

# Grandview & District Community Foundation makes Grandview Telehealth dream come true

The Grandview & District Community Resource Council Inc. is a volunteer driven, non-profit and charitable organization whose mandate is to assist the community in creating and developing resources that will maintain or enhance senior's ability to remain independent and in their homes as long as possible.

Careful consideration and a community needs assessment determined that there was a need for a Telehealth unit in Grandview.

In May 2007, The Grandview Resource Council submitted an application to the Parkland Regional Health Authority for a Telehealth Services unit for Grandview. The application was a 2-3 year process.

In June 2008, the application was denied, due to there being too many applications for the funding available. Applying again in May/09 was encouraged.

The Board of Directors of the Resource Council then considered fundraising the estimated \$55,000 to purchase the Telehealth Unit. This concept was proposed to the PRHA and after careful consideration the PRHA suggested that they would put Grandview on the priority list for expansion and if the community is willing to fundraise, then that much better for us.

Several grants were applied for and a community presentation was held in November 2008.

Private donations started to roll in, and by end of November 2008 word was received that the Thomas Sill Foundation would provide \$15,000 towards the

Telehealth project.

In December 2008 at the Annual Christmas Gala, the **Grandview and District Community Foundation** helped fast track this project by contributing \$25,000. Without this generous donation, it would have taken the Resource Council another complete year of fundraising dinners, ticket sales, etc. This donation enabled the Resource Council to focus more time on the details of the project and reduce the focus on donation collection.

The following are short excerpts from the funding announcement by Felicia Hyra of the **Grandview & District Community Foundation**.

*"The MBTelehealth Project is a videoconference network that will be available in the Grandview Hospital. This conferencing tool is available to everyone who would like to communicate with someone outside of the community of Grandview who also has a Telehealth site. The most popular use is to link patients with health care expertise at a distance. You would be able to see, hear and talk to your health provider on a television screen. The service is also used for medical education for doctors and nurses, patient visits known as Televisitation..."*

*"The Foundation believes that the value of the investment in this project reaches far beyond the dollars we have donated."*

*"Patients will save time because they will not need to drive to Winnipeg to reach specialists."*

*"Patients will use less time off from work for medical*

*appointments, as they will not need to drive to Winnipeg."*

*"Doctors and nurses will have reduced travel time to attend education conferences and courses, giving them more time with their family or adding value to our health care facility."*

*"The money saved by each person in terms of fuel, car use, time, time off work along with the immeasurable value of 'doing just what you need to do - see the doctor or talk to your people'...is significant - well above the cost of Telehealth."*

*"This donation is only possible because of our donors. We have received many large, small, regular, and one time donations, such as estates, over the years - these monies allow our community to invest in itself and our future - without having to fundraise first..."*

By January 2009, the Resource Council had reached their goal of fundraising the \$55,000.00 and in December 2009, the Telehealth Unit was installed and operational.

The Grandview Resource Council strongly encourages everyone that by donating to the **Grandview and District Community Foundation**, you will be fast tracking future dreams within our community... They helped to make our dream come true.

To donate, please visit our website at [www.grandviewseniorsresource.ca](http://www.grandviewseniorsresource.ca) to fill out a donation form or visit the Town and RM office of Grandview.

## What a Telehealth patient says...

*"I was a little sceptical about using Telehealth, but one visit made me a believer. It was such a time saver and it was just like being in the room with your doctor - perfect for consultations!"*

## What professionals say about Telehealth...

*"I have had many chances to attend educational events or "rounds" via telehealth - without it being available onsite, I would have to take more days off clinic work to attend events in Winnipeg or sometimes even further. Continuing medical education is compulsory for all physicians, in order to maintain competency. I have been able to attend regional meetings onsite, rather than drive to Dauphin - time saving indeed!*

*I have had the opportunity to sit in when a patient was seen - a way to get to know the specialists we refer to, and learn at the same time.*

*Lastly - it is just pretty cool to see one more service being offered in our facility!"*

**Dr. Jacobi Elliott**  
Grandview Medical Clinic

*"Our facility, through the generosity of the community and through the hard work of people like Connie Tanasichuk, has been given the capability of providing both clinical and non-clinical telehealth sessions. Many patients have benefited from our Telehealth site in the short four months of operation. Clinic, nursing and many support staff are now trained to assist patients with their Telehealth visits at Grandview District Hospital. In addition to the clinical sessions, our staff and community partners now have many more opportunities to access best practice education in order to continue to provide safe and competent care to our community members."*

**Roxanne Kallusky, RN**  
Clinical Resource Nurse,  
Grandview District Hospital

*"The inception of Telehealth at the Grandview District Hospital has been a very positive and rewarding service to the people in the community, and surrounding communities, of Grandview. Telehealth commenced in December, and at that time, we felt it would be a while before it was utilized to any extent, but it has been relatively busy and will increase even more so in the future. Any clients who have already utilized the Telehealth service have stated that they are so grateful that they now have this service in Grandview."*

**Grandview District Hospital Staff**

## How the Foundation Works

**The Grandview and District Community Foundation** pools charitable gifts in a capital fund to create a lasting legacy for the future of our town and the surrounding area.

The Foundation grows through the generosity of many donors, both large and small. Your individual gift is never spent or "used up". It is preserved along with other donor gifts through an invested capital fund.

Donations are retained as capital in perpetuity. The interest generated by the fund is used to provide grants to enhance the quality of life the Grandview Area.

Your contribution can be made in several ways:

- A gift or pledge of money
- A bequest in a will
- A charitable gift of life insurance
- An annual donation
- A gift in memory of a relative or friend

You can designate your gift for the general charitable purposes of the Foundation or designate a particular field of interest. All gifts qualify as deductions for income tax purposes.

**Grants** - The Foundation Board reviews all applications each March and makes grants available to the qualifying applicants.



*A gift from the heart that keeps on giving*