag Annie's; gift basket from Homesteader Health Foods; the Rotary Club's gift to the revitalization campaign; Aristo-Cut's hair colouring day.

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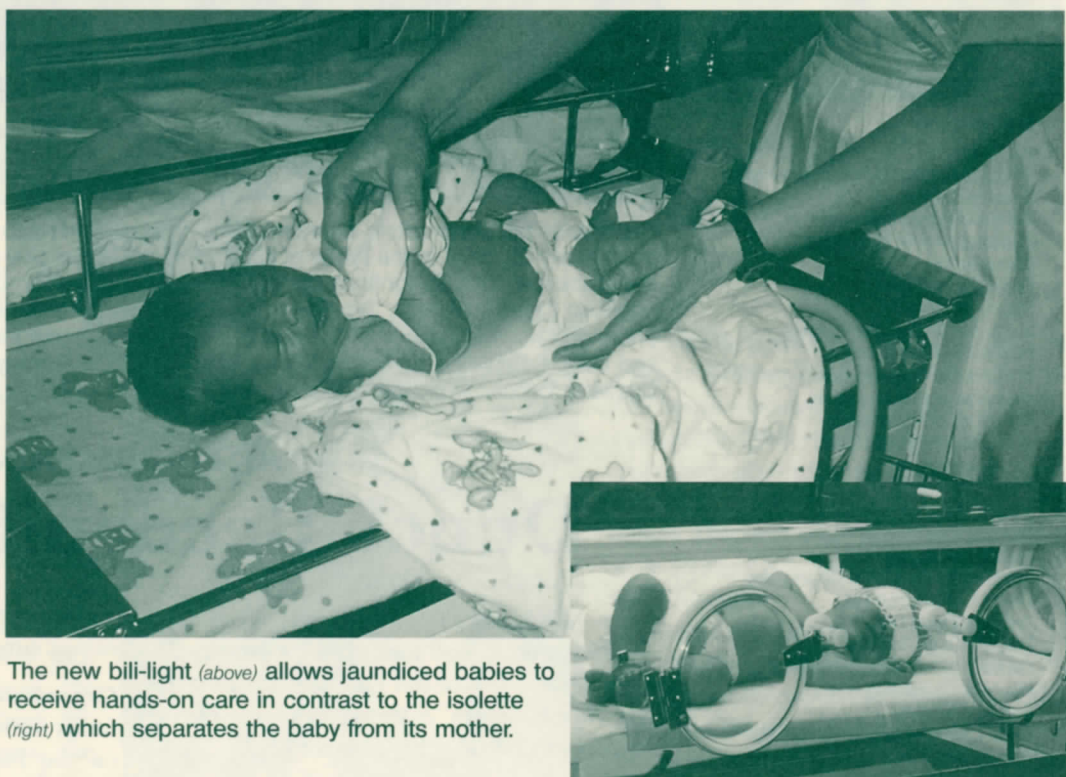
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The new bili-light (above) allows jaundiced babies to receive hands-on care in contrast to the isolette (right) which separates the baby from its mother.

The Human Touch

Out with the old equipment, in with the new

An exciting new piece of equipment has been introduced to the maternity ward in the Fort St. John Hospital. New bili rubin light pads allow infants the comfort of the human touch while being treated for jaundice. With the light pad wrapped next to the baby in its blanket, the infant can stay with the mother in her room and receive the mother's hands on care throughout the entire treatment. The equipment which is being slowly phased out is the fluorescent light. It requires the infant to be in an isolette separating the infant from its

mother, except at feeding times. The infant must also wear eyepatches. It is not surprising that the bili-light is proving to be a comfort to both mother and child.

The Hospital Foundation recently acquired the bili-light as one of a number of new equipment purchases for the maternity ward. Funds for the "Maternity Ward Renewal Program" were generously donated by Envirojet Vacuum Systems, Remax Action Realty, Macro Industries and the estate of Edna Kelly.

Listed below are those who are acknowledged on the Donor Recognition Wall.

