2025-2026

Where Hope Takes Root

Deer Lodge Centre Foundation Impact Report

DEER LODGE CENTRE
FOUNDATION

"I had a good experience here when I was injured in active service in the '60's. That's what brought me back here now. It's totally different, but it's still great."

DON CATER
Veteran and Deer Lodge Centre resident

A Year Made Possible by You

This past year was one of remarkable progress for Deer Lodge Centre Foundation. Thanks to the generosity of our donors, sponsors, volunteers and community partners, we invested more than $1.3 million in projects that will have a lasting impact on the lives of Deer Lodge Centre's residents, patients and Veterans.

From funding the courtyard renovation to investments in innovative equipment, wellness initiatives and enhancements to the Movement Disorders Clinic, every dollar given was transformed into something meaningful. These are more than projects. They are moments of connection, greater independence, improved care and brighter days for the people who call Deer Lodge Centre home.

This report celebrates what we accomplished together. It reflects the compassion of a community that believes everyone deserves dignity, comfort and exceptional care, and it reminds us that meaningful change is never achieved alone.

To every donor, volunteer, sponsor and supporter: thank you. Your generosity continues to shape the future of Deer Lodge Centre in ways that will be felt for years to come.

Together, we are creating a place where care goes beyond medicine and where every act of generosity leaves a lasting legacy.

With gratitude,

CAT ROSS
Executive Director

JIM KURZ
Board Chair

"If we can build a community and make Deer Lodge a place where people have a little bit of sunshine, we've done our job."

TRACY KOGA
DLCF Board Member

The Backyard Our Community Deserves

$1,200,000+ invested
in the Paul Albrechtsen Courtyard Redevelopment Project

For many residents, Deer Lodge Centre is home. Thanks to donor support, home will soon include a beautiful outdoor space designed for connection, healing and joy.

The revitalized courtyard will give residents, patients, Veterans and families a safe, accessible place to enjoy fresh air, tend a garden, gather with loved ones or simply sit in the sunshine. With barrier-free pathways, accessible planting beds and spaces that honour Indigenous healing traditions, it will be more than a courtyard, it will become a backyard for everyone who calls Deer Lodge home.

"The moment we turned it on, residents started coming over without being asked. They were drawn in by the colours, the movement and the sounds."

KERRI BELL
Manager of Health Services, Deer Lodge Centre

Rediscovering Joy Through Play

$39,000+ invested
in Tovertafel interactive games

This year, donor support brought Tovertafel interactive games to Deer Lodge Centre, transforming everyday spaces into places of laughter, movement and connection.

Designed for people living with dementia, the Tovertafel encourages residents to play, engage with one another and reconnect through light, music and interactive games, bringing joy to residents while creating meaningful moments for families and care teams alike.

"The Movement Disorder Clinic gave me my life back."

REID BERNARD
MDC Patient

Supporting Specialized Care at the Movement Disorder Clinic

$21,000+ invested
in clinic renovations and equipment

The Movement Disorders Clinic (MDC) provides specialized, interdisciplinary care for Manitobans living with Parkinsons Disease and other complex neurological conditions. Bringing together neurologists, nurses and allied health professionals, the clinic helps patients manage symptoms, maintain independence and navigate life with confidence.

This year, donor support funded renovations, improvements and new equipment, creating a more welcoming and functional space for the thousands of patients and families who rely on the clinic each year.

"When people see me set up as the popcorn lady, or with hot chocolate, it just makes the staff smile. They come down from all over the Centre to say “hi”, take a quick break, and grab a snack. They’re great afternoons"

KAREN SAVAGE

Deer Lodge Centre Foundation, Executive Assistant

Supporting the People Who Care

$11,000 invested
in staff wellness initiatives

Exceptional care begins with exceptional people. Throughout the year, donor support helped fund staff wellness initiatives that recognized, celebrated and supported the dedicated teams who care for Deer Lodge Centre's residents, patients and Veterans. From appreciation events to small acts of kindness, these moments reminded staff that they, too, are valued.

When we care for the people who provide care, everyone benefits.

G.J. ANDREWS
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A Community That Cares | Annual Charity Golf Classic

ONE DAY ON THE COURSE. A YEAR OF IMPACT.

The Annual Deer Lodge Centre Charity Golf Classic, presented by Food Fare, brought together golfers, sponsors and volunteers who share a common belief: everyone deserves exceptional care.

Together, they raised more than $160,000, helping fund equipment and enhancements that improve the lives of Deer Lodge Centre's residents, patients and Veterans.

Because when a community comes together, everyone benefits.

An Evening to Remember

DEER LODGE DANCE HALL PRESENTS: WEDNESDAY NIGHT FEVER

Sequins, disco balls and a packed dance floor made for an unforgettable night, but the real highlight was the generosity in the room.

More than $90,000 was raised through Wednesday Night Fever, bringing the vision for Deer Lodge Centre's new courtyard one step closer to reality. It's a space where residents, patients, Veterans and families can gather, reconnect and simply enjoy being together.

One night. A lasting impact.

Impact by the Numbers

75+
APPRECIATED VOLUNTEERS

45
EVENT SPONSORS

7
GRANTS RECEIVED

DLCF DONORS:

Al & Heather Alexandruk

720
TOTAL DONORS

- 216 first-time (30%)
- 504 returning (70%)

Financial Snapshot

TOVERTAFEL
$39,000 | 3.04%

COURTYARD
$1,200,000 | 93.53%

MDC RENOVATIONS
$21,000 | 1.64%

WELLNESS
$11,000 | 0.86%

EQUIPMENT
$11,000 | 0.86%

EDUCATION
$1,000 | 0.08%

With Gratitude for Your Generosity

This report is filled with stories of impact, but each one begins with you! Thank you to our donors, volunteers, sponsors, partners and community for helping make exceptional care possible.

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