

2025 - 2026 ANNUAL REPORT



Camp Stepping Stones



Donation to Beausejour Rehab



PInawa Youth in Philanthropy donate sling



Gimli Bladder Scanner

Vision

Equitable access to care close to home and enhanced quality of life for all residents.

Mission

The IEHF is dedicated to advancing the health and well-being of our community through collaboration with stakeholders to foster innovative solutions.

Values

We believe that communities take care of each other.

We believe in genuine partnerships and relationships.

We believe in kindness and compassion.

We believe in and align with the strategic goals of our biggest partner the IERHA.

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Thank You

YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE - TODAY, TOMORROW, AND FOR YEARS TO COME!

A MESSAGE FROM OUR BOARD CHAIR AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Every act of generosity begins with a simple belief: everyone deserves access to exceptional healthcare close to home.

Because of your support, that belief became reality in remarkable ways this past year.

Together, we achieved another record year of impact, investing \$633,509 in hospitals, personal care homes, community programs, and healthcare initiatives. Behind every dollar invested is a story: a patient receiving care closer to family, a healthcare professional gaining new skills, a personal care home resident experiencing greater comfort, or a community strengthened by access to better care.

One of the year's milestones was the completion of the Sunshine and Peace Patio. An addition to the Palliative Care space at Stonewall Hospital, nearly a decade in the making, this beautiful healing space reflects what can happen when a community shares a vision and remains committed to making it a reality.

This year also demonstrated that investing in healthcare means investing in people. Your support helped fund advanced education and specialized training, allowing healthcare professionals to continue learning while remaining in the communities they serve, ensuring that exceptional care will be available when it is needed.

Whether you made a donation, contributed to an endowment fund, participated in a raffle, volunteered your time, or simply shared our story, you are part of every success highlighted in these pages. You are helping build stronger health care, healthier communities, and brighter futures across our region.

As we look ahead, IEHF will continue to invest in health care staff, equipment, innovation and community partnerships that strengthen care close to home.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, health care teams, and the thousands of patients and families touched by your generosity, thank you. We are honoured by your trust and grateful to be your partner in building healthier communities.



Terri Otto
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Chair, Board of Directors



Averill Stephenson
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Executive Director

Thank You

REVENUE HIGHLIGHTS



Total amount of
donations received
between April 1, 2025
and March 31, 2026

\$529,063



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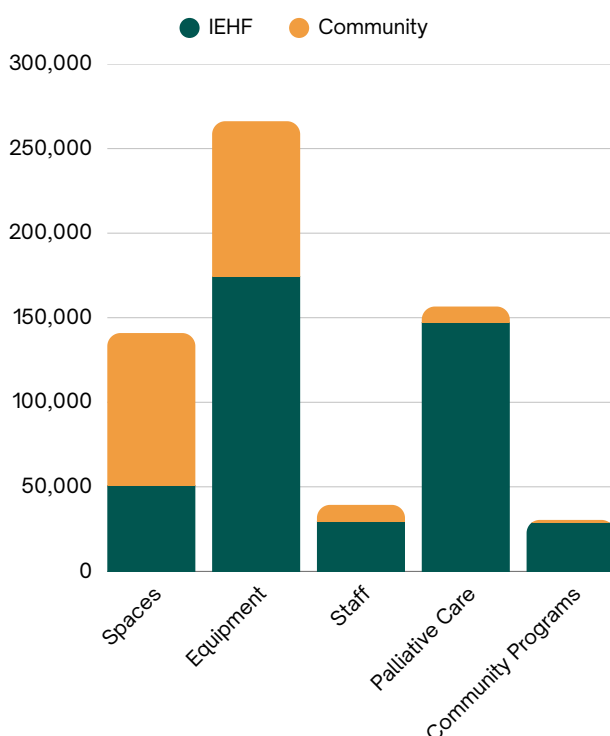
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IERHA STAT 50/50 PayDay
Payout Raffle
July 17, 2025 – March 31, 2026

Total Sales: \$ 148,790
Awarded to winners: \$74,395

IMPACT



IEHF provided over
\$430,000 in grants.

