

The 2024-25 Covenant Foundation Gratitude Report

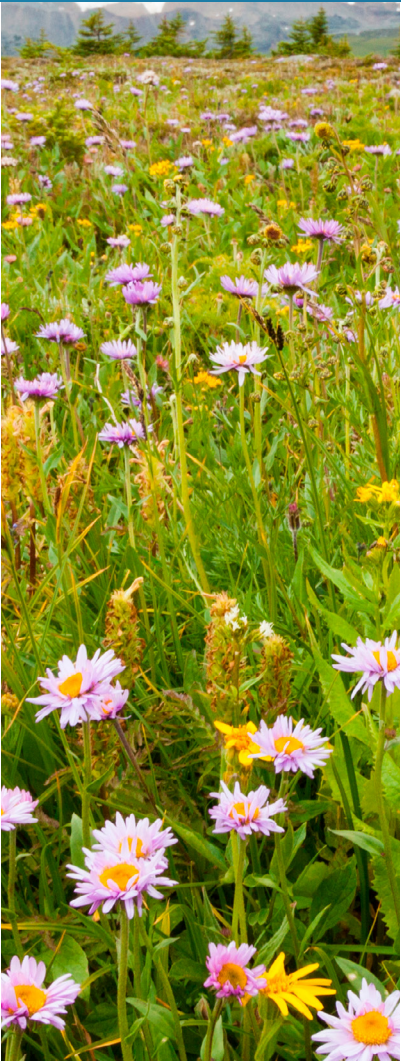
# THE YEAR YOU MADE POSSIBLE



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## About Covenant Foundation

Covenant Foundation inspires philanthropic support to elevate healthcare delivery across Covenant. We are the conduit between the passion of our donors and the possibilities at Covenant, connecting supporters with opportunities to create lasting impact in health care. Thanks to the trust of our donors, we create impact that touches lives and responds to the unique needs of every Alberta community we serve.

Guided by our faith-based roots, we spark possibilities that uplift each patient's experience, caring for the whole person in body, mind, and soul.

Through specialized programs, enhanced care spaces, state-of-the-art equipment and training, and leading-edge innovation, we improve quality of life for those most in need in all 28 Covenant facilities across Alberta. Our priority areas include seniors' health and wellbeing, palliative care, mental health, rural health, women's and children's health, and spiritual care.



## Greetings from Patrick Dumelie



**Patrick Dumelie,**  
Covenant President and CEO

I could not be more proud of the work of Covenant Foundation and the invaluable partnership they bring to our mission. The foundation is a driving force that strengthens Covenant's commitment to serve Albertans with compassion, innovation, and excellence.

By connecting the passion of donors with Covenant's vision for health care, the foundation makes it possible to go further, advancing innovation, supporting caregivers, and enhancing the experience of patients and families in communities across the province.

On behalf of Covenant, I extend my deepest gratitude to the leadership of Covenant Foundation and to every donor who makes this work possible. Your generosity and partnership are helping us build a stronger, more responsive health system for Albertans today and for generations to come.

With gratitude.  
Patrick Dumelie

## A Message from Lisa Munro

This past year has been nothing short of remarkable. Because of you, our dedicated supporters and partners, we made incredible strides in advancing health care across Alberta.

Thanks to your generosity, we committed more than \$2.4M across 105 grants. Together, these grants are helping patients heal faster, feel more connected, and live with greater comfort and quality of life.

Each story in this year's Gratitude Report begins with the words "because of you", because none of this would be possible without your support. Because of you, patients receive care in ways that bring greater comfort, dignity, and peace of mind. Because of you, families find strength and connection during some of life's most challenging moments.

Because of you, communities across Alberta are stronger and better supported.

On behalf of the Covenant Foundation Board of Directors and the entire Covenant Foundation team, thank you for making this year possible. We are deeply grateful to walk alongside you as we drive innovation and excellence in health care where you live.

With gratitude.  
Lisa Munro



**Lisa Munro,**  
Covenant Foundation President and CEO



# Because of you

Because of you, **\$2.4M** was invested toward **105 grants** that improved quality of life for patients, residents, and families. A few examples are as follows:

**\$ 694K**

funded the **Rural Mobile Simulation Project**, that trained healthcare teams so patients can receive the best care in their own communities

**\$ 250K**

powered **Continuing Care innovation and technology**, giving residents more dignity, comfort, and independence every day

**\$ 202K+**

purchased the **Fibreoptic Endoscopic Evaluation of Swallowing system**, preventing choking and aspiration so seniors can eat safely

**\$ 116K+**

supported **innovative seniors' programming** which brought them connection, belonging, and better mental health

Because of you, lives are being transformed across Alberta. In the pages that follow, you'll see how your generosity has touched every corner of our six health priorities, bringing innovation and comfort to patients and families when and where they need it most.





