



Health Sciences Centre
FOUNDATION



Aligning for Excellence

Annual Report



2024-2025



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Our Vision: Tomorrow's Health Care, Today

Our Mission: Inspiring generosity to achieve the best health care outcomes for all Manitobans.

In partnership with over 57,000 donors since 1976, the Health Sciences Centre Foundation supports the important work of HSC Winnipeg—Manitoba's hospital.

Through the Health Sciences Centre Foundation, your gifts promote innovation and help to advance vital medical research; purchase state-of-the-art equipment to diagnose and treat patients; train the next generation of medical and research leaders; enhance HSC Winnipeg's facilities; and implement programs to enhance the patient and family experience.

As a Foundation, it is our role to inspire your generosity and earn your trust by building relationships with you, by sharing stories of excellence in research and patient care, and by connecting you with the projects and opportunities that matter most to you. Together, we make life better for patients and their loved ones.

The HSC Foundation acknowledges that health services across Manitoba are provided in facilities located on the original lands of First Nations and Inuit peoples, and on the homeland of the Red River Métis. We respect that First Nations treaties were made on these territories, acknowledge harms and mistakes, and we dedicate ourselves to collaborate in partnership with First Nations, Inuit, and Red River Métis peoples in the spirit of reconciliation.

Aligning for Excellence

Elevating care through partnership

In health care, the best guarantee of continued innovation and excellence is the pursuit of alignment among all stakeholders, along with a commitment to work together to achieve what's best for Manitobans.

At the Health Sciences Centre Foundation, we are focused on nurturing and elevating this spirit of alignment so that we can move forward with purpose and intention, helping Manitoba's hospital deliver the best care possible.

We aim to be a catalyst as we understand Shared Health's and HSC's needs as well as opportunities to improve the patient experience. We aim to connect deeply with individual and corporate donors to understand their interests and expectations. And we aim to be an organization that attracts staff and volunteers alike whose values align with our vision of delivering tomorrow's health care, today.

Through our generational Operation Excellence campaign and other key initiatives, we have raised millions of dollars to acquire new diagnostic and surgical technology and to advance facility upgrades in support of improved care and patient outcomes. Our shared emphasis on minimally invasive surgery is also helping to relieve pressure on HSC's operating rooms while improving patient flow.



Katie Hall Hursh, Tina Jones, C.M., O.M., Jonathon Lyon

Thanks to your generous support—and through the alignment of all stakeholders—we are seeing exciting changes in care. With robot-assisted surgery, for example, many patients are being discharged (cancer-free) the day after major lung, prostate, and gynecologic procedures. The investments made through Operation Excellence have even made treatment possible for some patients who would not have been good candidates for open surgery before the campaign.

It is remarkable and gratifying to see your generosity, the skill of HSC personnel, government engagement, and outstanding technology come together to change lives in Manitoba.

We are grateful for your support through 2024/2025 and always. Thank you for connecting with us; for motivating us; and for aligning with us.

With gratitude,

Katie Hall Hursh
Board Chair

Tina Jones, C.M., O.M.
Immediate Past Chair

Jonathon Lyon
President &
Chief Executive Officer

The investments made through Operation Excellence have even made treatment possible for some patients who would not have been good candidates for open surgery before the campaign.

Year at a Glance: 2024/2025

The fiscal year ending March 31, 2025, was a period of growth and progress marked by record-setting events, the introduction of new surgical technology, and the celebration of a major clinical milestone in thoracic care. Thanks to our donors and corporate partners, the HSC Foundation continues to invest in timely and impactful equipment and initiatives to improve care for all Manitobans and people from Nunavut and Northwestern Ontario who rely on the services of HSC. We thank our donors, partners, and stakeholders throughout the health care system for aligning with us for another year of innovation and excellence.

Here are a few HSC Foundation highlights from 2024/2025:

We generated gross revenues exceeding \$28 million while achieving a new milestone of over \$110 million in assets. We have been experiencing many years of strong fundraising results, financial stability, and a growing impact on the delivery of health care in Manitoba.

See pages 14–15 for our 2024/2025 financial report.

In 2024, we **launched a process to refresh our strategic plan** to guide the Foundation's efforts for the next five years and beyond. The previous strategic plan led to the development of the Foundation's generational Operation Excellence campaign, which has been instrumental in acquiring new minimally invasive surgical equipment.



In June 2024, we celebrated **the appointment of Tina Jones, C.M., O.M., as a Member of the Order of Canada**. Jones, whose ten-year tenure as the HSC Foundation's Board Chair came to a close in June 2025, is one of more than 7,600 Canadians named to the Order since it was established in 1967 to honour people who make extraordinary contributions to the country. **Tina Jones's contribution to the success of the HSC Foundation and her impact on health care in Manitoba will be felt for many years to come.**

In June 2024, we welcomed **Jarrett Bishop, Tara Kroeker, Danny Menard, and Doug Stephen** to our Board of Directors. We are grateful for their contributions to date and look forward to their continued service.



