



SIoux LOOKOUT  
MENO YA WIN HEALTH CENTRE

## Foundation



# Foundation News

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*A TRADITION OF CARING...*

*...A TRADITION OF SHARING*

*Together we have made a difference, and together we have enhanced healthcare in the north.*

*Thank you for making our success possible.*

*Warm wishes for a wonderful Holiday and a Happy New Year!*

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## CT Scanner Celebration

Major donors and key fundraisers gathered November 3<sup>rd</sup> to celebrate the completion of the CT Scanner Project at the Meno Ya Win Health Centre.



*Riley Barkman celebrates the completion of the CT Scanner Project with family and fellow donors. Photo courtesy of the Sioux Lookout Bulletin.*

The CT Scanner Project was inspired by the late Grace Teskey. Grace spoke with Tom Kamenawatamin, President & CEO of Wasaya Group Inc. and Stanley Sainnawap, First Nations Relations about her vision of having a CT Scanner based in Sioux Lookout. She believed the availability of a CT Scanner locally would help to save lives in the north. Wasaya Group Inc., Wasaya Airways, Wasaya Wee Chee Way Win and the Chiefs of the Wasaya Communities agreed and on April 3, 2007 pledged a combined total of \$505,000 to kick start the fundraising effort.

Since that time Wasaya Group Inc. has been championing the CT Scanner Project, sharing Grace's vision and carrying her message to all communities, companies, organizations and individuals in Sioux Lookout, the surrounding communities and northern First Nations served by the Meno Ya Win Health Centre.

The campaign has been a grand success with all communities served by the Meno Ya Win Health Centre contributing to the CT Scanner Project, either through individual donations or community pledges. Foundations and organizations throughout the province have generously supported the project as well. To date more than \$1.79 million has been raised, \$235,000 of which was raised during Riley Barkman & Friends – "Helping to Make a Vision a Reality" Walkathon from Sachigo Lake First Nation to Sioux Lookout.

Never have we seen so many come together in support of a common goal. We have all been moved by the journey to bring CT services to Sioux Lookout and to improve healthcare in the north; moved to act, to participate, and to contribute to something greater than ourselves. Most recently, Sandy Lake First Nation committed \$100,000 to the CT Scanner campaign in large part to honour five community members who fasted in 1988 to advocate for better health care in our communities.

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## “We are Forever Grateful”

Marnie Hoey, Foundation President commented, “We are forever grateful for Grace Teskey’s vision, for Tom and Stan and the Wasaya companies and communities for carrying Grace’s message, for all individuals, businesses, organizations and communities who made kind and generous donations to the CT Scanner Project, and for Riley Barkman & Friends for completing the journey and helping to make the vision of a CT Scanner in Sioux Lookout a reality.”



Stanley Barkman and Riley Barkman join SLMHC, the Foundation, and Wasaya Group Inc. to celebrate the completion of the CT Scanner Project.

The CT Scanner at SLMHC will be used to enhance emergency services, assist in the early detection and treatment of various patient pathologies, and enhance the centre’s active surgical program.

CT Services at the centre began in late November and will be expanded in 2012.

The provision of CT services at Meno Ya Win will significantly improve access to care for our service population, improve diagnosis, treatment and health outcomes for our patients, and ultimately save lives in the north.

Thank you to everyone who has given generously to bring CT Services to Sioux Lookout!

## Bearskin Airlines Skip to Equip Classic raises \$58,000 for SLMHC’s Mammography Program

Planning for the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Bearskin Airlines Skip to Equip Curling Classic began in March of this year when a group of local curlers approached the Foundation with their desire to contribute. Modeled after the highly successful Hope Classic in Thunder Bay, committee members set a goal to raise \$48,000 for Sioux Lookout’s mammography program. To everyone’s delight that goal was surpassed, when it was announced at the conclusion of the event that \$58,000 had been raised.



## Skip to Equip Draws 26 Teams

Twenty six teams including those from Sioux Lookout, Dryden, Red Lake and Thunder Bay participated in the three day Bearskin Airlines Skip to Equip Classic that ran from November 11<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup>. The Sioux Lookout Golf and Curling Club was a hub of excitement where women of all curling levels enjoyed a weekend of great fun and raising funds in support of SLMHC’s mammography program.

### The Foundation Team



Kathryn Davidson, Mary Spray, Rita Demetzer, Marnie Hoey and Barb Linkewich

### SLMHC’s Diagnostic Imaging Team



Stephanie Mattson, Tammy Wright, Tracy Cryderman and DeAnna Lance

Thank you to all participants, volunteers, and sponsors who generously supported the fundraising effort; thank you to co-chairs Muriel Anderson and Kelli-Dawn Baker along with their dedicated committee who ensured the success of the event; and thank you to everyone who made pledges in support of participants. Please know that your donations help to reduce wait times and travel burdens for patients at the Meno Ya Win Health Centre, who now have access to year round digital mammography services right here at home.

Be sure to join us for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Bearskin Airlines Skip to Equip Classic November 9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>, 2012

Together we are making a difference!