



Dr. H. Bliss Murphy Cancer Care Foundation

The Dr. H. Bliss Murphy Cancer Care Foundation is a registered charity that raises funds to support the Dr. H. Bliss Murphy Cancer Centre (in St. John's) and affiliated cancer programs throughout the province of Newfoundland and Labrador.

Significant advances have been made over the past ten years for the care of cancer patients in Newfoundland and Labrador. However, cancer screening programs and an aging population will result in increased incidence rates and will place additional pressure on existing resources.

Presently, in Canada, we can expect that in excess of 144,000 people will be diagnosed with an invasive cancer. By the year 2015, the number of new invasive cancer cases will be about 43% greater than that of 2002 and, by 2010, cancer will be the leading cause of death, surpassing cardiovascular disease.

In Newfoundland and Labrador, **more than 2,100 people will be diagnosed annually** with an invasive cancer **and another 1,000** will be diagnosed with in-situ or borderline cancers.

There has been a slight improvement in survival rates resulting from early detection and better treatment programs over the past 15 years. Thus, there are more people living with cancer.

Since 2001, **new patient referrals** to cancer centres (Dr. H. Bliss Murphy Cancer Centre, Cancer Centre Gander, Cancer Centre Grand Falls- Windsor, Cancer Centre Western Region) **increased by 24% annually**. **In 2007 -2008, the number of new patients grew to 2,227.**

Cancer prevalence (the number of people in the province who have a cancer) is estimated to be about 285% higher than the incidence (number of people diagnosed annually), meaning that we have 18,000-20,000 people here living with cancer.

The Cancer Care Foundation (former Fund Development Department – NCTRF) with the support of its dedicated donors and volunteers, has **raised more than ten million dollars** for cancer treatment centres, treatment equipment and support programs in Newfoundland and Labrador.

Achievements

Capital/Program funding provided since 1994 includes:

- \$2.7 million raised for Dr. H. Bliss Murphy Cancer Centre, St. John's
- \$140,000 raised for Cancer Centre Western Region, Corner Brook
- \$60,000 for Cancer Centre Gander
- \$120,000 raised for Cancer Centre Grand Falls-Windsor
- Patient and Family Support Endowment Fund, disbursed to cancer patients requiring assistance with travel, accommodations and meals
- \$2.5 Million for Cancer Treatment Equipment Radiation Treatment Unit, CT Simulator, High Dose Rate Afterloading System, Portal Imaging System, Multi-Leaf Collimator
- 3.1 Million raised through PRIORITY: The Campaign for Cancer Care.

All contributions to the Cancer Care Foundation remain in the province and are used to:

- enhance regional programs close to the patient's home;
- support local education and research projects;
- fund patient support programs and services; and,
- acquire cancer treatment equipment.

Funding cancer care...right here.