

Annual Report 2025 Report 2026



RIVERVIEW
HEALTH CENTRE
FOUNDATION



2025-2026 AT A GLANCE

Total dollars raised:

\$1,087,658

Number of donations:

2139

Number of donors:

1725

Purpose: The foundation's purpose is to support Riverview Health Centre Inc. in its efforts to improve the quality of life for residents and patients in its care.

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OUR **MISSION**

The Foundation raises funds and awareness for Riverview Health Centre to enhance the care of its residents and patients.

OUR **VISION**

The Foundation is a key contributor to Riverview Health Centre being regarded as a leading health facility for patient and resident care, research, and education.

OUR **VALUES**

Each donor and donation is valued and treated with respect, transparency, and appreciation.

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Message from the Board Chair & Executive Director

As we reflect on the past year at Riverview Health Centre Foundation, we do so with a deep sense of gratitude, optimism, and excitement for the future. This year marked an important period of growth and transition for the Foundation, including Stephanie Bevacqua's first year as Executive Director, and together we have focused on strengthening the Foundation while continuing to support the incredible care provided at Riverview Health Centre.

Over the past year, we have worked to build a stronger and more sustainable future for the Foundation. One of the most significant milestones was embarking on the development of a new three-year strategic plan. Through conversations with donors, staff, volunteers, community partners, and stakeholders, we took an important step to evaluate where we are today and where we want to go next. That work will help guide the Foundation's priorities, growth, and impact in the years ahead.

At the same time, we continued to see the power of community come to life through our events and fundraising initiatives. Cycle on Life and Bocce Ball once again brought together supporters from across Winnipeg in support of Riverview Health Centre, while creating meaningful opportunities for connection, generosity, and awareness. These events continue to play an important role in supporting quality of life initiatives, specialized programs, equipment, and enhanced care experiences for residents, patients, and families.

This year also brought a renewed focus on strengthening the Foundation internally through improved governance, financial accountability, operational processes, and donor stewardship. While much of this work happens behind the scenes, it is essential to ensuring the Foundation

remains well-positioned to grow and serve the needs of Riverview Health Centre for years to come.

Most importantly, none of this would be possible without the incredible generosity of our donors, sponsors, volunteers, staff, and community supporters. Your belief in Riverview Health Centre Foundation allows us to continue enhancing care, comfort, dignity, and quality of life for those who call Riverview home.

As we look ahead, we are energized by the opportunities before us and committed to building a Foundation that continues to grow in impact, connection, and community support.

Thank you for being part of this journey with us.



GORDON MILES

Board Chair



STEPHANIE BEVACQUA

Executive Director

Impact stories

Behind every donation is a story of care, comfort, recovery, or hope. Thanks to the generosity of our community, Riverview Health Centre Foundation can provide meaningful support that goes beyond basic care and helps improve everyday life for residents, patients, and families. Here are a few stories that highlight that impact.

A spa day every day

New bathing suites turn an essential part of care into a calmer, more comfortable experience that residents look forward to.

The new River Spa bathing suites are quiet, warm, and softly lit. They feel like somewhere you can relax and linger. And it's all thanks to donor support.

The upgraded rooms were designed to transform a necessary daily task into a more comfortable, dignified, and therapeutic experience for residents, while also improving safety and workflow for staff.

When Jane Holliday first arrived as a resident at Riverview, the new spa rooms were still under construction. Bathing meant using the older facilities, which she said were cold and very

uncomfortable due to her mobility challenges and osteoporosis.

"In the old tub room, it was wash me quickly, get me out," Jane said. "I wasn't thinking about relaxation or independence. I was thinking, 'let's get this over with.'"

That has changed completely.

"It's truly a spa-like experience. It's warm. It's comfortable. It's ergonomic," she said. "There are so many thoughtful details. Like the privacy shield, so even if the door opens, you still feel covered and safe. You also have a choice of music to play on the speakers."





Warmth is one of the most noticeable changes. In the previous bathing spaces, Jane recalls feeling chilled afterward, sometimes needing extra blankets and sweaters. Now, heating lights from above and towels from a warming rack help her stay toasty.

