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Yukon Hospital Foundation doubles Love Our Lab campaign to \$1 million after reaching original goal

WHITEHORSE, YUKON – The Yukon Hospital Foundation is expanding its Love Our Lab campaign to \$1 million after Yukoners helped the Foundation reach its original \$500,000 fundraising goal ahead of schedule.

Launched in October 2025, Love Our Lab is supporting the modernization of the Whitehorse General Hospital Laboratory, helping provide laboratory teams with new technology and equipment to support timely, accurate diagnostic testing for Yukoners.

With the original \$500,000 goal reached, the Yukon Hospital Foundation Board of Directors has approved doubling the campaign to \$1 million. The expanded campaign will support the laboratory modernization already underway, including the new laboratory track and robotic arm, as well as the addition of a new hematology analyzer.

“The response to Love Our Lab has been incredible. Reaching our original \$500,000 goal ahead of schedule reflects the generosity of Yukoners and their commitment to health care close to home,” said Tara Chmelyk, Chair of the Yukon Hospital Foundation Board of Directors. “When we learned there was an opportunity to build on that success and make an even greater investment in our laboratory, the Board was very pleased to expand the campaign to \$1 million. We are incredibly grateful to everyone who has helped us get here.”

Laboratory testing plays an important role throughout a patient’s health-care journey, providing information physicians and health-care teams use to diagnose illness, monitor treatment and make decisions about care.

“When it comes to caring for Yukoners, every second counts, and providing the best care possible depends on timely and accurate laboratory testing. The increased goal of the Love Our Lab campaign, including the purchase of a new hematology analyzer, will support faster results, closer to home,” said Dr. Alex Kmet, Chief of Medical Staff at Whitehorse General Hospital and a Director of the Yukon Hospital Foundation.

Hematology analyzers identify and count cells produced by the bone marrow and are critical in helping diagnose anemia, infections, blood-clotting conditions and immune-system disorders. They also provide timely test results that help inform treatment decisions for cancer patients.

The Yukon Hospital Foundation extends its sincere thanks to the donors, businesses and organizations across the Yukon whose generosity made it possible to reach the original \$500,000 goal ahead of schedule. Their support has created the opportunity to build on that success and make an even greater investment in laboratory care for Yukoners.

The expanded Love Our Lab campaign will continue through spring 2027.

For more information about Love Our Lab or to make a donation, visit yhf.ca.

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