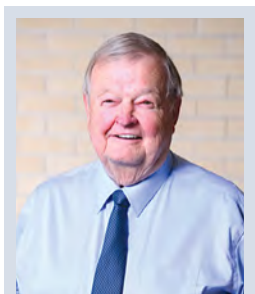
Jarrett Bishop



Tara Kroeker



Danny Menard



Doug Stephen



Our Manitoba Health Care Payroll 50-50 continued to perform extremely well. At March 31, 2025, we had **over 6,000 subscribers and a jackpot of over \$100,000.** From inception to March 31, the 50-50 had generated over \$1.2 million in net proceeds, a figure that will continue to grow.



Our lotteries remain an essential revenue-generating activity for us. The Tri-Hospital Dream Lottery, conducted in partnership with the Children's Hospital Foundation of Manitoba and the St. Boniface Hospital Foundation, concluded in July 2024. Net revenue for the HSC Foundation was over \$673,000. In November, our annual HSC Millionaire Lottery wrapped up, generating **over \$2.5 million in net revenue.**



In September 2024, HSC deployed the da Vinci Xi surgical robot—**Manitoba's first surgical robot.** The robot was made possible thanks to the generosity of donors to the Foundation's Operation Excellence campaign. The robot has been used in thoracic, urologic, and gynecologic surgery to date. Because of the minimally invasive nature of robotic surgery, patients are experiencing less pain, less blood loss, and are being discharged to return to their regular routines much sooner than they would be with conventional open surgery.



Our 19th-annual Innovation HSC Radiothon, presented by Maric Homes, took place on January 17, 2025. **Donors contributed \$319,002—an HSC Foundation Radiothon record—in support of patient care at HSC.** This included support for the acquisition of life-saving medical equipment that will transform care at HSC Women's hospital. See page 12 for more details.



On February 22, 2025, Manitobans came together to support HSC during Savour New Zealand: Wine & Food Experience, presented by Garcea Group of Companies. We attracted a sold-out crowd and raised over \$1 million (a Savour record!). Our Fund-A-Need auction that night was particularly successful as we raised designated funds to help acquire **new equipment for HSC's Adult Emergency Department.** See page 13 for more details.



In January 2025, we celebrated the **fifth anniversary of the Wilf Taillieu Thoracic Surgery Clinic and Endoscopy Unit.** The clinic has been nothing short of a major success story, offering outstanding patient outcomes and important operational efficiencies through a commitment to surgical innovation and minimally invasive techniques. See page 23 for more details.

On March 31, 2025, our annual Innovation HSC campaign surpassed its fundraising target, generating **\$2,896,949 in donor support.** Since its inception, Innovation HSC has raised over \$17 million.



Stakeholders Aligned

In health care, progress, success, and excellence demand vision, hard work, strategy, and alignment among stakeholders. When Shared Health, Health Sciences Centre leaders and medical teams, the Foundation, and our donors all move in the same direction and share the same values and priorities, we can accomplish extraordinary results for Manitobans.

Our Operation Excellence campaign is an example of what's possible when such alignment is sought and nurtured. The more we are aligned, the bigger we can dream, and the greater the improvements we can make in the delivery of care.

Below, we share insights from some of our stakeholders, and we celebrate the power of partnership and collaboration as we work together to deliver tomorrow's health care, today.



Jarrett Bishop

“When I joined the HSC Foundation Board of Directors in 2023 after over a decade of committee work, I gained a new understanding of the Foundation’s role and objectives. I have come to appreciate how the Foundation can be the glue that brings stakeholders together in common cause while serving as an essential catalyst for progress. Central to that progress is a commitment to acquiring new technology, an area that aligns with my own professional interests and experience. I see how the investments we make at the hospital are providing better care, moving people through the system faster, and freeing up resources for the next patient. Every investment we make is purposeful; every investment has a positive ripple effect throughout the health care system.”

Jarrett Bishop

- ◆ Chief Operating Officer, IDC Communications
- ◆ Former Committee member, Savour: Wine & Food Experience
- ◆ HSC Foundation Board member



Jessica Bowman

“There is nothing better than when your personal values and your career are in alignment. I’ve always wanted to work somewhere where what we do improves people’s lives and enhances the community. That is exactly what we accomplish through our work at the HSC Foundation. Here, I have the honour of working with exceptional colleagues and a very effective Fundraising Committee to achieve our objective of delivering tomorrow’s health care, today. When a first-time donor says ‘yes’ and when a returning donor makes a new commitment, I know that they understand the impact of their support and are happy to be in a relationship with us for the benefit of all Manitobans. For a fundraiser, there is no greater feeling.”

Jessica Bowman

◆ Major Gift Officer, HSC Foundation

Dr. Perry Gray

“If you have ever paddled a boat with others, for fun or competition, you know the importance of synchrony and harmony. Paddle in synchrony and harmony and you move faster, in the correct direction. Do the opposite and you barely move and go the wrong way. Today, Shared Health, HSC, and the HSC Foundation are all paddling in near perfect synchrony and harmony. Such alignment in health care is so important for the well-being of patients and communities, and for the success of our fundraising initiatives. When our efforts and objectives are aligned, we can approach donors with confidence that the projects we are asking them to support are vital, realistic, and will produce results. We build this alignment among Shared Health, HSC, and the Foundation through sustained communication and engagement with a shared desire to improve care for Manitobans.”