\$10000 and over

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St. Martins Anglican Church Women
Teabag Annie's Restaurant
Wilson Concrete



Representative contributors attended the official ceremony to unveil the Donor Recognition Wall on January 21, 1999 in the lobby of the Fort St. John Hospital and Health Centre. From left to right are (back row) Turk Taylor from Canadian Hunter Explorations, Corrine Newman of St. Martin's Anglican Church Women, Tim Ray from CIBC, Karen Gretzinger in honour of Wayne Gretzinger, Shannon Lucas in honour of Craig Lucas, Alma Cheesman from the Order of the Eastern Star, and Denise Sattele. Front: John Turner from Westcoast Energy, youngsters Shelby and Chelsea Ouellette in honour of Dean Hodson, and Fran Field of Fran's Place Catering.

THE FOUNDATION'S Donor Recognition Wall

An official ceremony to unveil the Donor Recognition Wall took place on January 21, 1999 in the lobby of the Fort St. John Hospital and Health Centre. A variety of representative contributors attended the ceremony.

Ways to give

Families and friends can donate a gift in honour of a person or a memorable event. Anniversaries, reunions, and other special occasions for a person or a family will be indicated on the Recognition Wall with "In Honour of..." the special name. This program is called "Leave a Legacy."

Individuals and businesses are welcome to contribute to the current fundraising campaign designated for specific equipment purchases. The Spring 1999 campaign targeting \$30,000 will purchase special chairs for

ambulatory care patients recovering from minor surgery.

Organizations, groups and teams can raise funds throughout the year to light many lights on the Hospital Christmas Tree during the next "Be an Angel, Light a Light" campaign.

Frequent donations are encouraged

Recognition of accumulative donations to the Hospital Foundation are indicated on the Recognition Wall by moving the name of the contributor into a higher category. A tracking system of contributions provides a precise accounting of all contributions to the Hospital Foundation since 1996. All contributions are tax-deductible. When donors indicate they would like to give towards a specific purchase for the hospital, 100% of their contribution is used for that purpose.

The Fort St. John Hospital Foundation gratefully recognizes those who have contributed generously to this hospital. Their support is sincerely appreciated.

Thank you ...for the treat!

Eating Hershey candies from vending machines in local stores helps support the Fort St. John Hospital Foundation. Warren and Janice Martin have designated the proceeds from the Hershey candies to the Hospital Foundation. Look for Hersheys in these locations:

Scotia Bank
Trail Blazin' Power
Northern Metalic
A-Line Stationers
Toronto Dominion Bank
Tirecraft
Surerus Pipeline
Playful Learning

...for your on-going support!

The Fort St. John Hospital Foundation would like to thank those who give continuous support to the Foundation throughout the year:

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CJDC TV
Alaska Highway News

The Hospital Auxiliary

Interested in volunteering with the Hospital Auxiliary? Please call: **785-3918**

Sheila Hards, volunteer with the Hospital Auxiliary, offers patient George Edwards a treat from the "Coffee Cart!"
Photo, near right

Maureen Kramer and Sheila Hards of the Hospital Auxiliary install a television for patient Paige Kraeleman.
Photo, far right

Look What's New!

Your generous donations made all this possible. Hospital patients appreciate your kindness.

New equipment for patient care and comfort at the Fort St. John Hospital has ranged from a \$20,000 infant resuscitator to a \$2.00 pair of slippers.