# Priority Areas

## Seniors' Health and Wellbeing

Because of you, the lives of seniors in Covenant's care were enriched. Patients benefitted from safer care with Centrella smart beds, healing programs like music therapy and Hearts for Music, and welcoming spaces such as community gardens. Together, we're setting new standards in quality of life for Alberta's seniors.



Because of you, the Centrella beds at St. Joseph's Home in Medicine Hat are providing residents with a good night's sleep.

## Palliative Care

Because of you, Covenant Foundation helps make Covenant a recognized leader in palliative care, proudly funding the Palliative Care Education and Research Conference, an annual event that brings together leaders and practitioners from across Alberta. Your gifts also supported in-home palliative beds and other comfort care initiatives that surround patients and families with holistic support in their final chapter.



At Dulcina Hospice in St. Marguerite Manor, Calgary, the healing power of music brings peace and comfort to patients and their families through our music therapy program.



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## Mental Health

Did you know that Villa Caritas is the only facility in Alberta focused solely on seniors' mental health? Because of you, their Serenity Courtyard and Serenity Murals are creating spaces that reduce stress and support their mental well-being. Alongside other mental health initiatives like Biking for Mental Health and creative art and healing programs, your generosity is enhancing whole-person care: body, mind and spirit.



Because of you, patients at Villa Caritas have a calming gazebo where they can relax and experience the healing power of the outdoors.

## Rural Health

Because of you, Albertans in rural communities experienced care closer to home. The Mobile Simulation Project delivers hands-on, world-class training directly to rural health care teams, while programs like Meals on Wheels in Banff and new wellness equipment extend compassionate care into the community. Your support strengthens both staff expertise and patient comfort where resources can be limited.



The Rural Mobile Simulation project provides leading-edge training where learning to shave seconds off of a procedure can save lives.



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## Women's and Children's Health

Did you know that one in five babies in Alberta are born in a Covenant hospital? Because of you, mothers, children and families are receiving care that saves lives and creates healthier futures. Fragile newborns go home sooner with advanced ventilators, women receive timely diagnoses and treatment through expanded colposcopy services, and underserved children gain the nourishment they need to learn and thrive through programs like the School Lunch Program.



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## Spiritual Health

Because of you, spiritual care remains a cornerstone of whole-person health care at Covenant. Your generosity made Covenant's first Indigenous Healing Garden possible, a sacred space for ceremony and reflection. You also revitalized chapels and multi-faith rooms, supported Indigenous cultural displays, and provided tools for daily prayer. These enhanced spaces and programs ensure patients, families, and staff find peace, belonging and meaning in every stage of care.



Because of you, indigenous learning sessions are made possible in Covenant facilities like the Misericordia and Grey Nuns hospitals.



# Looking Ahead: Fiscal 2025-26

We need your continued support for 2025-26 projects including:



A happy resident at St. Joseph's Home in Medicine Hat during the launch of their donor-funded wheelchair lift.

## **Endobronchial Ultrasound** *Grey Nuns Community Hospital*

This advanced diagnostic tool will allow physicians to detect and stage lung cancer more accurately and less invasively. The technology will dramatically improve patient outcomes by enabling faster, more precise treatment decisions.

## **Emergency Pediatric Specialty Training Initiative** *Multiple Sites*

This initiative will deliver specialized pediatric emergency training directly to care teams across Covenant. By enhancing staff readiness for rare but critical pediatric emergencies, the program will ensure children receive the best possible care close to where they live.

## **Rooftop Garden Enhancement** *Edmonton General Continuing Care Centre*

Access to nature and fresh air is proven to support healing, reduce stress, and foster community connection. By transforming the rooftop into a therapeutic garden, this project will create a calming sanctuary for patients, residents, and families.



## **Covenant Canada Repository** *All Covenant Sites*

This project will centralize data and knowledge to accelerate innovative health solutions. It will empower clinicians, researchers, and leaders to advance discoveries that shape the future of health care nationwide.

## **Emergency Pediatric Indigenous Health Equity and Reconciliation Education** *All Covenant Sites*

This initiative will deliver specialized pediatric emergency training directly to care teams across Covenant. By enhancing staff readiness for rare but critical pediatric emergencies, the program will ensure children receive the best possible care close to where they live.

**These represent urgent needs in diagnostics, patient comfort, and enhanced spaces that will directly impact patients and families.**





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