An additional \$200,000 in
support was leveraged
through partnerships in our
communities.

A total of \$633,509 invested
into enhancing healthcare!



20.8%

from the previous year!

A Vision, a Community, and a Philanthropist - Sunshine and Peace Patio at Stonewall Hospital

“More than concrete and wood, this patio is a place for moments that matter, a place where patients can feel the sun on their face, where families can share quiet time together, and where they can experience the healing benefits of being outside, to breathe, reflect, and find peace.”

- Averill Stephenson, IEHF Executive Director



On September 23, 2025 community members, hospital staff, and donors gathered at the hospital's palliative care suite to celebrate the completion of the Sunshine and Peace Patio.

This was a vision nearly a decade in the making that began in 2016 when a nurse at the hospital was wheeling a patient out into the parking lot to enjoy some fresh air, and identified a need for a safe, dedicated outdoor space.

The project was supported early on by a grant from the Sharon Carstairs Caring Community Award and fundraising efforts through Southwest District Palliative Care and IEHF and was paused during the pandemic.

The project was completed because of the extraordinary generosity of a local donor, Irv Koch. Mr. Koch was looking for a meaningful way to give back to the community that he calls home and when he learned about this project, he was eager to see it come to life.

Camp Stepping Stones

Before camp, I felt like I was the only kid who had lost someone important. At camp, I met other kids who understood how I felt.
- 2026 Camper

Once again, thanks to generous community support we funded Camp Stepping Stones, providing a weekend of healing for young people who have experienced the loss of someone significant in their lives.

For more information about camp, please scan the QR code and view our Camp Stepping Stones 2026 Impact Report.



Investing in Health Care Staff



BLS training



Specialty IV Mannequin



Manny the Mannequin



Advanced Training Simulator

Rural healthcare comes with unique challenges, including limited specialized training opportunities that are close to home. IEHF is committed to helping staff stay confident, current, and ready for anything.

Over the past year, investments have supported in-house training programs and specialized equipment including an advanced care simulator, childbirth education station, and a variety of training mannequins designed to enhance skills in CPR, IV insertion, ultrasound, and catheterization.

These hands-on learning tools allow staff to practice new techniques, maintain critical competencies, and stay current, ultimately leading to safer procedures, stronger clinical skills, and better outcomes for patients.

We continue supporting our physician team with investments in equipment and furniture for clinic exam rooms and hospital on call rooms.

“Investing in education strengthens recruitment and retention, while ensuring patients receive high-quality care close to home. By bringing training directly to the region, we’re reducing barriers for health care staff and supporting better health outcomes. We are grateful for the Foundation’s support in making this possible.”

– Patrice Lee Director, Health Services

Gratitude Fund at Lundar Personal Care Home

Established by Helga G. J. Sigurdson and Linda F. Sigurdson Collette in honour of their mother and Amma Sigridur Gudny Holm, who was the second resident to call the Lundar Personal Care Home home, this endowment fund is dedicated to supporting staff, recognizing the exceptional care they provide every day.

The family’s connection to the personal care home spans generations. Linda’s father, Johann Straumfjord Sigurdson (Joe) served as vice-president of the local board, helping to envision a free-standing 20-bed personal care home. Helga was a founding member and long-time president of the Lundar Personal Care Home Guild, serving for 25 years before retiring in 2019 at the age of 99.

Launched with an initial gift of \$700 on March 7, 2026. The number seven holds special meaning for Helga – she was born on the seventh day of the seventh month at the seventh evening hour and was one of seven children. The family hopes this symbolic beginning will inspire others in the community to participate and grow the fund.



Kelly Eirikson, Averill Stephenson, Helga Sigurdson, Joyce Halldorson, Laurie Gudmundson (missing from photo: Linda Sigurdson Collette)

“To us, this place has always been more than a building. It has been a constant in our lives, and the staff have been nothing short of exceptional. This fund is our way of saying thank you and creating something that lasts forever.”

