

Ensuring the future of local healthcare for generations to come

The St. Francis Valley Healthcare Foundation raises funds for three key healthcare partners, including the **Valley Manor long term care home, St. Francis Memorial Hospital and Madawaska Valley Hospice.**

While you can choose to donate to any one of our healthcare partners, **you will make the greatest impact by directing funds generally to the St. Francis Valley Healthcare Foundation.**

This will give the Foundation the flexibility it needs to ensure funds are directed to **where they are needed, and when they are needed, the most.**

By designating In Memoriam donations to the St. Francis Valley Healthcare Foundation, purchasing an element on the Memory Mural, or assigning a gift to the Foundation in your will, you are providing future generations access to local healthcare.



Did you know?



When you make a donation in memory of a loved one to the St. Francis Valley Healthcare Foundation, we will send out an acknowledgement card to the next-of-kin, recognizing your generous gift. Give us a call today for more information.

Meet some of our In Memoriam and Planned Giving families



Andy Gajda

Andy passed away on October 5, 2012, and wanted to make an impact on local healthcare. He left a significant gift in his Will to the St. Francis Valley Healthcare Foundation that benefited the hospital as well as the Valley Manor redevelopment campaign. His friend Greg Zawidzki says Andy was a strong supporter of local healthcare.

“He benefited from the hospital himself and he was very grateful for the Valley Manor and their efforts in taking care of his mother in her senior years” Zawidzki said. “Andy also acknowledged the need for himself and the greater community to continually support the hospital in order for it to successfully continue into the future.”



Monica Burchat

Monica recognized the need for quality healthcare in her community, especially after her husband was admitted to St. Francis Memorial Hospital in 1993 with stage 3 cancer. She purchased an element on the Landscape of Life in his name.

When she passed away at the Valley Manor at the age of 83 on February 15, 2021, her family wanted to do the same for Monica. They directed In Memoriam donations to the Valley Manor and the hospital, and purchased a leaf on the Memorial Mural.

Her family will eternally be grateful for the quality care Monica received at the Hospital and at the Manor.



Barry Goldie

Before Barry Goldie was a Stone Fence Theatre extraordinaire, he earned his degree in Theatre Arts in Michigan. He moved to the area as a “back to the lander” and eventually settled on the Bonnechere River.

In 2021, Barry became ill and decided to take advantage of the Madawaska Valley Hospice.

“Barry and the whole family highly valued his experience there,” his partner Lucy King said. “His care exceeded our already high expectations.”

After Barry had passed on March 26, 2021, she and the family asked for In-Memoriam donations to be directed in Barry’s name to hospice.



Jan Gregalis

A World War II veteran and founding member of the Polish Combatants Association in Toronto left a significant gift in his will to St. Francis Memorial Hospital.

He and his wife fell in love with the area since it reminded them of Poland, and eventually built a cottage on Kamanisseg Lake.

“Jan once spent time at St. Francis Hospital recovering from a heart attack and was grateful for the wonderful care he received,” Executor of his estate Anna Sotnicki said. “There were also quick trips to the ER for the inevitable injuries sustained while working around the cottage. The hospital provided the care they needed and they were grateful.”

In Memory Mural

The hospital held a special place in the heart of the late John "Jack" Golka.

John joined St. Francis Memorial Hospital first working as an orderly and eventually becoming a pharmacy technician. He was asked by Sister Rosenda Brady if he would be interested in starting the ambulance

Leaving a gift in your will

Present this information to your lawyer if you are planning to make a gift to the St. Francis Valley Healthcare Foundation in your Will.

Sample statement to add to your Will:

"I direct my trustee(s) to pay to the St. Francis Valley Healthcare Foundation, Barry's Bay, Ont., the sum of \$_____ (or ____% of my estate, or the gift of _____) to be applied as determined by the St. Francis Valley Healthcare Foundation."

Legal name: St. Francis Valley Healthcare Foundation, Charitable Number: 89453 4817 RR0001

Address: 7 St. Francis Memorial Drive, P.O. Box 129, Barry's Bay, Ont. K0J 1B0

service, which he did on January 1, 1971.

Although his healthcare career led him to other places over the years, his daughter, Joanne Truskoski, said St. Francis Memorial Hospital was always home for John and his family.

At 84 years of age, John passed away on June 27, 2021. His family directed In Memoriam donations to the St. Francis Valley Healthcare Foundation, to be used for the highest priority needs.

"We are so proud of the quality of care provided in the hospital and we will always support its growth and further development so that it continues to be such an incredible local resource for so many," Joanne explained.

The family also purchased an element on the memorial wall at St. Francis Memorial Hospital, so that John's memory will be kept alive in the hospital that meant so much to him.

"It's wonderful that people don't have to leave the area for health care services because so much is available right here at home," Joanne said.

