

**DEER LODGE CENTRE FOUNDATION GRANTS \$200,000  
TO DEER LODGE CENTRE FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN BARIATRIC AND DEMENTIA CARE**

**PRESS RELEASE  
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WINNIPEG, June 20, 2023 –Today the Deer Lodge Centre Foundation (DLCF) announces a disbursement of \$200,000, the largest disbursement in the organization’s history, to Deer Lodge Centre (DLC). The funds, the first installment of a \$750,000 total commitment, will be used for needed improvements in the Bariatric Unit and refurbishment of the T7 dementia care unit at the Centre.

The refurbishment of the T7 dementia unit will include the kitchen and dining area to provide better sightlines and flow. The addition of memory centres, areas of the unit designed to mimic the outside world, will be added to soothe and provide purpose for dementia patients in their care. These centres will include dolls in a nursery, offices with papers and typewriters, and clothing and home goods to attempt to stimulate memory and provide a calming environment. Additionally, paint colours will be used to denote areas of the unit so that patients can better orient themselves to their surroundings.

Lodge 5 Bariatric improvements include a new bathing suite and additional beds to provide comfortable and safe care for bariatric residents who call DLC home.

“To be able to grant this money to Deer Lodge Centre on behalf of our generous donors feels incredible. Deer Lodge has been part of our community for more than 100 years and it’s a wonderful feeling to continue to have a huge impact on the well-being of Manitobans.”

- Jim Kurz, Chair | Deer Lodge Centre Foundation Board of Directors

“Deer Lodge Centre was originally established as a rehabilitation hospital for soldiers returning home from WWI and that legacy is not something we take for granted. To be able to continue to provide cutting-edge care at DLC now not only for Veterans but for the community is remarkable. As dementia becomes more and more prevalent in our society, Deer Lodge Centre will continue to be here providing exceptional care for generations to come.”

- Nicole LaTourelle, Executive Director | Deer Lodge Centre Foundation

“The significant financial commitment from the Deer Lodge Centre Foundation will improve the lives of patients and residents, create environments that support family interaction with their relatives, and improve safety for the staff. On behalf of DLC, I want to thank the Foundation Board and staff for making lives better.”

- Kevin Scott, Chief Operating Officer | Deer Lodge Centre

Donations to the Deer Lodge Centre Foundation can be made at [deerlodgecentrefoundation.com](https://deerlodgecentrefoundation.com)

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**Deer Lodge Centre Foundation**

[Deer Lodge Centre Foundation](https://deerlodgecentrefoundation.com) was established in 1990 to raise awareness and funds for programs, services, and research at [Deer Lodge Centre](https://deerlodgecentre.com).

**Deer Lodge Centre**

Originally established in 1916 as a military convalescent hospital for returning WWI soldiers, [Deer Lodge Centre](https://deerlodgecentre.com), as part of the Winnipeg Regional Health Authority, provides health services to adults with complex needs. Support is provided in the areas of Rehabilitation, Chronic Care, Dementia Care, Mental Health and Bariatrics. The programs and services offered at Deer Lodge Centre support the needs of



clients in a variety of care settings, including inpatient programming, outpatient clinics and residential care. Deer Lodge Centre has a long and proud history of caring and an ongoing commitment to the healthcare needs of the Canadian Forces and Veterans.