Dr. Perry Gray

- ◆ Critical Care Physician, HSC
- ◆ HSC Foundation Board member
- ◆ Former Interim Chief Operating Officer and former Chief Medical Officer, HSC and Shared Health



Dr. Vanessa Poliquin

“In a hospital setting—especially during stressful times—it is essential that team members are working in alignment with each other. When we are working together optimally, patients can receive the best care possible and we can serve the community with authenticity and passion. Recognizing this, the HSC Foundation funded a restorative justice-based training program for labour and delivery staff in 2024. The resulting improvements in department performance, collaboration, and staff retention have been significant. Add to this the Foundation and its donors’ funding of new minimally invasive surgical equipment and we are truly able to offer outstanding care, innovate, shine a brighter light on women’s health issues, and expand our outreach to the community.”

Dr. Vanessa Poliquin

- ◆ Head, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, HSC
- ◆ Provincial Medical Specialty Lead, Obstetrics and Gynecology, Shared Health



Sandy Shindleman and Robert Shindleman

“We are proud to support the Health Sciences Centre Foundation to the best of our ability because the Foundation’s vision of health care excellence and community well-being aligns with ours. It is so important that we invest in high-quality care. That means funding the type of medical equipment and facility enhancements that attract and retain leading talent; and that support the delivery of timely, expert, and dignified care. We have been impressed by the progress we have seen, but there is much more work to do and we know that philanthropy needs to play a key role. We invite all Manitobans—individuals and businesses alike—to offer support for everyone’s benefit. We all need to step up.”

Sandy Shindleman (top)

◆ *Founder and Chairman, Shindico Realty*

Robert Shindleman

◆ *Executive Vice President, Shindico Realty*



Marlene Herman

“There were 64 students in our nursing class studying together at the Winnipeg General Hospital which was an experience we all cherished. Most of us attended class reunions every five years since graduation in 1958. There are still 28 class members living, and those who are able try to keep in touch and reminisce about our training days and our careers. We decided years ago that whenever a classmate passed, we would make a memorial gift to the HSC Foundation’s HSC Archives/ Museum Collection Endowment Fund as a way to honour a life lived and to celebrate the important role nursing has always played in health care. For us, shining a light on the excellence of the past aligns well with the pursuit of excellence for the future.”

Marlene Herman

- ◆ *Class Representative, Winnipeg General Hospital Nursing Class of 1958B*
- ◆ *Retired nurse*



Scott Stirton

“My first introduction to Health Sciences Centre was decades ago as an architect when our firm was engaged to help update and redevelop some clinical spaces. Hospitals are complex structures with unique design and construction needs. But what struck me more than the exciting work was the passion of the people I encountered. I learned that physicians, facility leaders, and administrators care deeply about providing the best possible quality of care. As the project took shape, it became clear to my colleagues and me that our values aligned with those of HSC’s leadership—we care deeply about having physical environments and spaces in our community that promote excellence, well-being, and improve the quality of life in Manitoba. We’ve stayed involved with the Foundation ever since.”

Scott Stirton

- ◆ *Retired CEO, Architecture49 (long-time partners of the HSC Foundation’s Savour: Wine & Food Experience)*
- ◆ *Member, HSC Foundation Fundraising Committee*
- ◆ *Former HSC Foundation Board member*

Taking Bigger Swings

Operation Excellence Corporate Challenge inspires Manitoba companies

When Rick G. Duha was 11 years old, he helped out part-time in the family's business. His job was to screw together fan decks of colour samples—the kind a customer might see at the hardware store when choosing paint colours.

“Even as a kid, I thought there must be a better way!” laughs Duha, Chief Business Officer at Duha Group, a Manitoba manufacturer of colour marketing tools. “Times have certainly changed since then.”

Duha Group—like so many Manitoba companies—has invested heavily over the years in automation, robotics, and other new technology to improve products, services, the staff experience, and customer satisfaction.

“If you want to excel, you need to have the right equipment. You have to keep pace,” says Duha. “It’s true in business and it’s true in health care. So when we learned about Operation Excellence and the Corporate Challenge, we were eager to step forward. We want Manitoba to have world-class care.”

The HSC Foundation launched the Corporate Challenge in 2024 as a special initiative of the Operation Excellence campaign. To date, the initiative has raised over \$3.5 million.

“Manitoba business leaders are passionate, innovative, and famously generous,” says HSC Foundation Chair Katie Hall Hursh, who co-chairs the Corporate Challenge with Ray Bouchard. “As Operation Excellence evolved, we knew that business leaders would align with our vision of surgical excellence and innovation, as well as our focus on acquiring new technology and attracting and retaining the best talent.

“Rallying businesses together helps us take bigger swings and achieve ever greater objectives for the benefit of Manitobans,” adds Hursh. “The campaign has enticed our donors to give as individuals, to give as corporations, and to give generously.”

As impressed and excited as Duha is by the technology the HSC Foundation is funding, he recognizes that it is people who are truly at the heart of health care excellence.

“Our family has been touched by the remarkable care provided by HSC. My grandmother, in particular, received compassionate and dignified care,” he says. “We are grateful and we’re proud to invest in the future of care. We want our professionals to have the tools they need to do their best work.” ◇



Katie Hall Hursh and Rick G. Duha: “We are grateful and we’re proud to invest in the future of care,” says Duha. “We want our professionals to have the tools they need to do their best work.”