Beyond comfort, she also points to something more meaningful: independence. With adjustable handheld shower tools and supportive equipment, she can take part in her own care in a way that wasn't possible before.

"I can rinse my hair myself. I can choose the temperature," she said. "It's amazing to have that much control."

Jane also speaks warmly about the staff, who she says offer plenty of support while encouraging independence. Staff also have access to updated lifting and transfer equipment, which improves safety and makes it easier to support residents with a wide range of mobility needs during bathing.

"It gives staff more space to move, more tools to work with, and ultimately better conditions to provide care," said Anita Jaques, CD4 manager. "When staff have a space that beautiful to work in, it has a positive effect on them too."

When asked to compare the old and new spaces, Jane doesn't hesitate.

"It's like night and day," she said. "I can't think of one negative thing about it."

The transformation of these bathing suites was made possible through donor support. That generosity helped turn a routine part of care into something that restores comfort, dignity, and choice.

For residents like Jane, it's no longer just about getting through a bath or a shower. It is about feeling safe, supported, and, as she puts it, "truly wonderful."

More room to rest

Expandable beds in palliative care adapt to each person's needs and they're certified for two people, so families can be close when it matters most.

In palliative care, a patient's young daughter climbed into bed beside her, curling up close and making the most of the time they had.

This was made possible by an expandable bed.

"We had a patient in her 30s and her little girl would always come and cuddle in the bed with her," said Kayla Vanderwees, palliative care clinical resource nurse. "That's how they spent quality time. It was really beautiful."

That kind of closeness, comfort, and dignity is what these beds provide. And it's only made possible because of generous donors like you. During the foundation's Giving Tuesday campaign in December 2025, over \$45,000 was raised, bringing the palliative care community funding for two more expandable beds.



These aren't ordinary hospital beds. They expand and adjust to fit the person using them, because not everyone's body is the same.

For taller patients, that can mean being able to fully stretch out and rest comfortably. No more feet hanging off the bed or feeling cramped.

For others, it means having more space to reposition, breathe easier, or simply feel less confined during an already difficult time.

"Once they're on the expandable bed, they're always saying, 'Oh, this is so much more comfortable. This is so much better,'" said Kayla.



Before, specialized beds often had to be rented and delivered, taking hours or days to arrive. That meant some patients had to be moved after they already settled in. Now, more patients can get the bed they need right away, with fewer moves and disruptions.

It also makes care safer for staff. More space means easier movement, fewer transfers, and less strain on the team.

"These beds can do so much for our patients at end of life," said Kayla. "They help manage symptoms, but just as importantly, they create space for what really matters, comfort, connection, and time together."

Because of donors like you, these beds are ready when families need them most. A patient can rest without pain, a child can curl up beside her mom, partners can hold each other close, and families can cherish the time they have left, together.



Paying it forward

After a devastating bicycle accident left him fighting to walk again, Kevin and his family created the Fréchette-Gallays Family Endowment Fund so others could get the same second chance he did.

Kevin doesn't remember the crash, the ambulance, the emergency room, or the weeks that followed. His first clear memory? Riverview Health Centre.

"Wow," he thought. "What a nice room."

The accident had left Kevin with multiple broken bones and a serious brain injury. When he arrived at Riverview's Acquired Brain Injury Rehabilitation program, he wasn't sure he'd ever walk without help again.

But slowly, one determined step at a time, he started to get better.

First came the walker. Then the stairs with his physiotherapist by his side. Then cooking a simple meal in occupational therapy. Each small win was a promising step toward recovery.

"It wasn't just one person helping me," Kevin said. "It was everyone, the staff, my family, all of them working together."

The progress was slow, but it was real. Kevin went from struggling to stand to pedaling a stationary bike. And as his strength came back, so did his dreams.

Kevin set a goal: ride in the Foundation's Cycle on Life fundraiser. He wanted to get back on a bike, not just for himself, but to support the place that gave him his mobility back.

He did it. And he's done it every year since.

