

## Red Deer Hospital Lottery was a tremendous success

Despite a global health pandemic and another year full of economic uncertainty, the 2020 Red Deer Hospital Lottery was a tremendous success.

For 22 years, Red Deer Hospital Lottery has raised over \$9 million for healthcare enhancements at Red Deer Regional Hospital Centre.

Once again, Sorento Custom Homes designed and built our grand prize dream home valued at \$840,000. Located in the Laredo neighbourhood of Red Deer, this beautiful home features over 2,900 square feet of developed living space and is the perfect family home with 4 bedrooms and 3 full baths.

Debby Irwin of Stettler won the grand prize dream home (pictured right) and was presented with the keys to her new home last month.



With 102 prizes valued at more than \$1 million dollars, including a bigger than ever Mega Bucks 50 million dollar jackpot, every ticket purchased helps the Foundation purchase critically needed equipment for our hospital. This year's lottery sold over 90% of tickets and we thank our community for its support.

Construction is underway for the 2021 Red Deer Hospital Lottery grand prize dream home, built by Sorento Custom Homes. Watch for the exciting launch of the 2021 lottery in March!

### **Congratulations to our other top prize winners:**

- Trevor Greenlee - Mega Bucks 50 winner of \$371,587.50
- Shauna Krahn - 2020 Jeep Cherokee winner
- Shannon & Ron Skoreyko - 2020 Ford Escape winner

## REAL PEOPLE, REAL STORIES

### Health professionals leave lasting impact on family

When Desirae Perry learned about her babies being mono-mono twins, she knew it would be a long difficult pregnancy.

Mono mono twins are identical twins that share the same amniotic sac and placenta in utero. It's rare and the pregnancy is high risk. The babies' oxygen supply can be cut off if the umbilical cords become entangled.

Desirae's twins had to be monitored every day so she was admitted into Red Deer Regional Hospital Centre. The daily monitoring and testing to ensure the babies' heartbeat in utero made sure they are getting enough oxygen. While in hospital, Desirae's 4 boys and fiancé stayed home in Stettler.

On July 21, just 8 days before the scheduled delivery of the twins, one of the babies' heart stopped beating. An emergency caesarian section had to be performed immediately and one of the twins, Heaven, did not survive. Baby Malia was admitted into the NICU for a minimum of six weeks.

"It was a very difficult time grieving the loss of a child while celebrating the life of another."

In memory of Heaven and to express appreciation of the support the family received while in hospital, Desirae and her family started a memorial slo-pitch tournament. For the last 6 years, "For Heaven's Sake Memorial Charity Slo-Pitch Tournament" donates a large portion of funds to RDRHC's NICU department and to Ronald McDonald House of Central Alberta and has grown to one of the largest slo-pitch tournaments in Central Alberta.

Thanks to slo-pitch participants and community donors, For Heaven's Sake has raised over \$56,000 to various community groups in their hometown of Stettler and the NICU department at Red Deer Regional Hospital Centre.

"Our family feels honoured and privileged to be able to give back to our community in memory of our little Heaven."



## WORKING TOGETHER

### Donors fund new X-Porte ultrasound for ER and ICU



Thanks to donors, our hospital's Emergency and Intensive Care departments have new portable ultrasound machines to assist with patient diagnosis.

This powerful point-of-care ultrasound system provides improved clarity during examination. With a simpler user interface and customizable controls, this new portable ultrasound system simplifies the process during patient exams so healthcare professionals can provide the best care to patients.

A number of advanced features, an intuitive touchscreen interface, high-definition imaging technology, and the ability to scan along in real-time are some of the unique features in the new X-Porte ultrasound kiosk.

Ultrasounds provide a better understanding of the patient's condition. With the purchase of the new X-Porte ultrasound in our hospital's ER and ICU, patients will continue to have access to state of the art technology to ensure they are receiving effective and efficient care.



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## Equipment Spotlight Electronic Fetal Monitors (EFM)

Fetal heart rates are monitored during pregnancy, labour, and birth to assess the baby's wellbeing.

Currently in our hospital, EFM are captured through bedside monitors and print paper records and can only be viewed at the machine.

With enhanced EFMs, a central monitoring station allows multiple members of the healthcare team to view these records at any location.

A number of electronic features will also ensure additional piece of mind to labouring mothers.



## NEW DATES & LOCATION!



November 14 - 28, 2020

Bower Place Shopping Mall  
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