

Record Radio-thon in support of improved health care facilities in Saint John

Feb. 14, 2019 - SAINT JOHN – New Brunswickers continued to show their love as more than 285 thousand dollars was raised for the expansion and renovation of the busiest clinic in the Saint John Regional Hospital, Clinic 1. The Saint John Regional Hospital Foundation is in the midst of a 12 million dollar campaign to complete the overhaul.

The 7th annual Love Your Hospital Radio-thon brought Acadia Broadcasting's sister stations Country 94.1 and 97.3 The Wave into the hospital for a full day of live broadcasting.

Despite bad weather, a flurry of corporate and personal donations brought the largest total for Radio-thon to date, \$286,536. \$100,000 of that was a matching donation from Canaport LNG.

"We are once again overwhelmed, but not surprised, by the generosity of Saint Johners and South Western New Brunswickers," said Foundation President and CEO Jeff McAloon. "There are some 40,000 patients who visit Clinic 1 every year. We most likely know someone who has been there, or we've been there ourselves. It's a very personal cause for many."

"When we look at how we can support our community, we try to understand the needs of the people around us and how our contribution can make a positive impact," says Javier Azagra, General Manager of Canaport LNG. "Looking at the number of people served by Clinic 1 and how this expansion will help create a better experience for its patients, the decision to support this campaign was an easy one."

And while it was a day of fundraising, it was also a day of compelling and emotional stories, as patients and doctors shared their experiences at the Regional over the airwaves.

"I would like to say how proud Country 94 and 97.3 The Wave are to be able to work with such a great organization as the Saint John Regional Hospital Foundation and all the staff that work there, they are an amazing team," says Station Manager, David Boone. "I would like to thank Canaport LNG and everyone that made donations towards today's Radio-thon, and I would like to thank all the staff at Country 94 and 97.3 The Wave for their efforts in making this such a success."

The Clinic 1 Ambulatory Clinic has been untouched since the hospital was built in 1982. This project was proposed by the doctors who spend many of their hours seeing patients in the space. There are 33 specialties housed in the clinic. While bringing new tools and technology to the hospital, the expansion will increase the square footage from 7000 square feet to 14,700 square feet, improving accessibility, privacy and patient comfort and care.

For more information on the campaign, visit theGive.ca .

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