



MEDIA ADVISORY

Best and Last Skate to Care and MindCare Grant Allocation Ceremony raised record setting funds for mental health programming and initiatives in New Brunswick

Saint John, NB: April 10, 2017. On Saturday, April 8th, 2017, supporters gathered at Harbour Station and skated their last lap in support of the 30th Annual BEST and LAST Investor's Group Skate to Care. Over 30 teams participated in the long-standing fundraising event and raised just over \$52,000 in support of mental health programming and initiatives in New Brunswick.

Following the event, the annual MindCare Grant Allocation Ceremony took place. Grants were announced and awarded to numerous programs across New Brunswick that support research, education, therapeutic treatment programs, and transformational project initiatives. Each grant provides financial support for those seeking to make a significant, long-lasting impact in their community.

Last year, MindCare granted \$411,133 to these such programs. **This year, a provincial record has been set, with granted funds totaling \$605.194!** (Please see a full list of grant awardees below.)

"We are incredibly grateful for our Investors Group Skate to Care supporters and donors for their many years of participation," says Saint John Regional Hospital Foundation President and CEO Jeff McAloon. "Each supporter has helped impact mental health initiatives in our province in their own way.

"The grants awarded at the allocation ceremony will be making a tremendous impact for mental health programming in New Brunswick. We can't wait to see the positive change each brings," says McAloon.

Therapeutic Funding

YMCA – Rainbows Program
\$20,000

Key Industries – Music Therapy Program
\$8,000

L'Arche Saint John – Expansion of Creative Arts Initiative
\$10,000

Canadian Mental Health Association
\$65,000 – Moncton, Fredericton & Saint John Programming
\$5,000 – Peer Support Training Program

SHARE Activity Centre (Hazards of Duke Skate Team) – Support for adults accessing mental health services
\$3,276

Family Plus – Phase 2 of the Paving the Way Project
\$20,000



Gentle Path – Counselling Services
\$5,000

Salvation Army – Red Cap Anger Management for Kids
\$5,000

Camp Kerry – Bereavement Retreat
\$10,000

Fresh Start Services for Women
\$5,000

Dr. France Talbot, University of Moncton – Access to Psychological Care using Telepsychotherapy
\$33,000

Horizon Health Network
Moncton – Healing Books Project
\$25,000

Saint John Centracare – Patient area renovations
\$70,000

Fredericton Chalmers Hospital – 3SE Mental Health Pod
\$25,000

Fredericton – Recovery Art Studio
\$4,000

Ridgewood Addiction Services – Music & Calming therapy supplies
\$4,000

Research Funding
Dr. Caroline Brunelle & Lillian MacNeill, University of New Brunswick – Client Experiences in Different Methadone Maintenance Treatment Programs
\$16,872

Dr. DiTommaso & Aryn Benoit, University of New Brunswick – Examining the relationship between Attachment Security, Self-Compassion and Pain
\$7,135

Scholarships
Dalhousie University – Graduate Certificate in Mental Health & Addictions Program
\$10,000

Transformational Funding
Dr. Wendy Stewart and Horizon Health Research Services with two projects focused on the work at KV Oasis:
Implementation & Impact of a “One Stop Shop” Approach to Youth Wellbeing and Mental Health
\$164,910



AVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEWS:

- Jeff McAloon, President & CEO, Saint John Regional Hospital Foundation

MindCare New Brunswick raises and distributes funds to numerous programs across New Brunswick that promote mental wellness and provide expert services to those living with mental illness. A major funder of community and mental health initiatives, MindCare New Brunswick is a committee of the Board of Directors of the Saint John Regional Hospital Foundation and considers applications for funding under the following four categories:

1. Therapeutic and/or Treatment Programs
2. Education Scholarships
3. Research Funding
4. Transformational Funding

The **Saint John Regional Hospital Foundation** raises funds to support 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.

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