



WE'RE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER. LET'S WORK AS ONE.

In addition to our regular newsletter, we wanted to give you an update on what we are doing during these unprecedented times. The Cape Breton Regional Hospital Foundation has been monitoring the COVID-19 situation closely and working with the Nova Scotia Health Authority to ensure we have access to the tools and protocols that we may need to appropriately support you, our donors, here at home. **Our primary focus is the health and wellness of our donors, volunteers, hospital patients and our staff.** In response to COVID-19, we will respond to the needs of our hospital through our **Area of Greatest Need.** This fund allows the Foundation and knowledgeable medical leaders and staff to direct your gift to the highest priority needs of the hospital. If you would like to give to support our Area of Greatest Need, you can do so in the following ways:

Online: www.becauseyoucare.ca/donate

By phone: 902-567-7752

By mail: CBRH Foundation 45 Weatherbee Road, Suite 209 Sydney, NS B1M 0A1



CONNECTING

Thanks to funding from **McHappy Day 2019**, in addition to a portable ultrasound tool and essential family comforts for the ICU, **6 iPads** & important monitoring equipment, were purchased for the COVID-19 unit, to ensure patients have a **sense of comfort** in a time of despair and fear.

COMPASSION

As front line health care staff continue to face new COVID-19 challenges, we have offered our donors a chance to support them by **providing messages of thanks** from you - our community. More than **1,000 messages** of thanks have come through to thank those who are fighting for us every day.

CARING

After an urgent request for a patient who had **extensive cancer surgery** and lost all ability to speak, we asked our donors for help. 15 phones were offered & we were able to provide an iPhone to offer the patient access to **assistive technology** for communication with family, friends and medical support.



A WONDERFUL CELEBRATION

DESPITE ISOLATION AND SOCIAL DISTANCING

Five years after **Caleb MacArthur** went to heaven, his family continues to celebrate this **little superhero**. This year, the celebration was a bit different because of social distancing, but Cape Breton came out in a big way and we saw **hundreds of photos** of people dressed as their favorite **superhero from home**.



TREATING THE FRONTLINE STAFF

Thanks to the donors to the **Because You Care Holiday Catalogue's** - Gift of Staff Appreciation we were able to deliver fifty \$50 Tim Horton's gift cards to the staff on the front lines to be offered to all hospital units.

In addition, the owners of the local Tim Horton's offered to match it. Overall, \$5,000 in coffee, tea, treats & snacks was provided to our tireless healthcare staff.



A MESSAGE FROM DR. STRANG



After a donor requested a shout out, Caleb's Courage got a special video message the day after **Superhero Day**. Nova Scotia's health hero, **Dr. Robert Strang, Chief Medical Officer of Health** for the Nova Scotia Health Authority, sent a message of hope and thanked Caleb's Courage for helping little superheroes facing BIG battles in Cape Breton.

THANKING FRONTLINE STAFF



With 1,000+ likes, 256 comments & 180 shares on a single Facebook post, our community extended a huge thank you to Sue Christie, RN in the PEDS unit. Dealing with some of **Cape Breton's young and vulnerable** is tough at the best of times, even tougher during a global pandemic. Our **nurses work hard every day**. Join us in thanking Sue and the other amazing staff on PEDS.

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