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# SASKATOON COMMUNITY CLINIC FOUNDATION INC

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Grow  
a healthy  
community

## WITH YOUR HELP, WE HAVE AN EXCITING FUTURE AHEAD!

2016 is coming to a close, and the Saskatoon Community Clinic Foundation is very grateful for the support you have provided during this and previous years. Now, we have some exciting news about developments at the Saskatoon Community Clinic which you can be a part of!

In October, the Community Clinic Board of Directors approved a 20-Year Master Capital Plan with a vision of being a centre of excellence in the delivery of primary health care in a cooperative setting.

The plan includes a focus on team-based care, with several health professionals involved in managing your care, each bringing a different perspective to be considered in diagnostics and treatment. As Dr. Morris Markentin, head of the medical group, puts it, "today, one person can't know everything. It's like a quarterback—he doesn't win the game alone—there's a well-trained team backing him up. That's team-based care."

The plan also suggests that the Downtown Clinic, and its core neighbourhood



*Vision: Using our experience and expertise to become a centre of excellence in pre-natal and post-natal care and in the management of chronic disease.*

counterpart, the Westside Clinic, leverage their expertise and experience in treating chronic disease, reproductive health, and pre- and post-natal care to provide leadership and support to others as centres of excellence in these fields.

"These initiatives will raise the profile of our health care co-operative, says Executive Director Lisa Clatney, "attracting new patients of all ages, creating even more positive outcomes through team-based care, and attracting students and new professionals in many disciplines who are interested in the mentoring and training we can provide in our areas of excellence."

Already, recent initiatives in quality improvement and evaluation are underway to ensure that even higher quality services are offered—with accountability, efficiency, and economy as important aspects of service delivery. The beneficiary? Our patients.

What is required to achieve these ambitious but thoroughly sensible and necessary goals? Central to the plan is a major renewal of our facilities over the next few years.



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The Second Avenue building, home to the Downtown Clinic, nearly 50 years old, is in good condition, but the space needs to be reconfigured to serve more direct patient care. Also, the already cramped clinical areas of the highly-utilized, much-needed Westside Clinic need to be expanded.

Both facilities need to allow space for best practices like team-based care to be implemented and delivered effectively. "By creating space for better patient flow and bringing our health professionals closer together, opportunities open up for different, productive conversations about addressing patients' needs," says Clatney.

Clearly, we must plan for the future, ensuring that the model of people-centred, team-delivered, value-focused, community-driven primary health care delivery thrives and grows in Saskatoon. The Community Clinic Board agrees that our co-operative cannot stand still without risking the good that has been achieved over its history.



*Your gift is the cornerstone on which an exciting future for your co-operative is built.*

These advancements require the infusion of funds for them to become reality. The Saskatoon Community Clinic Foundation, with you, will be vital participants in the exciting days ahead. Just as in the early days when the Saskatoon Community Clinic was founded and the Second Avenue building was built, members will play a central role in investing in how primary health care is delivered in and for our community.

**Step forward now and invest in the 20-year vision of the Saskatoon Community Clinic as a centre of excellence in primary health care delivery. Please give today!**

The Foundation needs your financial support now to ensure funds are available when needed in order to invest in opportunities and to achieve the excellence in health care delivery so boldly envisioned in the 20-Year plan.

**Your tax-deductible gift is doubly important now.** Not only will it assist the Foundation in providing vital support for everyday needs—it will be the cornerstone on which an exciting, innovative, sustainable, necessary future for co-operative primary health care in our community is built. **The enclosed brochure provides more information on the value of your gift. Please take time to read it and use the return envelope prior to December 31.**

By doing so, you may be able to reduce your 2016 income taxes. 🌱

*Nancy Carmichael, President,  
Saskatoon Community Clinic  
Foundation Inc.*

## How to Make Your Donation

*The Saskatoon Community Clinic Foundation Inc. is a registered charity and donations are tax-deductible.*

*Use the Donor Form and return envelope in the enclosed Foundation brochure. You can drop it off:*

- **in person**, at reception or the Member Relations department
- **by mail**, using the return envelope
- **or make your gift online**, using the "Donate" link at:  
[www.saskatooncommunityclinic.ca](http://www.saskatooncommunityclinic.ca)

You can also call the Member Relations department at 306-652-0300 to discuss planned giving or other options. Planned giving includes bequests from wills and estates, and naming the Foundation as beneficiary of life insurance proceeds, RRSPs or RRIFFs.

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### How Well Do You Know Your Foundation?

**Q** What motivated the support of builders like long-time member Harold Chapman?

**A** Harold says in his autobiography: "I joined the Saskatoon Community Clinic in July 1962, when universal health care was introduced and most of the doctors were on strike, opposing it. I remember asking myself, 'What are you going to be able to tell your grandchildren many years from now when they ask what action you took at that time?' I can now tell them that I supported universal health care."

In 1969, Harold became part of the group that organized the Foundation to raise funds to provide equipment required by the clinic and provide other services not funded by the Department of Health. He served as a member of the Foundation for thirty years as it received tremendous support from members and patrons. Now, at the age of 99, Harold says he is very happy to still be able to serve as a volunteer for the clinic's seniors programs, including as co-chairperson of the Seniors Advisory Council. 🌱



*Harold Chapman, one of the founders of the Saskatoon Community Clinic Foundation*