The following companies joined the Operation Excellence Corporate Challenge in 2024/2025:

Bockstael Construction
John Deere Foundation
McMunn & Yates Building & Supplies
Mercedes Benz Winnipeg
MLT Aikins
Mondetta

Payworks
Price Industries
Wawanesa Insurance
Wescan Construction Services
Western Financial Group
Winpak Ltd.



Scan the QR code to learn more and see a current, complete listing of Corporate Challenge partners.



Collaboration is the Key

Celebrating alignment and empowerment



Dr. Christodoulou, Interim President & Chief Executive Officer of Shared Health: *“I see the impact every day in our new clinics, in our operating rooms, and throughout the hospital.”*

Every time Dr. Chris Christodoulou hears the story of a patient discharged the day after surgery, instead of having to stay a week; every time he hears about a fast, life-saving diagnosis in the Emergency Department; and every time he learns of a positive patient journey in HSC’s new Pain Clinic, he thinks of the HSC Foundation and its donors. And he is grateful.

Dr. Christodoulou, Interim President & Chief Executive Officer of Shared Health and a veteran anesthesiologist, has for years had a front-row seat to the role of the Foundation and its donors.

“I see the impact every day in our new clinics, in our operating rooms, and throughout the hospital,” says Dr. Christodoulou. “Thanks to the Foundation, we are enhancing the quality of care, improving access to timely care, and acquiring new diagnostic and surgical equipment that is as good as anywhere else on the planet. Donors should know that.”

He cites the da Vinci surgical robot, funded by the Foundation’s Operation Excellence campaign; new point-of-care ultrasound equipment for the Emergency Department, funded by donors to the Foundation’s annual “Fund-A-Need” campaign; and the expanded Pain Clinic, relocated to the Manitoba Clinic building which was purchased by the Foundation, as key recent examples of how the Foundation’s activities align with the goals of the provincial government, Shared Health, and HSC.

“Every gift a donor makes to the HSC Foundation achieves a specific outcome that elevates care as a whole in Manitoba,” says Dr. Christodoulou. “HSC is our provincial hospital—it’s Manitoba’s hospital—so any

advancements we can make there have a positive impact everywhere else.”

Shared Health—the province’s coordinating health care body—works with all Manitoba health authorities to plan and implement a coordinated, provincial approach to health services. It is legislated to operate HSC and develop the province’s strategic plan for health care. It is through that lens that Dr. Christodoulou has been participating in the Foundation’s own strategic planning process.

“The Foundation is in sync with our needs in Manitoba and is deeply committed to making sure that the campaigns they undertake will make a tangible difference for Manitobans,” says Dr. Christodoulou. “They achieve this by working closely with Shared Health; collaborating with Dr. Shawn Young (HSC’s Chief Operating Officer) and other hospital leaders; and by making a compelling and inspiring case to donors.”

The support, says Dr. Christodoulou, empowers health care professionals to do their best work and inspires health system leaders to dream big when it comes to improving performance, reducing surgical wait times, and achieving new levels of overall excellence and innovation.

“Our job is to reward that generosity by bringing projects online quickly, producing better outcomes, and attracting and retaining the best talent available,” he says. “We know it drives philanthropic desire when you see the results of your gift take shape and have an impact. When philanthropic action bears fruit, we can plant even more seeds for the future. This is why alignment throughout the system is so important.” ♦

Research Grants

Investing in knowledge

In the fall of 2024, the Health Sciences Centre Foundation provided \$227,500 in grants for important research projects at HSC. We congratulate the recipients, and we thank our donors for their commitment to advancing health care through innovative, rigorous research.

Allied Health Grant

Rhiza Regalado Lam Chew Tun: The prevalence of improved exocrine pancreatic function among cystic fibrosis in pediatric patients age two years and older on cystic fibrosis transmembrane conductance regulator modulator drug therapies (\$20,000)

General Operating Grants

Dr. Biniam Kidane: Curing without harming: A proteomic screening approach to identify biomarkers associated with respiratory failure in lung surgery patients (\$70,000)

Drs. Abdullah Al Maruf and Laurence Katz: Pharmacogenetics of selective serotonin reuptake inhibitor-induced behavioural activation in children and adolescents (PGx-SImBA) (\$70,000)

Mindel & Tom Olenick Award in Immunology

Courtney Marshall: Sex as a biological variable in immunomodulation of airway inflammation by innate defence regulator (IDR) peptides (\$5,000)

Supervisor: Dr. Neeloffer Mookherjee

Mojdeh Matloubi: Investigating the role of airway epithelial cell-derived (AEC) Semaphorin3E in steroid-resistant neutrophilic asthma (\$5,000)

Supervisor: Dr. Abdelilah S. Gounni

Research Manitoba Studentship Awards

Dagem Yilma Chernet: Lung proteomic analysis of patients with postoperative respiratory failure after one-lung ventilation surgery (\$10,000)

Supervisor: Dr. Biniam Kidane

McKay Lowry: The role of epOMEs and DiHOMEs on the contractility of airway smooth muscle (\$10,000)

Supervisor: Dr. Christopher Pascoe

Kaihim Wong: Designing a machine learning model using quantitative magnetic resonance imaging to predict lesion evolution (\$12,500)

Supervisor: Dr. Chase Figley

Alana Slike: FAN1 as a genetic modifier in Rett syndrome (\$12,500)

Supervisor: Dr. Galen Wright

Samah Ahmed: The incorporation of automated phenotyping strategies and single cell sequencing data to identify genes, pathways and cells involved in age-related hearing loss (\$12,500)

Supervisor: Dr. Britt Drögemöller



Kaihim Wong: “The advanced techniques we are exploring can detect more subtle brain changes over time and help predict the disease’s progression.”