Equipment purchases from 1996 to April 1, 1999 include:

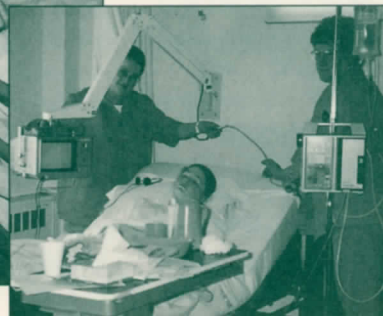
Family Room Furnishings	
<i>In Honour of Wayne Gretzinger</i>	\$2791.83
Ice Machine	
<i>50/50 Draw Funds</i>	\$1143.36
Cafeteria Trays	
<i>50/50 Draw Funds</i>	\$1669.18
Address-o-graph	
<i>St. Martin's Anglican Church Women</i>	\$662.33
3 Hi-Lo Stretchers	
<i>"Be Angel, Light a Light" 1997</i>	\$13425.00
Posie Bed Alarm	
<i>In Honour of Craig Lucas</i>	\$1947.42
2 Infant Stethoscopes	
<i>Order of the Eastern Star</i>	\$200.10
3 Electrical Beds	
<i>Intensive Care Campaign</i>	\$15897.00
C-PAP Machine	
<i>Intensive Care Campaign</i>	\$1463.25

4 Multi-infusion Pumps	
<i>Intensive Care Campaign</i>	\$13580.00
6 Infant Bassinets	
<i>Estate of Edna Kelly/Envirojet/Remax/ Macro Industries</i>	\$9234.00
Bili-Light Pad System	
<i>Estate of Edna Kelly/Envirojet/Remax/Macro Industries</i>	\$3128.16
Mammograph Chair	
<i>50/50 Draw Funds</i>	\$2451.00
Breast Pump	
<i>50/50 Draw Funds</i>	\$1335.79
Resuscitator	
<i>"Be an Angel, Light a Light" 1998</i>	\$20023.90
Cardiac Monitor	
<i>Fort St. John Shriners</i>	\$17681.22
Fetal Doppler System/Stethoscope	
<i>Fort St. John Shriners</i>	\$1903.80
Equipment for Disabled Patients	
<i>Foundation Funds</i>	\$11437.50
Slippers for Patients	
<i>Foundation Funds \$25/month</i>	\$200.00
TOTAL	\$120,174.84



A Helping Hand

The Fort St John Hospital Auxiliary has 35 volunteer members as well as 14 Candy Strippers who help to comfort patients during their stay in the Fort St John Hospital and Health Centre. The Auxiliary offers many wonderful services to patients and their visitors. For example, it operates the Hospital Gift Shoppe, rents televisions, provides a selection of treats, books and videos, and takes baby pictures. Over the past 50 years the Hospital Auxiliary has also initiated many fundraising projects to improve and upgrade the Hospital's medical equipment and its grounds.



\$30,000 goal set for Ambulatory Care Campaign

New equipment is needed for the Intensive Care Unit

Day surgical procedures at the Fort St. John Hospital and Health Centre have steadily increased in the past five years and the rate of increase is gaining momentum. Currently, more than 67% of all surgical procedures in the hospital are day surgeries. Chemotherapy treatments have increased by 50% in the past five years.

The Hospital Foundation is raising funds to provide a suitable quiet area for treatment and recovery for ambulatory care patients. Ambulatory Care patients are currently treated in the area also accommodating Emergency Care.

Donations from individuals and businesses will be used to purchase chairs which are ergonomically designed to administer intravenous procedures and provide comfort to recovering patients. All contributions are tax-deductible.

Launching the Campaign

The Independent Order of Foresters have contributed the first donation toward the

Ambulatory Care area. Albert Steiner, Chief Ranger of the IOF, gave the Foundation a cheque for \$1025 as the first contribution. The Independent Order of Foresters members have contributed \$4765.00 to the Hospital Foundation since 1996.

The IOF is an international fraternal organization with more than one million members in Canada, the United Kingdom and the US. Based on the spirit of community, the IOF is a support group for its members and a charitable group for worthy causes within the community. The local IOF raises funds through members activities.

Contributions can be sent to the Fort St. John Hospital Foundation. All contributions are tax deductible.

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The Foundation Furthers Education for Hospital Staff

The Fort St. John Hospital Foundation granted \$8000 this past year to employees of the Fort St. John Hospital and Health Centre to further their education in areas relating to their work at the Hospital.