But for Kevin and his family, riding wasn't enough. They wanted to do something bigger, something that would last. They created an endowment fund that supports patients in the acquired brain injury community.

The fund helps patients access mobility devices, rehabilitation equipment, training, and other supports they may not otherwise be able to afford as they prepare to return home from Riverview Health Centre. So far, they've contributed over \$45,000.

The fund provides financial assistance to patients to help them continue their recovery after leaving Riverview. This can include items such as walkers, wheelchairs, and speech therapy tools that support their rehabilitation after discharge. So far, the family has contributed more than \$45,000.

"We want to keep growing it," Kevin said. "We just want to help people get back on their feet, especially those with acute brain injuries."

Kevin knows what those early days feel like, the fear, the uncertainty, the small victories that feel huge. He knows how much the right care matters when you're starting over from scratch.

Now, thanks to the Fréchette-Gallays Family Endowment Fund, future patients at Riverview will get that same chance. One step, one day, one comeback at a time.



Giving back to a place that gives

For Kirsten and Bryan Albo, Riverview Health Centre is more than a place where loved ones receive care. It's a place where families stay connected and keep making memories together. That inspired them to give back.

Bryan's father spent his final days in palliative care at Riverview. Today, Kirsten's father, Irv, calls Riverview home.

Two different experiences, but both gave them the same comfort that their loved one was one was being cared for with compassion and dignity.

"What Riverview allows me to do is be a daughter," Kirsten says. "All of his needs are taken care of. I get to focus on just being with my dad."

That's not a small thing. Before Riverview, keeping Irv at home meant coordinating care, filling gaps, and worrying. Here, Kirsten can show up, share a meal with her dad, watch her grandchildren paint alongside their great-grandfather, and just be present.

They've noticed other families doing the same. Residents pursuing hobbies, building friendships, and spending real time with the people they love. They also see staff who take the time to know each person, not just as a resident, but as an individual.

"It's a place filled with life," Kirsten says. "There's joy here. There's community here."

Bryan felt that same comfort when his father was in palliative care.

"It's an incredibly difficult thing to go through as a family," Bryan says. "But Riverview made it as comforting as it could be. The care my dad received meant a lot to all of us."

The Albos have long supported causes that strengthen their community, but they wanted to make a lasting impact somewhere they knew firsthand. Inspired by the care, compassion, and sense of community they experienced through Riverview, they knew they found the right place.

Their first gift will support residents on 2 West, where Irv lives, funding recreational equipment, technology upgrades, and enhancements that improve everyday life.

But for Kirsten and Bryan, the true value of their gift isn't measured in equipment or upgrades. It's measured in moments. Moments shared between residents and their families. Moments of connection, laughter, comfort, and togetherness.

"We trust Riverview," Kirsten says. "We know the support will go where it's needed most and make a real difference in people's lives."





Signature Events

Cycle on Life 2025

Rain clouds rolled in, but so did more than 150 cyclists determined to support care at Riverview.

Together, they raised over \$146,000.

Despite grey skies threatening rain, 154 cyclists gathered on June 8, 2025, in support of Riverview Health Centre. And while a little rain did fall, it never slowed the spirit of the day.

When riders returned, they were welcomed with a warm indoor lunch featuring food generously donated by Save-On-Foods and lunch sponsorship support from Crosier Kilgour, alongside music, airbrush tattoos, and plenty of great conversation with fellow supporters, Riverview residents, and volunteers.

The day also recognized Bob Sokalski as the 2025 Cycle on Life Champion for his long-time support of the event, including his 24 years serving on the board, and his role in connecting the Winnipeg Blue Bombers Alumni with the ride.