Contact the Foundation to purchase an element on the wall today.



Sample wording for obituaries

If you are organizing your loved one's obituary and would like some sample wording to help direct donations to the St. Francis Valley Healthcare Foundation, feel free to use any of the following phrases:

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"In Memory of (loved one's name), the family respectfully requests donations to the St. Francis Valley Healthcare Foundation"

2

"In lieu of flowers, donations to the St. Francis Valley Healthcare Foundation (St. Francis Memorial Hospital OR Valley Manor OR Hospice) would be appreciated."

The Foundation is grateful to have received In Memoriam donations that supported the Hospital, MV Hospice Palliative Care and Valley Manor in honour of the following individuals in 2021:

2021 In Memoriam Honourees

ACKNEY, John
ADAMS, Bill
ALECK, Peter Archie
ALLEN, Aubrey
ANDERSON, Bernice
ANTAL, Steve
AUTAYO, Irene
BAIRD, John
BARNEY, Joseph
BEACH, Patricia
BEANISH, Margaret
BEHM, Lester
BELLIVEAU, Anita
BIERNASKIE, Isiah
BLANK, Ambrose
BLESKIE, Sylvester
BORUTSKI, Marlene
BOUCHARD, Jackie
BROPHY, Joan
BROTTON, Annie
BURANT, Anthony
BURCHAT, Monica
CLEMENT, Lloyd
COLEMAN, Norma
CONWAY, Greg

COWAN, Kevin
COWAN, Patrick
CUNNINGHAM-ANDREWS, Betty-Ann
DAVIDSON, Jean Ann
DAY, Frederick
DEVEREUX, Sean
DIXON, Al
DIXON, Helen
DOMBROSKE, Louis
DOUTHWRIGHT, David
DRYTEK, Ray
DUNN, Marie
DUNNE-SCULLY, Doreen
EASTON, Barry
EPPLETT, Donald
ETMANSKIE, Mary Ann
EYMAN, Rudolf
FERGUSON, Keith
FLAHERTY, Betty
FOSTER, Dean
GARDNER, Sally
GETZ, Vivian
GOLDIE, Barry
GOLKA, Jerome

GOLKA, John (Jack)
GRETZKY, Ted
GRIESE, Adele
GUERRERO, Jo-Ann
GUEST, Glenn
HALL, Phelanda
HARE, Cecil
HARTWIG, Franklin Delmar
HARTWIG, Nelson
HOVINGA, Joan
HUDDER, Doris
HUNTER, Ashley
JACKSON, Marion Arlene
JEAN, Sylvio
JOHNSTON, Mary
KASOBUSKI, Kevin
KAVELMAN, Howard
KEYKO, Marianne
KNIGHT, Pattie
KOHL, Gregory
KUIACK, Christopher
LAMBERT, Joan
LAYMANN, Lorraine
LEHOVITCH, Charlotte
LENTZ, Josephine

LEVAIR, Diane
LISK, Robert
LORBETSKE, Andrew
LORBETSKE, Danny
LORBETSKE, Julia
LORBETSKE, Mary
LYON, Virginia
MACFADDEN, Debra
MAHON, Yvonne
MAIKA, Marjorie
MASK, Vernie
MASON, Sheila
MATUSHESKIE, Jack
MAYHEW, Hilliard
MCGUEY, Charlie
MCLEAN, Elsie
MCLEAN, Robin
MCRAE, Mary
MINTHA, Edmund
MOREAU, Irene
NAMIESNIOWSKI, Elizabeth
O'MALLEY, Patrick
OSTROWERCHA, Peter
PECOSKIE, Ursula
PEPLINSKIE, Isadore Walter

PERRIER, Catherine
PERRIER, Ernest
PHANENHOUR, Lori
PILGRIM, Ruth
PRINCE, Albert
PRINCE, Eva
PRINCE, Joan
PROTHERO, Frank
QUADE, Desmond
QUADE, Dwight
QUESNELLE, Eleanore
REGAN, Clifford
RHODE, Franklin
ROWANCHILDE, Raven
ROYCE, Delmer
RUMLESKIE, Florence
RUMLESKIE, Gilbert
RUMLESKIE, Peter
SABATINE, Gary Wayne
SAIKALY, Cam
SCHUTT, Glen
SHERMAN, Edward
SPENCE, Cy
STOPPA, Ambrose
STOPPA, Melissa

STUBBS, Walter
TOWNS, Morris
VALDOCK, Sherman
VILLENEUVE, Catherine
VLASIC, Evelyn
VOLDOCK, Kenneth
VOLDOCK, Teresa
WALSH, Sharon
WHYTE, Hazel Mary
YANDERNOLL, Johanna
YANTHA, Isadore

For more information on designating In Memoriam Giving to the Foundation, please contact 613-756-3045 ext. 217