The Foundation will assist an employee with 80% of tuition and course materials for further training in their field. Applicants must have been employed at the Hospital for one year or more and agree to remain at the Hospital for at least one year after the completion of the course. Applications are reviewed in May of each year.

Applications are available from the Foundation Office.



These smart-looking T-shirts and sweatshirts sporting the logo of the Foundation are now on sale in the hospital. The Fort St. John Hospital staff show their support of the Foundation by wearing their T-shirts and sweatshirts.

COMING UP...

Annual General Meeting

May 25

7 pm

Hospital Board Room

Attend the AGM and learn more about the Foundation.

You are invited!

Bluey Days

September 11

Support Cancer Treatment by shaving your head or sponsoring someone who will shave his/her head. All donations will go towards the purchase of cancer treatment equipment at the Fort St. John Hospital and Health Centre.

Contact Constable Kevin Kult:
787-8100

Chatter's Benefit Buffet

Dinner and Fun!

November 3

Purchase your ticket in October at the Hospital Foundation office located in the hospital.

Third Annual "Be An Angel, Light a Light"

November

Donate through the Christmas Tree Light Up Campaign.

Braden Herron was convinced that the village of Fort St. John was going to make history within the next few years. That was in 1957. He stated then that in Fort St. John "there's always been a strong pulse beat—and its getting stronger every day." Braden became one of the main arteries contributing to that strong pulse in this growing community.

Braden Herron arrived in Fort St. John in 1930 to homestead with his father and brother-in-law. During the years that followed, he served his community as a mail carrier, a school trustee, a water district trustee, a village counselor, an auto mechanic, an electrician, and an innovator. He was also a member of the board of management of the Providence Hospital with special responsibility for the hospital's finances.

The following experience, recorded in 'The Peacemakers of North Peace,' made Braden a legend in the area. When a man was rushed to the old Providence Hospital with part of his skull crushed in, immediate action was required if his life was to be saved. However, the old hospital was lacking the proper surgical tools and no air transportation was available to fly the man out to Edmonton or Vancouver until the next day. Doctor Cormack consulted his resourceful friend, Braden Herron. He detailed what he needed and Braden immediately set about manufacturing the necessary fine-pointed instruments with lathe and file in his garage shop. He rushed them to the hospital where Dr. Cormack was then able to remove the splintered bone from the brain of the injured man and save his life.

A perfect gentleman

In a recent interview, Jack Baker, a long time friend of Braden's, described him as a perfect gentlemen who never drank alcohol, was very intelligent and thought things out carefully. Every Friday evening Braden would get together with friends and share cryptic puzzles. Here is one that Jack remembered: "A ship and a captain have a combined age of 49. The ship is twice as old as the captain was when the ship was as old as the captain is. How old is the ship and how old is the captain?"

Braden had a sharp business sense. In

1930, he and Bert Bowes rented Tommy Hargreave's garage when there were barely a half dozen cars and fewer trucks in the entire North Country. For the next forty years, Bowes and Herron's business grew to include auto and farm machinery repair and sales, a John Deere dealership, mail and freight hauling, Imperial gas products sales, and a General Motors dealership.

Braden Herron

Man of Vision



In 1933 Bowes and Herron brought the first light plant into the North Country. Their initial plan was to light up their own garage and homes but they were eventually persuaded to service the entire neighbourhood. They were accused of controlling the town's sleeping habits when, every evening at a quarter to midnight, they would flash the lights off and on three times to warn customers that they had 15 minutes to prepare for bed! It was also their custom to turn off the power at 10:30 A.M. after most house chores should have been completed.

In 1939, Bowes and Herron bought an electric welding machine—another first in the North Country. The welding capabilities enabled them in later years to make a polio bathtub for the Hospital during the terrifying polio epidemic in the early fifties. This very same three section tub is now framing a flower garden in front of the Museum.

Bowes and Heron landed a contract at the airstrip to supply electricity and to do welding on the machines constructing the runway. One story, which may or may not be true, is that when the nuns of the Providence Hospital realized that electricity was going right past the hospital enroute to the airstrip, they insisted that the service be installed in the hospital. Another story claims that Canadian Utilities installed the electric lighting in the Providence Hospital in 1942 after having purchased the Bowes and Herron light plant for \$250.