– Linda Sigurdson Collette

FINANCIAL STATEMENT HIGHLIGHTS

Full Audited Financial Statements are available at www.iefh.ca or by request.

Donations

2025/2026

\$529,063

2024/2025

\$533,694

Other Revenue

2025/2026

\$363,318

2024/2025

\$220,233

Expenses

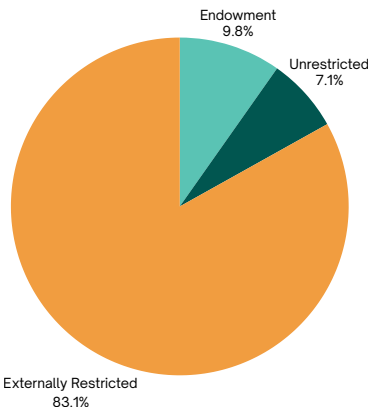
2025/2026

\$673,743

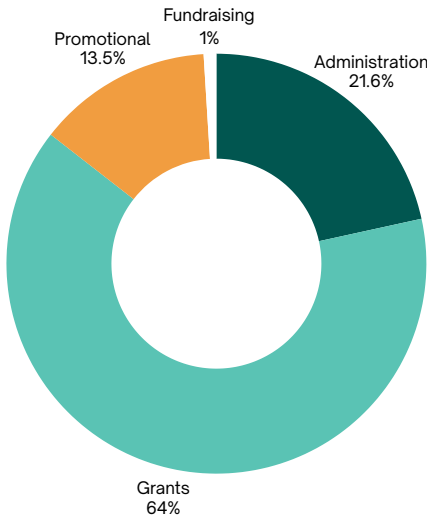
2024/2025

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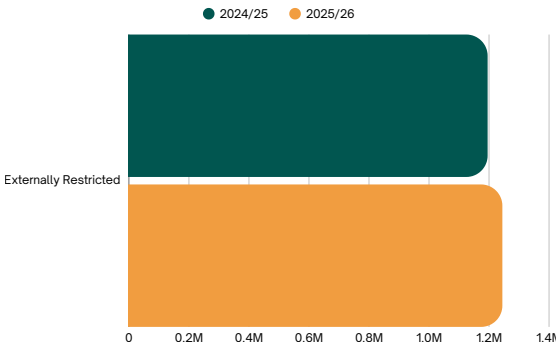
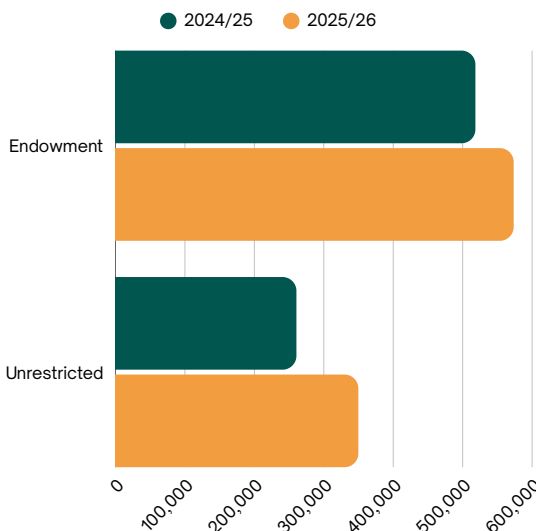
Donation Breakdown



Expense Breakdown



Fund Balances



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The Interlake Eastern Health Foundation apologizes for any omissions or errors.

Contact us: iehf@ierha.ca or call 204-485-5139.

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IEHF Staff & Board

Lauralou Cicierski

IERHA Senior Leadership Team

Susan and Brandt McKillop

Thank You

To their family and friends for creating a legacy in their names.

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Their guidance, thoughtful decision-making and passion for improving care and community are essential to our success.

We are grateful for the time, expertise and energy they generously give to help advance our mission and strengthen care across the region.



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