

BRH COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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RECRUITMENT AT BRH



Dr. Brian McPherson and Jennifer Forrest, Physician Recruitment and Medical Affairs Coordinator at Blanche River Health (BRH), recruiting at medical conferences in the UK.

Shortages of clinicians in various disciplines are still a challenge, and recruitment of medical staff remains a priority at Blanche River Health. Recruiters have been busy travelling the province and even the UK to promote Blanche River Health and the local area to medical professionals. Government programs and incentives have been used, and we are happy to report that 33 new clinicians have been recruited to Blanche River Health in the last year. Our reliance on temporary agency staffing has decreased by 10 positions.

ED CLOSURE AT OUR ENGLEHART SITE

On March 5, we had to make the difficult decision to temporarily close the Emergency Department (ED) at our Englehart site, due to a shortage of physicians. We thank the residents of Englehart and surrounding areas for the patience and understanding they showed our staff during the 48 hour closure. While we continue to actively recruit physicians from all corners, we remain vulnerable to such closures for the time being.



BLANCHE RIVER HEALTH FOUNDATION

The Blanche River Health Foundation raises money to fund the new equipment, infrastructure and programs that we do not receive government funding for. It recently funded the purchase of two brand new non-urgent patient transfer vehicles to take inpatients to medical appointments in Timmins, North Bay and Sudbury. The funds came from a nearly \$1 million gift left to the Foundation in former Kirkland Lake resident Olga Jackson's will. To learn more about leaving us a gift in your will, please speak with your estate planner.

How you can support the foundation's cardiac fundraiser to fund new cardiac equipment:

- Individual donations online: www.blancheriverhealth.ca
- Call (705) 567-5251 ext. 2156
- Mail/drop off a cheque marked "Cardiac Fund" to Blanche River Health Foundation, 145 Government Road East Kirkland Lake, ON P2N 3P4
- Buy lottery tickets at: www.splitthepot.ca

**\$47,041.92 raised
towards \$146,000 goal**



KL GIFT SHOP OPEN MONDAY-THURSDAY, 10 AM TO 2 PM AND FRIDAYS, 10 AM TO 1 PM

Support the Hospital Auxiliary in its efforts to raise funds for the hospital. These volunteers work hard to source unique items such as pajamas, slippers, hand bags, clothing, home décor, snacks, Nevada tickets and famed Silver Raven chocolates and treats made in Englehart.

The Auxiliary would love to operate at the Englehart site and they are looking for volunteers. For more details, please email volunteer@blancheriverhealth.ca or call 1-866-274-7774 ext. 3239.

EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT

Please note that patients are prioritized based on the severity of their symptoms. This means a patient who arrives after you may be seen first, or you may be seen before others who have waited longer. We understand the confusion this might cause, and we assure you these decisions are made to promote best outcomes for all our patients.

CAFETERIA

Our cafeteria is open Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Come down to the first floor for muffins, sandwiches, soups, hot and cold beverages, cold salads and hot meals. Prices are very reasonable and the menu changes daily.

YOUR FEEDBACK MATTERS!

- E-mail us at: patientexperience@blancheriverhealth.ca
- Participate in 48-hour discharge survey calls
- Call us at 1-866-274-7774 ext. 3202
- Fill out comment cards located at the Emergency Department in Kirkland Lake and in the main entrance lobby in Englehart
- Scan the QR code with your smart phone:

