Local foundation to bring CT scanner to the community

_Fundraising campaign begins for powerful diagnostic tool_

DRAYTON VALLEY — The Drayton Valley Health Services Foundation aims to bring state-of-the-art diagnostic technology to the Drayton Valley Hospital and Care Centre, launching a $1.6-million fundraising campaign to purchase a computed tomography (CT) scanner.

“This is the single biggest campaign we have undertaken,” says Fund Development Officer Colleen Sekura. “I have great confidence in the support of our caring and generous community.”

Currently, local patients are transported to facilities in larger centres to have a CT scan, which is used to verify the presence or absence of tumours, infection, abnormal anatomy or changes within the body from trauma. The equipment is also used to diagnose strokes and for other tests.

Working in partnership with the foundation, Alberta Health Services (AHS) will be responsible for operating expenses and ongoing maintenance of the CT scanner.

“AHS has been working to ensure residents in the Drayton Valley and surrounding area have access to imaging services closer to home,” says Kathy Howe, AHS Area Director for Brazeau, Ponoka and Wetaskiwin Counties. “This will benefit central Albertans who need a CT scan, including those who experience a stroke.”

All funds raised at the foundation’s annual PennWest Charity Golf Tournament, scheduled for June 20, will be allocated to the campaign, along with funds from other foundation events planned for this summer.

Since 1995, the Drayton Valley Health Services Foundation has ensured local donations stay in the community and improve local health services to benefit residents in Drayton Valley and the surrounding area.

Alberta Health Services is the provincial health authority responsible for planning and delivering health supports and services for more than four million adults and children living in Alberta. Its mission is to provide a patient-focused, quality health system that is accessible and sustainable for all Albertans.

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