



## **Canadian Health, Immunization and Learning Development Foundation**

### **Operational Highlights**

**(January 1, 2012 – December 31, 2012)**

The year 2012 was an exciting year in the history of CHILD Foundation and the Maya Devi Charitable (MDH) Hospital as it was marked by an incredible growth in patients seeking health care services. More specifically, the Foundation achieved the following three key milestones:

- The MDH Hospital celebrated its first anniversary on October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2012 and served nearly ten thousand patients in the first year of operation, more than three times the original estimate.
- The CHILD Foundation initiated collaboration with the local health services (University of Calgary / Alberta Health Services) to enlist medical residents interested in volunteering at the MDH Hospital as part of a Global Health elective. Collaboration with Johnson & Johnson to provide free sanitary napkins to the hospital was also initiated, although the program has not yet started. Another area of collaboration, providing clean drinking water, is under investigation.
- In collaboration with the Foundation, the Rotary Club of Calgary Centennial has raised \$37,500 and is planning to leverage this sum to about \$80,000 to fund operations and capital projects in 2013/2014. The Foundation has also planned a major fundraiser, “Maya’s Dream”, to be held on May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

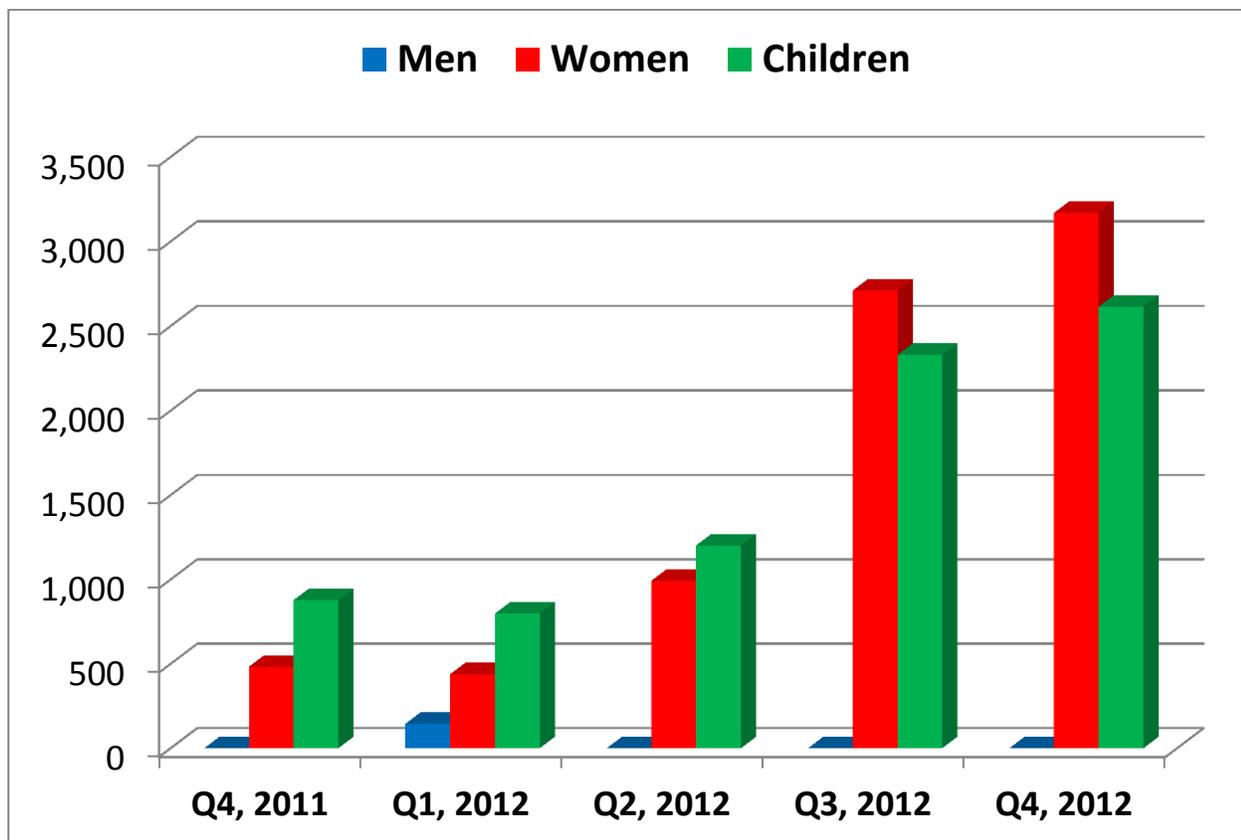
### **Hospital Operation / Patient Care:**

On October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2012, the hospital celebrated its first anniversary of providing quality health care services to women and children in the rural community of Sarurpur Kalan. During its first year of operations, the main achievements of the hospital were as follows:

- The hospital established itself as the Centre of Excellence, in the context of a rural setting, for primary care for women and children. While limited in resources, it managed to provide good quality pre- and post-natal care, and treat other illnesses.

- Due to increasing reputation in the community, it began to attract patients from surrounding villages. Prior to hospital opening in 2011, the patient-visits were estimated to be about 3,000 in the first year. In reality, the hospital recorded 9,977 visits from October 2<sup>nd</sup> 2011 till October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2012, more than three times the original estimate. In the calendar year 2012, the total number of patient-visits was 14,401.
- The hospital managed to retain the original staff of doctors and nurses which is always a challenge in a rural area. Furthermore, it was able to attract an additional pair of doctors to accommodate the increased work load.
- There are many documented cases where the hospital staff saved the life of many women and children who would have otherwise died.
- The hospital has upheld very high standards of ethics and values of CHILD Foundation. Working within these constraints, the staff has balanced the medical need of patients in the context of services provided by the hospital.

The chart below shows the patient-visits during the first 15 months of operation.



## **Collaborations:**

The CHILD Foundation initiated collaboration with the local health services (University of Calgary / Alberta Health Services) to enlist medical residents interested in volunteering at the MDH Hospital as part of a Global Health elective. Under this program, Dr. Bhavini Gohel was the first resident who volunteered at the hospital for two weeks in January 2013. A second resident, Dr. Nathan Winata is getting ready to volunteer for 3-4 weeks in April 2013.

Following her visit, Dr. Gohel is developing an educational program for local doctors to enhance their skill set and shift the delivery of medicine from symptom-based to cause-based. This will improve the delivery of health care and, at the same time, reduce the cost of medicine.

Collaboration with Johnson & Johnson to provide free sanitary napkins to the hospital was also initiated, although the program has not yet started. There appears to be some snag at the Johnson & Johnson side. We were expecting to receive legal papers to sign in December 2012. Instead, the J&J staff contacted the hospital to advise that they would have to purchase napkins. We are revisiting this collaboration with them under the original intention.

Another area of collaboration, providing clean drinking water, is under investigation. Our long-term strategy is to address the underlying cause of health and wellness issues in the community. Poor quality of water has been identified as one of the root causes of illness, particularly among young children. To address the issue, we have been in touch with the Centre for Affordable Water and Sanitation Technology (CAWST), a Canadian charity doing international work. We hope to formulate and initiate a definite plan in 2013 with their assistance.

## **Fundraising**

In collaboration with the Foundation, the Rotary Club of Calgary Centennial has raised \$37,500 and is planning to leverage this sum to about \$80,000 to fund operations and capital projects in 2013/2014.

The Foundation is working with a local Rotary Club near the hospital in India and has secured their collaboration to file an application for funding from Rotary International. We expect to file this application in the first week of April 2013.

In 2012, we tried to organize a 'Wine and Cheese' fundraising event in November; however the event was cancelled due to lack of planning time.

The Foundation has also planned a major fundraiser, "Maya's Dream", to be held on May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2013. Planning for this event is well underway and early results from ticket sales are quite encouraging.

The Rotary Club of Calgary Centennial has also requested to collaborate and hold fundraising event jointly. This is a possibility in the future and a Board decision would be required. Part of the issue is the sharing of net revenue from the event.