The event would not have been possible without the dedication of volunteers and the generous support from our sponsors:

- Presenting Sponsor – Manitoba Public Insurance
- 65km Ride Sponsor – Olympia Cycle & Ski
- 20km Ride Sponsor – HUB International
- Start/Finish Line Sponsor – Neil Bardal Funeral Centre
- Food Sponsor – Save-On-Foods
- Lunch Sponsor – Crosier Kilgour
- Half-way Rest Stop Sponsor – Manitoba Blue Cross
- Pit Stop Sponsor – The Workers Compensation Board of Manitoba

- Kids Activity Sponsor – Gail Asper and Michael Paterson
- Breakfast Sponsor – Wellington-Altus Private Wealth
- Face Paint Sponsor – Air and Ink
- Pedal Pusher Sponsors – Qualico, KPMG, KGS Group, and Tom Powell Design

And thank you to the following corporate sponsors for helping to make the event possible:

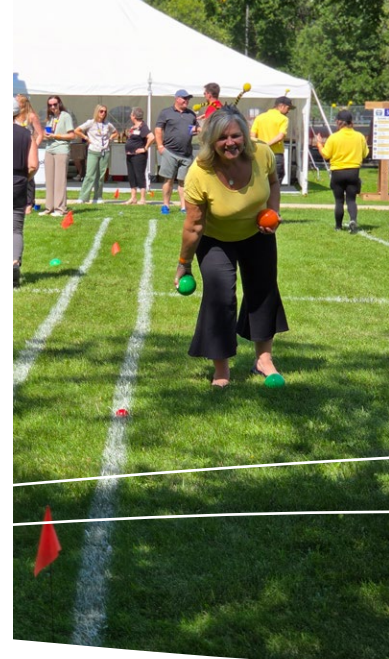
- The Keg
- Cranked Energy
- Old Dutch
- Winnipeg Blue Bombers
- Winnipeg Blue Bomber Alumni
- Gunn's Bakery

- Corpell's Water
- Mary Brown's Chicken

Cycle on Life 2025 once again demonstrated the power of community in motion. Beyond the ride itself, it was a day of connection and shared purpose, with every rider, volunteer, and supporter helping advance care at Riverview Health Centre.

Thank you to everyone who took part and helped bring this special day to life.





Bocce Ball 2025

The wait turned out to be worth it! After rain postponed the original event date of August 21, the Riverview grounds came to life on August 28 for an afternoon of food, games, and fun.

Players from 20 teams gathered across 10 bocce courts for an afternoon that felt equal parts summer celebration and spirited competition. Between games, participants enjoyed Italian dishes served by La Cantina Di Mona Lisa, played lawn games, and sipped on cold signature cocktails, a welcome sight in the 30-degree heat.

The tournament was full of personality, from creative team outfits to a crowd-pleasing soundtrack that kept the energy high all afternoon.

The Prairie Dogs from Prairie Architects were crowned champions, but plenty of others went home winners too, with fun prizes awarded for everything from best team spirit to lowest total score (all in good fun, of course!). And of course, we have to give a shout out to runners up, the Beach Ballers.

As a thank you, every participant and volunteer also received gift bags filled with local treats and goodies.

Events like this are only possible because of the incredible support of our sponsors:

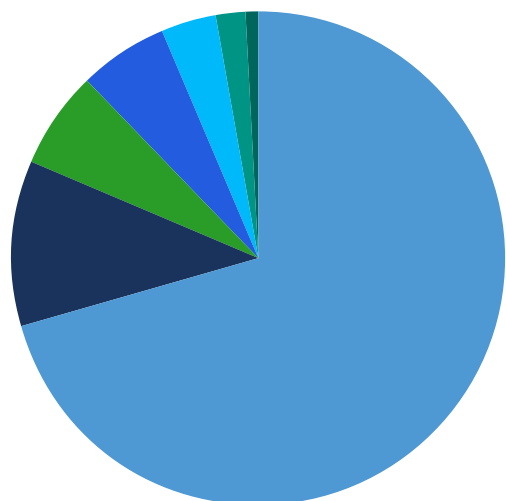
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For a few hours, the Riverview grounds simply felt full of joy, connection, and community. But behind every game, meal, and shared laugh was something meaningful: people coming together to support compassionate care at Riverview.