RESEARCHER SPOTLIGHT: Kaihim Wong

Understanding and Predicting Brain Changes in Multiple Sclerosis Using Advanced MRI and Machine Learning

For nearly four years, Kaihim Wong has been working to understand how advanced quantitative magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) techniques can help clinicians offer better care to their patients with multiple sclerosis (MS).

“Regular MRI scans only give us a basic picture of the damage that might have occurred in the brain of an MS patient,” says Wong, who is working toward his PhD in Medical Physics under the supervision of Dr. Chase Figley. “The advanced techniques we are exploring can detect more subtle brain changes over time and help predict the disease’s progression.”

With a better understanding of the prognosis and more insights into what to anticipate, Wong adds, “clinicians can provide more personalized treatment, earlier. The information can help them stay ahead of white matter lesion evolution and other aspects of the disease.”

With the support of the grant he has received, Wong will combine a number of advanced MRI measures and use machine learning—a form of artificial intelligence—to build a model to predict how brain lesions might grow or change. He will also seek to understand whether areas around lesions can enhance the technology’s predictive ability.

While the research and the technology fascinate Wong, it is the potential impact on patients that keeps him motivated.

“MS can be a difficult disease to treat, so the more information we have, the bigger the difference clinicians can make,” he says.

For Wong, the grant funded by the HSC Foundation is also all about making a difference. “The support is a vote of confidence in the work, and I am grateful,” says Wong. ♦

HSC Foundation Events 2024/2025

Breaking records together

Innovation HSC Radiothon

presented by Maric Homes

The 19th-annual Innovation HSC Radiothon, presented by Maric Homes, raised a record-breaking **\$319,002** for the HSC Foundation on January 17, 2025. Broadcast on CJOB from HSC Women's Hospital, the Radiothon brought Manitobans together for a day of powerful story-telling in support of health care excellence at HSC.



Karin Carlson—professional musician, breast cancer survivor, and grateful plastic surgery patient—shares her story with CJOB host Jim Toth.



Paul Fontaine talks about his experience being treated at HSC for blastomycosis—a rare medical condition—with CJOB's Hal Anderson.



Dan Rolfe, President, Maric Homes; Jonathon Lyon, President & CEO, HSC Foundation; Tanya Maric, Vice President, Operations, Maric Homes; and Andrea Senebald, Director of Partnerships and Major Gifts, HSC Foundation celebrate a successful Radiothon.



Karen and Rob Latham share their experience of participating in the Kidney Paired Donation Program and receiving care at HSC.

Innovation HSC Radiothon Partners:

Presenting Partner: Maric Homes

Matching Partners: Access Credit Union; Arbor Memorial; Johnston Group Inc.; Just Like New...to You; Winnipeg Kinsmen

Monthly Giving Partners: Birchwood Automotive Group; Payworks

HSC Department Champion: Dr. Stephen Kowalski

Savour New Zealand: Wine & Food Experience

presented by Garcea Group of Companies

The HSC Foundation's annual signature event—Savour: Wine & Food Experience, presented by Garcea Group of Companies—raised **more than \$1 million**, a new Savour record. The amount included \$368,000 raised for vital new Emergency Department equipment through our Fund-A-Need auction. More than 800 guests came together to enjoy an evening of New Zealand culture, fine wine and food, an outstanding live auction, and sensational music.



Guests were welcomed with a ceremonial Māori haka performed by Caleb Stick, Brydon Retter, Cameron Rodimus, and Daniel Strang.



HSC Foundation President & CEO, Jonathon Lyon, and Immediate Past Chair, Tina Jones, C.M., O.M., welcome Deputy Premier Uzoma Asagwara, Minister of Health, Seniors and Long-Term Care



Gregg Maidment inspires the crowd to participate in the live auction and the Fund-A-Need auction, raising thousands of dollars for the HSC Foundation.



Guests bid enthusiastically on an outstanding array of live auction offerings.

Savour New Zealand: Wine & Food Experience Partners:

Presenting Partner: Garcea Group of Companies

Fund-A-Need Champion: Just Like New...to You

Fund-A-Need Leader: Wellington-Altus Private Wealth Inc.

Tasting Experience Partner: Manitoba Liquor Mart

Entertainment Partner: TD Bank

Dinner Wine Partner: Jones & Company Wine Merchants

Key Event Partners: HSC Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology & Reproductive Sciences; Radiology Consultants of Winnipeg

Décor Partner: PCL Construction

Photography Partners: Bell MTS; Master Flooring

Auckland Partners: CN; HSC Department of Surgery; HSC Emergency Department; HSC Section of Plastic Surgery; HSC Section of Thoracic Surgery; HSC Section of Urology; Pitblado Law; Solinsky Consulting; University of Manitoba Rady Faculty of Health Sciences – Anesthesiology, Perioperative and Pain Medicine; Winnipeg Spine Program