Braden Herron's prediction about Fort St. John making history came true well before he died in 1982. He was a man of action and a man of vision.

Thank you to the Fort St. John North Peace Museum, Audrey Gaddy, Jack Baker, Ross MacLean and John Herron for information.

Meet the Foundation's Board of Directors



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CONGRATULATIONS AND THANK YOU to these fashionable Bert Bowes Junior Secondary students who joined students of North Peace Senior Secondary to entertain more than 300 people at "The Jazz Pot" last October. Their fun event raised \$6,000 for the Hospital Foundation and included dinner, a jazz band, fashion show, and pottery auction.

Board of Directors

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PHOTOS OF DIRECTORS:
Courtesy of Bob Matula, One Hour Photo.

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An Upper Body Sport

New wheelchairs for the Hospital is the goal of kayaker Stan Mackenzie. Stan and fellow kayak enthusiasts are collecting pledges for Stan's 135 mile kayak trip up Williston Lake on June 25-30, 2000. Stan collected enough funds for the first wheelchair within the first two weeks of the project.

Stan Mackenzie is a nuclear medicine technician at the Fort St. John Hospital and Health Centre. As a board member of the Hospital Foundation and an avid kayaker, Stan initiated the idea of the trip as a fundraising project for the Hospital Foundation. He also introduced the idea of forming a kayak and canoe club in the North Peace.

So what is the connection between wheelchairs and kayaks? "Kayaking requires strong upper body movement" says Stan. "It is one sport which those confined to wheelchairs can do. It was an easy fit and a way to help the Hospital and Health Centre."

Stan has over 100 supporters thus far and two sponsors – The Portage Mountain Yacht Club and Northern Spring & Brake. Commodore Ron Mawhinney said, "This is an opportunity for the Yacht Club to help the community. We look forward to seeing Stan on the lake."

Stan will put his paddle in at MacKenzie, BC, run along the Parsnip Reach, continue through the Peace Reach, and end at the WAC Bennett Dam. ■



COMING UP...

Annual General Meeting

May 24, 7 pm
Hospital Board Room

Members, new members and guests are invited to learn more about the Foundation.

Kayak for Wheelchairs

June 25-30

Join us at the Hospital on June 23 at noon to give Stan a great send off.

Chatter's Benefit Buffet

Launch of "Angel 2000"

November 1

Enjoy a superb buffet and help launch the "Be an Angel, Light a Light" 2000 Fundraising Campaign. Runs the month of November.

4th Annual "Be An Angel, Light a Light"

December 1

Take part in the tree light up and caroling. Refreshments will be served in the Hospital lobby.

Brad Brain Charity Golf Tournament

May 27

Lone Wolf Golf Course

\$40 ea. To raise money for the Hospital Foundation.

New Children's Fund Created

To enable major equipment purchases for the maternity and pediatrics wards

A partnership between the Fort St. John Hospital Foundation and the Order of the Eastern Star has created The Order of the Eastern Star Children's Fund at the Fort St. John Hospital and Health Centre. Alma Cheesman, Worthy Matron of the Eastern Star, received the first cheque to the new Children's Fund from Daryll Hosker of Cancor Rathole Inc. (pictured right). The \$2700 cheque was given for the Pediatrics Ward.

The Eastern Star had approached the Hospital Foundation with the idea of setting up a fund to which they could contribute frequently. Other donors who wish to have their contributions used for the maternity or pediatrics wards can



donate to this fund. The accumulated funds will be used to purchase substantial pieces of equipment rather than a number of smaller items. The fund now has over \$3,000.

Look What's New!

Thanks to the generosity of the community in which we live...