Your gifts at work – Where we invested



- Community Care: **\$13,987**
- Specialized Care: **\$37,951**
- Personal Care Communities: **\$74,843**
- Research Projects: **\$116,963**
- Palliative Health Investments: **\$123,486**
- Alzheimer's Care & Projects: **\$217,998**
- Capital Projects: **\$1,412,248**

Total: \$1,997,474



Our supporters

A big thank you to the National Music Centre for their support of Riverview's Music Therapy Program this year. Their generosity has helped bring the joy, comfort, and connection of music to patients and residents throughout the Centre.



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Strategic Plan 2026–2029

Our 2026–2029 Strategic Plan

Purpose of the Strategic Plan

The purpose of this Strategic Plan is to provide clear and practical direction for the Foundation over the next three years. It identifies priorities that strengthen fundraising, improve internal operations, and deepen the Foundation's relationship with Riverview Health Centre and the broader community.

This plan is intended to guide decision-making by the Board and staff, support alignment across the organization, and ensure that efforts are focused on activities that create the greatest impact.

Strategic Plan Framework

The 2026–2029 Strategic Plan is guided by three interconnected strategic directions that together strengthen the Foundation's partnership with Riverview Health Centre, enhance its fundraising approach, and build the organizational capacity required to support long-term impact:

- 1. Strengthen Partnership with Riverview Health Centre**
- 2. Strengthen and Evolve Fundraising**
- 3. Strengthen Organizational Capacity and Effectiveness**

Together, these directions reflect a practical, donor-centred approach that builds on the Foundation's strengths while addressing key opportunities for growth and sustainability.



Strategic Direction 1: Strengthen Partnership with Riverview Health Centre

Description	This strategic direction focuses on strengthening the partnership between the Foundation and Riverview Health Centre through closer collaboration, coordinated planning, and shared understanding of priorities. A strong and integrated relationship will support more effective fundraising and ensure that donor support is directly connected to care.		
Outcome	By the end of the strategic period, the Foundation and Riverview Health Centre operate as a coordinated and collaborative partnership, with strong relationships across leadership and governance, clear and shared priorities, and effective processes to support planning, communication, and decision-making.		
Goal	Strengthen partnership and relationship across leadership and governance	Strengthen coordination and information flow between the Foundation and Riverview Health Centre	Strengthen alignment of priorities and funding needs
Objectives	Create opportunities for engagement and relationship-building between the Foundation and Riverview Health Centre Boards	Maintain and prioritize regular coordination touchpoints between the Foundation and Riverview Health Centre to support ongoing alignment	Develop and implement a joint approach to identify and confirm priority funding areas, including those that directly support Riverview Health Centre staff
	Facilitate regular interaction and connection between Foundation Board members and Riverview Health Centre Board members	Develop and implement consistent processes for sharing information on needs, projects, and outcomes (for example, newsletter)	Engage in collaborative, joint strategic planning to align efforts at all levels of both organizations (2029)
	Integrate Foundation perspectives into organizational planning processes and discussions where appropriate	Create internal mechanisms to highlight and share Foundation-supported initiatives across Riverview Health Centre	Align funding priorities with both immediate needs and longer-term organizational opportunities
	Support shared understanding of roles, responsibilities, and opportunities across both organizations	Support joint planning activities that enable timely and informed decision-making	Support Riverview Health Centre staff and leadership in contributing to and understanding funding priorities

