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## **Saint John Regional Hospital Foundation Urges New Brunswick Minister of Health to Allow Purchase of DNA Sequencing Equipment for the Saint John Regional Hospital**

**Saint John, NB** –The Honorable Victor Boudreau, MLA, New Brunswick Minister of Health has directed the Horizon Health Board of Directors not to accept the offer of funding from the Saint John Regional Hospital Foundation for the purchase of DNA sequencing equipment at the Saint John Regional Hospital.

On February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2014, with approval from Horizon Health Network and the Minister of Health, the Saint John Regional Hospital Foundation launched The Give – Personalized Medicine – a public campaign to raise and donate \$900,000 to the Saint John Regional Hospital for the purchase of 13 pieces of DNA sequencing equipment. With the generous support of the Saint John community, the Foundation surpassed its goal on February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

“The Saint John Regional Hospital Foundation is committed to funding programs and equipment that have been identified as priorities by the Horizon Health Network. We take our moral obligation to our donors very seriously, and we have been in discussions with government for several weeks about this matter.

We are confident that our support of the personalized medicine program at the Saint John Regional Hospital is necessary, cost-efficient, and in the best health care interest of New Brunswickers, as advised by lead clinical care experts in this province. We are continuing our discussions in good faith, and we will not speak publically until we have had the opportunity to fully review all information with government. We are dedicated to finding a positive resolution to this matter.” -Jeff McAloon, President and CEO of the Saint John Regional Hospital Foundation

The **Saint John Regional Hospital Foundation** has raised over \$80 million to date in support of excellence and innovation in the areas of equipment, mental health, research, education, and patient comfort at the Saint John Regional Hospital, the largest healthcare centre in the province – providing world-class care for all New Brunswickers.

For more information about the Saint John Regional Hospital Foundation, please visit [www.sjrhf.ca](http://www.sjrhf.ca)

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