Infra Red Heater for the Shower <i>In Honour of John Webb</i>	\$527
2 recovery chairs for Ambulatory Care	\$5,000
Equipment for the disabled <i>Canadian Forest Products Bert and Edith Perry Canadian Tire TransCanada Midstream Independent Order of Foresters Royal Canadian Legion</i>	\$11,400
Cafeteria tables <i>50/50 Draw Funds</i>	\$2,235
4 PCA pumps <i>Bluey Day '99</i>	\$12,455
Maternity Ward security system <i>Be an Angel, Light a Light '99</i>	\$10,392
Tonopen <i>Royal Canadian Legion</i>	\$2,500

The following funds were provided by the Province of British Columbia through gaming revenue:

Phaco Emulsification System	\$74,434
Upgrade to the A-scan machine	\$6,002
Lead shield for Nuclear Medicine	\$6,262
Respiratory ventilator	\$40,000
Central dictating system	\$60,602
Crash cart	\$17,000
Morgue autopsy table/vent	\$28,000
Office computer upgrade/software	\$7,000

EQUIPMENT PURCHASES:

1996 to April 1, 1999	\$120,174.84
April 1, 1999 to date	\$283,809.00

Total \$403,983.84

Thank You for your ongoing support... The Fort St. John Hospital Foundation would like to thank all donors and members for their continued support. A special thank you to those who help the Foundation all year long:

Ikon Office Solutions, North Peace Health Council, CKNL Energy '98, Alaska Highway News, and The Northerner

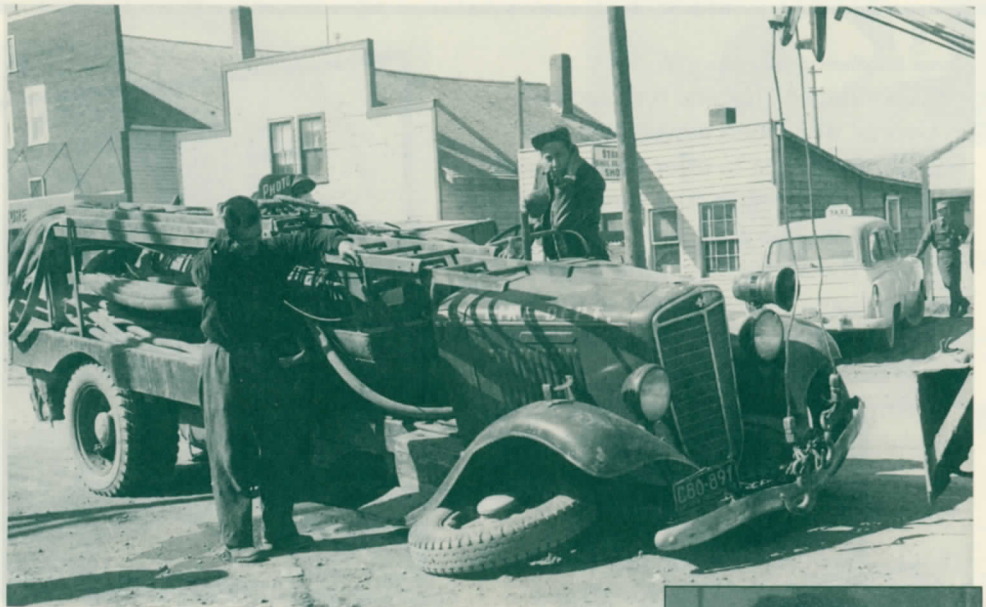
For thirty years, George Broadhurst was a tireless leader in moving the Fort St. John Hospital toward better facilities and better care for patients. Twenty five of those years he spent as Chairman of the Hospital Board. He helped to make many improvements at the Hospital until 1978 when he retired from the board.

The Sisters of Providence claimed George was a pillar of strength in the hospital, making difficult decisions and doctoring broken machinery. However, his strength was in question one night when two Sisters had to prop George up on the walk home at 3 a.m.! It appears that George was called into the hospital very late to fix a suction pump required for emergency surgery. He sat on the floor of the operating room holding the pump together for several hours so the operation could proceed. Suffering from the effects of the ether which the doctors were using, George couldn't get up after the operation, nor walk, without substantial assistance!