Catering Partners: Tomahawk Chips; Manitoba Pork

Queenstown Partners: Allco Electrical Ltd.; HSC Department of Internal Medicine

Online Auction Partner: Western Financial Group

Registration Partners: BMO; Golden West

Wellington Partners: BOMImed; Canada Life; Global Philanthropic; HSC Department of Psychiatry; HSC Department of Psychiatry CBTm Team; HSC Section of Neurosurgery; IG Private Wealth Management – Buhr Blaylock & Associates; Irwin Homes; McFadden Benefits & Pension Ltd.; Nelson River Construction; RBC Wealth Management Dominion Securities; Transplant Manitoba

Signage Partner: Contempra Signs

Print Media Partner: Winnipeg Free Press

Special thanks to friends of the Foundation: Gene Fraser & Sheri Betker; Ray & Debbie Bouchard

Christine & Paul Soubry

Financial Statements

HEALTH SCIENCES CENTRE FOUNDATION INC.

Statement of Financial Position

As at March 31	2025	2024
Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 38,343,110	\$ 40,958,500
Accounts receivable	205,260	202,049
Due from HSCF Property Inc.	1,218,132	746,708
Prepaid expenses	53,161	61,010
Investments	62,314,820	52,521,396
Investment in HSCF Property Inc.	3,103,222	4,797,202
Capital assets	5,698,961	6,009,320
	\$ 110,936,666	\$ 105,296,185
Liabilities and Fund Balances		
Liabilities		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 999,932	\$ 1,423,814
Grants payable	147,396	188,155
	1,147,328	1,611,969
Fund Balances		
General	21,358,680	19,131,521
Restricted	53,758,937	53,218,198
Endowment	34,671,721	31,334,497
	109,789,338	103,684,216
	\$ 110,936,666	\$ 105,296,185

Approved by the Board of Directors:



Tina Jones, C.M., O.M.

Chair of the Board of Directors



Andrew Stibbard, CPA, CA

Chair, Finance & Audit Committee

HEALTH SCIENCES CENTRE FOUNDATION INC.

Statement of Operations and Changes in Fund Balances

For the year ended March 31, 2025

	General Fund	Restricted Fund	Endowment Fund	2025 Total	2024 Total
Revenue					
Donations	\$ 209,358	\$ 9,277,225	\$ 871,296	\$ 10,357,879	\$ 15,247,306
Events	867,901	592,230	-	1,460,131	1,060,501
Lotteries	10,569,948	-	-	10,569,948	9,855,421
Investment income	2,247,475	2,111,350	2,465,928	6,824,753	7,409,672
Other revenue	1,314,061	-	-	1,314,061	93,136
HSCF Property Inc. income (loss)	(1,693,980)	-	-	(1,693,980)	4,797,202
	13,514,763	11,980,805	3,337,224	28,832,792	38,463,238
Expenses					
Fundraising	1,586,893	-	-	1,586,893	1,498,331
Events	509,642	-	-	509,642	570,799
Lotteries	6,007,936	-	-	6,007,936	5,349,524
Administration	2,340,957	-	-	2,340,957	1,988,342
Amortization	129,708	180,651	-	310,359	320,199
	10,575,136	180,651	-	10,755,787	9,727,195
Excess of revenue over expenses before grants and distribution	2,939,627	11,800,154	3,337,224	18,077,005	28,736,043
Grants and Distribution					
Grants	(32,249)	(11,259,415)	-	(11,291,664)	(5,638,821)
Distribution to Children's Hospital Foundation of Manitoba	(680,219)	-	-	(680,219)	(650,544)
	(712,468)	(11,259,415)	-	(11,971,883)	(6,289,365)
Excess of revenue over expenses for the year	2,227,159	540,739	3,337,224	6,105,122	22,446,678
Fund balances, beginning of year	19,131,521	53,218,198	31,334,497	103,684,216	81,237,538
Fund balances, end of year	\$ 21,358,680	\$ 53,758,937	\$ 34,671,721	\$ 109,789,338	\$ 103,684,216

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This list reflects 2024/2025 donations (\$250+ and monthly giving) received by March 31, 2025. We have carefully reviewed for accuracy, and we apologize for any errors or omissions. Please contact the HSC Foundation office with any questions or corrections. Thank you!

Moments in Time

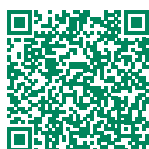
Making headlines; making a difference

In the 2024/2025 fiscal year, the HSC Foundation made several public announcements about important health care progress enabled by the generosity of donors and brought to life through the aligned actions of stakeholders throughout the health care system. Over the year, we celebrated moments in time, and these moments have led to remarkable patient outcomes ever since.

Scan the QR codes to learn more.



In **April 2024**, the Province of Manitoba announced a new provincial spine program supported by new technology funded by HSC Foundation donors.



The Stryker Q-Guidance system and Ziehm intraoperative 3D imaging system work together to make spinal surgery more precise. These pieces of equipment were funded by donations to the HSC Foundation's Operation Excellence campaign.

L-R: Dr. Ed Buchel, Surgery Site Director, HSC; Uzoma Asagwara, Deputy Premier of Manitoba and Minister of Health, Seniors and Long-term Care; and Jonathon Lyon, President and Chief Executive Officer, HSC Foundation.