Strategic Direction 2: Strengthen Fundraising Program

Description	This strategic direction focuses on strengthening the Foundation's fundraising approach through deeper donor engagement, diversified revenue streams, and more intentional alignment with impact. A modern and relationship-based approach will support long-term sustainability and create meaningful opportunities for donors to connect with the Foundation's work.			
Outcome	By the end of the strategic period, the Foundation operates with a diversified and sustainable fundraising model, characterized by strong donor relationships, clear connections between giving and impact, and a coordinated approach to events, campaigns, and revenue generation.			
Goals	Strengthen Donor Engagement & Stewardship	Connect Donors to Impact Through Storytelling	Diversify Revenue Streams and Giving Pathways	Emphasize relationship building as part of an events strategy
Objectives	Develop and implement a donor stewardship approach that supports consistent communication, recognition, and engagement	Capture and integrate patient, resident, and care-based stories into all fundraising materials, campaigns, and donor communications to clearly connect giving to impact (for example, develop story library)	Expand opportunities for monthly, major, and legacy giving to support long-term sustainability	Review the performance and purpose of existing events to ensure alignment with strategic priorities and overall fundraising objectives
	Provide regular, meaningful updates that demonstrate impact and reinforce donors' connection to the Foundation's work	Create opportunities for donors to see and understand the impact of their support through experiences such as tours, events, and project-based updates	Strengthen corporate partnerships and sponsorship opportunities aligned with organizational priorities	Prioritize accessible, participation-based, and community-oriented events that support engagement, visibility, and connection to the Foundation's work
	Establish mechanisms to gather feedback and continuously strengthen donor engagement over time	Align storytelling with priority funding areas to ensure a clear and consistent connection between donor support and organizational needs	Develop and promote giving options that reflect donor interests and create multiple pathways for engagement	Strengthen corporate and community participation through event-based partnerships and collaborative initiatives
			Establish a coordinated approach to growing and managing diverse revenue streams over time	Establish consistent practices to evaluate event effectiveness and inform ongoing planning and decision-making

Strategic Direction 3:

Strengthen Organizational Capacity and Effectiveness

Description	This strategic direction focuses on strengthening the Foundation's internal systems, processes, and communications to support efficient operations and effective decision-making. A strong organizational foundation will enable the Foundation to deliver on its priorities, support staff and leadership, and sustain growth over time.		
Outcome	By the end of the strategic period, the Foundation operates with clear and consistent processes, coordinated communications, and effective use of data and systems, enabling informed decision-making and strong organizational performance.		
Goals	Strengthen organizational infrastructure and efficiency	Strengthen strategic and coordinated communications	Strengthen data management and use of systems
Objectives	Review and update all organizational and fund development policies and procedures to ensure clarity, consistency, and alignment with current practices	Develop and implement a clear communications strategy that aligns with fundraising priorities and organizational goals	Review and optimize the donor CRM to improve the quality, consistency, and usability of donor data
	Establish consistent workflows and develop standard tools and templates to support efficient daily operations	Ensure consistent, high-quality communication across all donor and stakeholder touchpoints	Establish clear and accessible financial and other reporting practices to support fundraising performance monitoring and decision-making
	Clarify roles and responsibilities across fundraising, communications, and operations	Align fundraising materials and communications with current priorities, projects, and demonstrated impact	Strengthen staff capacity to use data and systems to inform planning, engagement, and fundraising activities
	Ensure staff and Board have access to the tools, information, and resources needed to support their work	Identify opportunities to raise Riverview Health Centre's profile in the community- develop joint communications plan.	
	Document key processes and practices to support consistency, continuity, and knowledge sharing over time		

Strategic Plan Implementation

Three Year Plan

The Foundation is re-establishing a three-year strategic planning horizon to guide its work from 2026 to 2029. This timeframe reflects both the Foundation's current stage of development and the need to strengthen core areas such as partnership, fundraising, and organizational capacity in a focused and manageable way.

A three-year horizon provides sufficient time to implement meaningful change while maintaining flexibility and responsiveness. It allows the Foundation to build on its strong base, establish clear priorities, and advance its work in a deliberate and sustainable manner, ensuring that progress is both achievable and aligned with the needs of Riverview Health Centre. It also supports the Foundation to engage in collaborative Strategic Planning alongside Riverview Health Centre according to Strategic Direction 1.

Conclusion

The Foundation's 2026–2029 Strategic Plan builds on a strong foundation and sets a clear path forward for the next phase of the Foundation's work. By strengthening its partnership with Riverview Health Centre, evolving its fundraising approach, and enhancing its organizational capacity, the Foundation is well positioned to deepen its impact and support high-quality care for patients and residents.

This plan provides a clear and shared direction for the Foundation's future, supporting continued growth, stronger relationships, and meaningful connection between donor support and care.





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