



Arthur L. Irving Family Foundation Joins in the Fight Against COVID-19

SAINT JOHN, MAR. 25, 2020: The Arthur L. Irving Family Foundation is donating one million dollars to the New Brunswick COVID-19 Emergency Relief Fund. The Fund, established and administered by the Saint John Regional Hospital Foundation, is designated for areas of greatest need in healthcare facilities across the province as the effects of the pandemic impose themselves on our system, and our lives. While specific pieces of equipment or programs are being evaluated, this Fund is a much-needed resource in the short and long-term.

“Emergency protocols have been implemented,” says Dr. John Dornan, Chief of Staff, Horizon Health Network. “That ensures money is being spent by our health system **now** to help New Brunswickers remain healthy and get better. But, when added up, it will be an incredible, unexpected cost. The New Brunswick COVID-19 Emergency Fund not only gives us security for the future of our services but is providing an immeasurable boost in morale for those who are working in our hospitals, clinics and testing centres. However, this battle will not be won in our hospitals. It will be won when people are distancing themselves socially in the community, as advised by Public Health. Stay apart and stay home!”

“Our doctors, our nurses, our respiratory therapists, our clinicians and countless other professionals are working tirelessly around the clock to find answers and help sick people get well,” says Sandra Irving. “We have the utmost confidence in the Saint John Regional Hospital Foundation to determine where this donation can be best put to use to help others,” says Arthur Irving. “It is given in this spirit of helping others, and as an expression of gratitude to our hospital team.”

“Once again, leadership from this incredible family shows the commitment they have to the people of this province... to give back to the place they call home,” says Jeff McAloon, President and CEO of the Saint John Regional Hospital Foundation. “We do not know the extent of this crisis or how long it will last. But the Arthur L. Irving Family Foundation is on the vanguard, standing behind our healthcare professionals, to ensure everything is done to limit its impact on New Brunswickers.”

The Saint John Regional Hospital Foundation will report back to the community, as it always does, with thorough information and specifics of where the funding has been utilized.

If you would like to donate to the New Brunswick COVID-19 Emergency Fund or learn more about the many areas of healthcare you support through the Foundation, please go to thegive.ca .

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