Jonathon Lyon, President and Chief Executive Officer, HSC Foundation; Dr. Julie Ho, Medical Director, Adult Kidney Transplant Program, HSC; Uzoma Asagwara, Deputy Premier of Manitoba and Minister of Health, Seniors and Long-term Care; and Dr. Owen Mooney, Medical Director, Gift of Life Program.

In **April 2024**, along with our partners from the Province of Manitoba and Transplant Manitoba, we shared the outstanding news that 2023 had been a record year for kidney transplants in Manitoba. Eighty-three Manitobans received a kidney transplant through the Adult Kidney Transplant Program at HSC in 2023 (the previous high was 77); and 30 kidneys were donated posthumously (the previous record was 22). The increased number of donations was made possible by the HSC Foundation donor-funded HSC Transplant Wellness Centre, which opened in July 2020.





Prof. Frederick Zeiler with his non-invasive cerebral physiology monitoring technology.

In **October 2024**, we celebrated the appointment of Prof. Frederick Zeiler as the Inaugural MPI Chair in Neurosciences. Dr. Zeiler has developed non-invasive monitoring technology that offers continuous blood flow mapping in the brain. His ongoing research will have a meaningful impact on the 400+ patients seen at HSC every year for traumatic brain injuries. The Chair was funded by HSC Foundation donors, University of Manitoba donors, and Manitoba Public Insurance.



Dr. Chau Pham, Medical Co-Director, HSC Adult Emergency Department.

The HSC Foundation raised more than \$1 million at Savour New Zealand: Wine & Food Experience, presented by Garcea Group of Companies in **February 2025**. Funds raised through the gala's Fund-A-Need auction were used to purchase critical medical equipment for HSC's Adult Emergency Department, including a specialized bedside monitor that assess CPR effectiveness in real-time, portable ultrasound.



In **January 2025**, the HSC Foundation released a donor impact report, outlining the successes achieved by the donor-funded Wilf Taillieu Thoracic Surgery Clinic and Endoscopy Unit since its opening in July 2019.

"By investing in the Taillieu Clinic we have reduced the strain on operating room availability, reduced the number of visits patients are required to make to HSC, and shortened hospital stays," said Jonathon Lyon, the HSC Foundation's President & CEO. "Additionally, the investments we have made with the support of our donors have been integral to attracting and retaining surgeons and other medical personnel. Simply put, the Wilf Taillieu Thoracic Surgery Clinic and Endoscopy Unit is a shining example of how philanthropy drives innovation at HSC and shapes the future of health care."



HSC personnel use the da Vinci Xi surgical robot. "The robot is a shining example of how new technology can help us achieve our goals to end surgical wait times," says Jonathon Lyon.

While not formally unveiled until **April 2025**, the da Vinci Xi surgical robot system—funded by donors to the Foundation's Operation Excellence campaign—was deployed in September 2024. To date, this minimally invasive surgical machine has been used for thoracic, urologic, and gynecologic surgeries—mostly cancers. The state-of-the-art equipment is allowing for less blood loss, less pain, faster recoveries, and shorter hospital stays.

"The da Vinci Xi, in essence, extends the capabilities of a surgeon's hands and a surgeon's eyes. The robot's arms move better and with more stability than is possible for human hands; and the enhanced scopes and visualization technology helps us see even the smallest parts of the anatomy with extreme clarity," said Dr. Edward Buchel, Surgery Site Director, HSC, and Provincial Specialty Lead, Surgery, Shared Health. "The robot is a game changer for our patients and our recruitment efforts. We're grateful for the investments made by the HSC Foundation, the donors to the Operation Excellence campaign, and the Province of Manitoba."

By the numbers

2024/2025

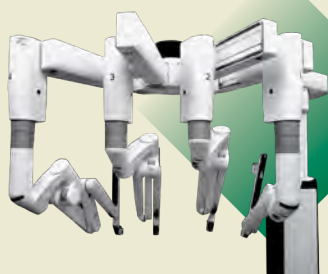


We welcomed **406** new donors.

Our generous community made **5,392 gifts** to the Foundation.



44 donors made repeat gifts to our Operation Excellence campaign.



From September 2024 to September 2025, **90 gynecologic oncology patients** were treated with the donor-funded da Vinci Xi surgical robot. *Of those, 25 would not have been candidates for surgery without the robot.*



The Health Care Payroll 50/50, coordinated by the HSC Foundation, has generated over **\$1.5 million in net revenue** for the Foundation since inception.



We marked the fifth anniversary of the donor-funded Wilf Taillieu Thoracic Surgery Clinic and Endoscopy Unit. **HSC can now perform 24 thoracic procedures a week, up from 10 per week in 2018.**



HSC Foundation staff and volunteers held over **300 meetings** with current and future donors.

More than **8,000 people** work at HSC.



Bannatyne Legacy Circle

A commitment for the future

In 2024/2025 we welcomed Jean Lang of Camarillo, California, to the Bannatyne Legacy Circle, our community of visionary donors who have committed to make a future gift to the HSC Foundation through their estate planning.

You can join the Bannatyne Legacy Circle by naming the HSC Foundation in your will or naming the Foundation as the beneficiary of an asset. If you agree, your commitment will be celebrated publicly, and a story will be written about your life and your connection to the HSC Foundation and HSC. You can, of course, choose to participate anonymously.

