

*“May the season find you among those you love,
sharing in the twin glories of generosity and gratitude.”*



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Dear Friends of Healthcare;

Did you know that “Ears” are one of the most important sensory organs in the body? They are not only responsible for hearing but also bringing about a sense of balance. But when they are not functioning properly, one may experience a host of issues right from hearing loss, loss of balance, cognitive decline, delay in speech and communication and more.

As the Clinical Lead of Audiology at Central Health, I am very pleased to tell you that the South and Central Health Foundation is partnering with the Audiology Department at the Central Newfoundland Regional Health Centre to purchase two pieces of equipment to benefit people throughout the region.

With your help, we hope to add a new **Audiometer** to our diagnostic equipment. A device used to test the hearing of all ages, an audiometer is used to determine how well your ear functions and your ability to hear different sounds, pitches, or frequencies. The second vital piece of diagnostic equipment we are eager to receive is a **Tympanometer**, which audiologists use on every patient they see. We can determine if there are ear infections, holes in the ear drums, broken bones or even foreign objects in the ear. The results are essential in helping physicians and ENTs (Ear, Nose & Throat specialists) to determine appropriate hearing care.



Audiologists Jennifer Brace (l) and Taylor Burt (r)

This new equipment comes at a perfect time, when our department is fully staffed, which hasn't been seen in several years. Over the course of a year, our audiologists perform 1,000 audiometry tests and 800 tests with the Tympanometer. Currently, our two Registered Audiologists and Audiologist Technician, have been working at reducing a three-year wait list. **The addition of this equipment is good news for patients.**

I hope that as the Christmas Season nears once again, you will consider the health of those in our communities and give generously in support of our Audiology Project. Your gift means a great deal to the medical professionals offering services at the Central Newfoundland Regional Health Centre – but more importantly it means a great deal to the patients that we care for.



Dr. Sean Kinden

To make an immediate secure online donation, click on the **Donate Button** on any page of the website. Your charitable receipt will go to your inbox within minutes. A charitable receipt will be issued for all donations of \$10 or greater.

Thank you very much for caring about the health of your family, friends and community throughout Central Newfoundland and supporting the efforts of our charity. **On behalf of myself and my colleagues at Central Health, I hope you enjoy a very merry and healthy Christmas.**

Sincerely,

Dr. Sean Kinden

P.S. Your donation will help patients served at our Hospital. As always, every donation we receive stays right here in Central Newfoundland to improve the care available to each and every one of us.



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