George began volunteering to help the Sisters of Providence at the Hospital shortly after he arrived with the army in 1946. He was a mechanic at the airport and was good at fixing machines and furnaces. The hospital frequently required his expertise.

George was a compassionate man. He was constantly trying to find ways to comfort patients. During the polio epidemic in the early 1950, George and his friends designed the three leafed polio bath using an outboard motor to create the first whirlpool at the Fort St. John Hospital. The polio bath currently defines the flower garden at the Fort St. John North Peace Museum. He was often called upon, day or night, to give his type O blood to patients by direct transfusions from his arm to the patient.

Some could have called George a guardian angel. He watched over Dr. Kearney who was known for his forgetfulness. Dr. Kearney always lost his gloves and had very little money to replace them. The doctor refused to



When the fire truck broke down, George and his friends would come to the rescue.

George Broadhurst

A Pillar of Strength



George Broadhurst
1919-1995

take charity even from his friends. So George and his friends schemed with the Co-op and convinced Dr. Kearney that he had dividends for his Co-op shares which paid for his gloves and cigarettes. Every Christmas, George picked Dr. Kearney up for the annual Hospital Christmas dinner and made sure he was properly attired for the

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occasion. During Dr. Kearney's last days in Victoria, George was there comforting his longtime friend.

The hamlet of Fort St. John grew into a village, then a town and finally a city. George was in the forefront of the changes. He and Ernie Carrier

were the first RCMP Auxiliary to be sworn in in Fort St John. He helped establish the first water and sewer debentures in 1953. He also helped organize the first rodeos and was part of the first Burns Night in 1967. George was on the first Board of Trade, the first board of the Credit Union and he served on the board of the Co-op.

He was the community Santa Claus for over 23 years, visiting up to 30 homes on Christmas Eve. In the early days every house was treated to a visit from Santa on Christmas Eve.

In 1958, the village gave \$50 to the volunteer fire department to open a bank account. As fire chief, George talked the village into paying \$5 each month to the volunteer firemen. His wife Kay remembers that every third Wednesday was fire practice. The firemen would spray down the outside of

George Broadhurst continued...

the Providence Hospital for practice!

George welcomed newcomers and was often the first to offer them a hand and helpful advice to start them in business. George was a member of the Masons, the Shriners and the Legion. He was honoured as Citizen of the Year, Lifetime Achievement, and received the Governor General's award.

George had a love of life and a strong commitment to the community. As he used to say to all his friends, "Everyday's a bonus!"

Thank you to George's wife, Kay Broadhurst and to his daughters Nancy Chiulli and Carol Domeig for their stories for this article.



BLUEY DAY '99 Headshaver Beth Pomeroy decided to look like her brother Quinn and shave her head to raise funds for cancer equipment at the Hospital. Over \$19,000 was raised by 16 headshavers last Sept.



JOHN HERRON presents Hospital Foundation director, Valerie Powell, with a cheque for \$10,000 to initiate the Foundation's Family Program. John's contribution is in memory of his father, Bradin Herron and is the largest single family contribution to date. The two largest bequests were \$150,000 from Archie Ferguson and \$12,000 from Edna Kelly.



HL POWELL loaned their 1998 Kenworth T800 to pull the Hospital Foundation float in the 1999 Christmas Parade. Truck driver Duke Boyd polished the truck to perfection for the occasion.

Grants offered to Hospital Staff for Their Education

Foundation changes its policy

The Hospital Foundation has budgeted over \$6,000 each year to help hospital employees further their education in areas related to their work at the Hospital. The Foundation has changed its education policy to ensure a more effi-

cient distribution of grants. In the past, funds were tied up while applicants changed or cancelled their courses. Meanwhile other applicants could have made use of this funding. Under the new policy, all applicants must now finish their course of study before applying for financial assistance from the Foundation. Applications are reviewed annually in May. Applications are available from the Foundation Office.

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