To learn more about legacy giving and the Bannatyne Legacy Circle, contact Irma McKenzie at 204-515-5624 or 1-800-679-8493 (toll-free), or by email at imckenzie@hscfoundation.mb.ca.

The HSC Foundation thanks Johnston Group and Canad Inns for their support of the Bannatyne Legacy Circle program.



Promises fulfilled

In 2024/2025, we received estate gifts from generous supporters of the HSC Foundation who have, sadly, passed away. We are grateful for their vision and foresight, and we recognize them as members of the Bannatyne Legacy Circle. Their promises have been fulfilled, and we celebrate their legacy:

Norah Grogan
Norman Morgan Humby
Blair Morley Mason
Fay Swartz
Lawrence Herman Wiens

An excerpt from the Bannatyne Legacy Circle story of Jean Lang

....By 2012, Lang started to plan her “exit strategy” with an eye to retirement in 2014. Working with a financial advisor, Lang decided to make sure that charitable giving was part of the plan and ultimately decided to support the Health Sciences Centre Foundation, thereby joining the Bannatyne Legacy Circle. The gift to the Foundation will come from an insurance policy that Lang’s father bought for her when she was young. “It seemed like giving back to where it all started was the right thing to do,” she says. “It was full circle.”

Her decision was reinforced by her family’s many experiences with the hospital. Her late father received treatment there for his chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, her brother-in-law was recently a patient, and her niece, Sandra Lang Donald—a member of the 100th nursing graduation class at HSC—continues to work at HSC as Manager of Health Services in the Renal Health Program. Lang has also attended a number of class reunions over the years and stays in touch with former classmates. “Whether I’m there or my family is there, HSC is still part of my life, still touching me,” she says.



Jean Lang completed her nursing training in Winnipeg before embarking upon a career based in California. She has never forgotten her Manitoba roots.

To read Jean Lang’s complete Bannatyne Legacy Circle story, scan the QR code.



Endowment Funds (at March 31, 2025)

A generous act, an enduring impact

By contributing to an endowment fund at the Health Sciences Centre Foundation, you are funding excellence for the long term. Income earned by these permanent funds will help patients today, tomorrow, and for years to come. To learn more about endowment funds at the HSC Foundation or to contribute to an existing fund, please contact our office at 204-515-5612 or toll-free at 1-800-679-8493.

To our generous and visionary endowment fund holders, we say thank you.

The Aiello Endowment Fund	52,712	Multiple Sclerosis Research Endowment Fund	411,960
Archives/Museum Collection Endowment Fund	494,832	Neurosurgery Research Endowment Fund	439,394
H.C. Ashdown Endowment Research Fund	220,809	The James Douglas Nichol Lung & Respiratory System Research Endowment Fund	29,560
Assistive Technology Fund	242,140	Margaret Wasson Oatway Endowment Fund	394,298
Harold Buchwald Endowment Fund for Medical Ethics	126,893	Tom and Mindel Olenick Research Fund in Immunology	428,798
Distinguished Patrons Legacy Fund	325,286	Quality Improvement, Innovation & Implementation Surgery Council Fund (QI3)	1,609,405
HSCF Firefighters' Burn Fund Endowment	2,472,292	Dale Rayter GD6 Nursing Education Fund	25,989
HSCF Bannatyne Legacy Circle Fund	6,956,055	Research in Anesthesiology Endowment Fund	105,989
HSC Winnipeg Heritage Endowment Fund	517,286	The Dr. Ben Shell Endowment Fund	60,704
Dolly and Michael Gembey Nursing Research Endowment	2,328,637	Margaret Hawley Speers Endowment Fund for Brain Research	1,209,003
The Gendis Inc. Artists in Healthcare Fund Supported by James Cohen and the Prairie Roots Rockers	58,303	Spine Fellowship Endowment Fund	2,344,609
Patty and Tony Kirk Heart Fund	53,441	The Christopher Spitzke Critical Illness Research Endowment Fund	730,379
Karyn Lazareck Endowment Fund	30,910	Surgical Access and Delivery Innovation Fund	1,613,739
Viola Leadlay Nursing Education Endowment Fund	233,550	Technology for Assisted Living Endowment Fund	1,494,696
The John Loewen Endowment Fund	81,444	Transplant Wellness Centre Endowment Fund	611,200
Pauline Luchit Endowment Fund	144,332	Margaret & Paul Wright Endowment Fund	94,670
Manitoba Public Insurance Professorship in Neuroscience	3,563,593	Mary Kathleen Yuar Endowment Fund	463,240
Morberg Family Chair in Hepatology	4,472,981	Anonymous and Other Endowment Funds	228,592

Total Endowment Funds held by the HSC Foundation

\$ 34,671,721

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Back, left to right: Trish Gehlen Preston, Mike Linton, Jarrett Bishop, Chris Watson, Richard Buchwald, K.C., Brian Lerner, Dr. Perry Gray, Jim Eng; **Front, left to right:** Jackie Wild, William S. Gardner, K.C., Katie Hall Hursh, Tina Jones, C.M., O.M., Jonathon Lyon, Tara Kroeker, Margaret Proven, Doug Stephen; **Not pictured:** Sarah Anderson, Ken Bolt, Ray Bouchard, Danny Menard, Allana Schmidt, Grant White. (Photo June 17, 2025)



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