



IMPACT REPORT 2025-26

Caring for Albertans. ✨
Innovating together.



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Covenant Foundation

We’re reimagining the healthcare experience.

From the moment someone walks through the doors of a Covenant site, we want it to feel different.

Covenant Foundation connects donors with opportunities to strengthen and transform care at Covenant hospitals and care communities across Alberta. Through specialized programs, enhanced care spaces, state-of-the-art equipment and training and leading-edge innovation, donor generosity helps elevate the healthcare experience in ways that respond to the unique needs of the communities we serve.

Guided by our mission, we prioritize care for those most vulnerable and support the whole person in mind, body and soul, helping ensure Albertans don’t just receive exceptional care but feel it at every moment of their journey.

Covenant

Covenant is a community of organizations – Covenant Health, Covenant Care, Covenant Living, Covenant Family Health and Covenant Foundation – working together to serve Albertans with compassion and dignity.

We care for people at every stage of life at 29 sites in 16 communities across the province, providing primary and family health care, acute care, continuing care and independent living solutions, palliative care, mental health services and rural health services.

Rooted in Catholic tradition and relationships, we walk alongside those we serve and honour each person’s story, values and needs.

Learn more at covenantcanada.ca.

Our people

Our people are at the heart of exceptional care. Nearly 12,000 employees, together with physicians and volunteers, bring diverse expertise, perspectives and experiences to Covenant, united by a shared commitment to compassionate care for Albertans.



Messages from our leaders

Every day, Covenant touches the lives of thousands of Albertans. Across our province, care teams are responding to evolving needs, strengthening communities and enhancing health and wellness for patients, residents and families.

As a valued Covenant Foundation donor, you are part of this impact.

Covenant Foundation serves as the bridge between community generosity and enhanced healthcare delivery across the Covenant network. By aligning donor support with critical priorities, we are focused on advancing compassionate, accessible and innovated care for Albertans.

Your generosity is driving tangible impact across our system, including:

- **Expanded community-based care:** Your support has opened vital new access points such as the Veres Family Health Clinic.
- **Specialized care closer to home:** You have helped expand rural diagnostic services so patients can access advanced medical care without traveling far from their loved ones.
- **Technological innovation:** Thanks to you, care teams in NICUs, emergency units, continuing care and palliative care are equipped with state-of-the-art tools.

• **Enhanced care spaces:** Your generosity has built inclusive environments that promote comfort, recovery and dignity for every patient and resident.

Whether you’ve supported a local hospital or community program, you are contributing to something larger. Together, we are strengthening a provincial network of care and helping equip more than 12,000 Covenant staff and healthcare professionals with the tools, resources and opportunities they need to better serve Albertans.

Thanks to your generosity, Covenant continues to expand its impact – impact that remains true to Covenant’s enduring mission of compassion, dignity and care for the whole person.

On behalf of Covenant Foundation’s Board of Directors, thank you for your unwavering support and for being part of Covenant’s impact.

Sett Policicchio
Chair, Board of Directors
Covenant Foundation

Health care in Alberta is changing, and Covenant plays an important role in shaping what comes next.

We are building on more than 160 years of Catholic health care in Alberta, continuing a legacy of compassionate, person-centred care grounded in our mission. That mission calls us to serve those most in need by caring for the whole person, upholding the sacredness of life and responding to the evolving needs of our communities. Today, we carry that legacy forward with an ambitious vision for the future.

Our vision is to create vibrant communities of health and healing and that requires us to think differently about how health care is delivered. We are creating capacity in our hospitals while strengthening care in the community, connecting people to the services and supports

they need and helping seniors live well at home. Across urban and rural Alberta, our focus is a health system that works better for people and the communities they call home.

Covenant’s provincial reach and breadth of services create a powerful engine for innovation. Drawing on expertise and experience across the continuum of care, we can pioneer new models, scale what works and improve health and wellbeing for more Albertans. We are not simply responding to the future of health care. We are helping shape it.

We cannot do it alone. The generosity of Covenant Foundation donors helps turn possibility into progress, accelerating new ideas and better care for Albertans.

Together, we will challenge what is possible and build a health system that will serve Albertans for generations to come.

Patrick Dumelie
President and CEO
Covenant



A new chapter for Covenant Foundation

Covenant Foundation is proud to welcome Patrick Machacek as president and CEO.

With more than 30 years of leadership across health care, education and philanthropy in Alberta, Patrick brings a strong record of building partnerships and securing transformational investments that expand access to care, strengthen health services and improve patient outcomes.

His experience includes senior roles with the University Hospital Foundation, Medicine Hat & District Health Foundation, Olds College and NAIT, where he advanced major health and education priorities through strategic philanthropy and collaboration with donors, foundations, corporations and government.

Patrick joins Covenant Foundation at an important moment of growth and possibility. Inspired by Covenant’s mission of compassionate care, he believes philanthropy can be a powerful catalyst for innovation, stronger patient and resident experiences and the future of health care in Alberta.

Working alongside our donors, Covenant care teams and community partners, Patrick will help build on the Foundation’s momentum, connecting generosity with bold ideas and meaningful, lasting impact for Albertans.

Patrick Machacek
President and CEO
Covenant Foundation



Our 2025-26 board

We are grateful to our volunteer Board of Directors for generously sharing their time, expertise and leadership in support of Covenant Foundation. Their commitment helps guide our work and supports our mission across Covenant.

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Impact at a glance

Caring for Albertans. Innovating together.

Across Alberta, Covenant delivers compassionate care at every stage of life. With the generosity of donors and partners, Covenant Foundation helps bring new possibilities in care to life.



Covenant serves Albertans across **29 sites in 16 communities**, from La Crete to Lethbridge.



A dedicated workforce of nearly **12,000 employees** – from front-line care providers to essential support and leadership teams – powers our mission across Alberta.



More than **1,900 volunteers** generously gave over **123,000** hours to support patients, residents, and families.



Our teams welcomed **342,701 outpatient visits** and responded to **174,448 emergency care needs** in 2025-26.



Covenant provided **313,619 acute patient days** and **539,000 continuing care days**, offering strength and comfort through every step of the journey.



We brought joy to thousands of families by welcoming nearly **9,900 babies** into the world this year.



249,027 diagnostic imaging exams gave patients the fast, accurate answers they needed to heal.



The new **Stelmach Community Health Centre** is reimagining community care, bringing multiple health services together in one innovative, integrated setting.

Covenant Foundation donors are strengthening this impact

\$7.0 million invested to extend Covenant's impact

Donor support helped Covenant teams advance health care innovations, site upgrades and specialized programs across Alberta.

119 healthcare projects funded

Donor generosity helped move important initiatives forward across Covenant sites, from new equipment and technology to programs and enhanced care spaces.

Covenant's first primary care clinic opened

A \$4 million transformational gift brought the Veres Family Health Clinic to life, expanding Covenant's ability to provide integrated, team-based primary care in southeast Edmonton.

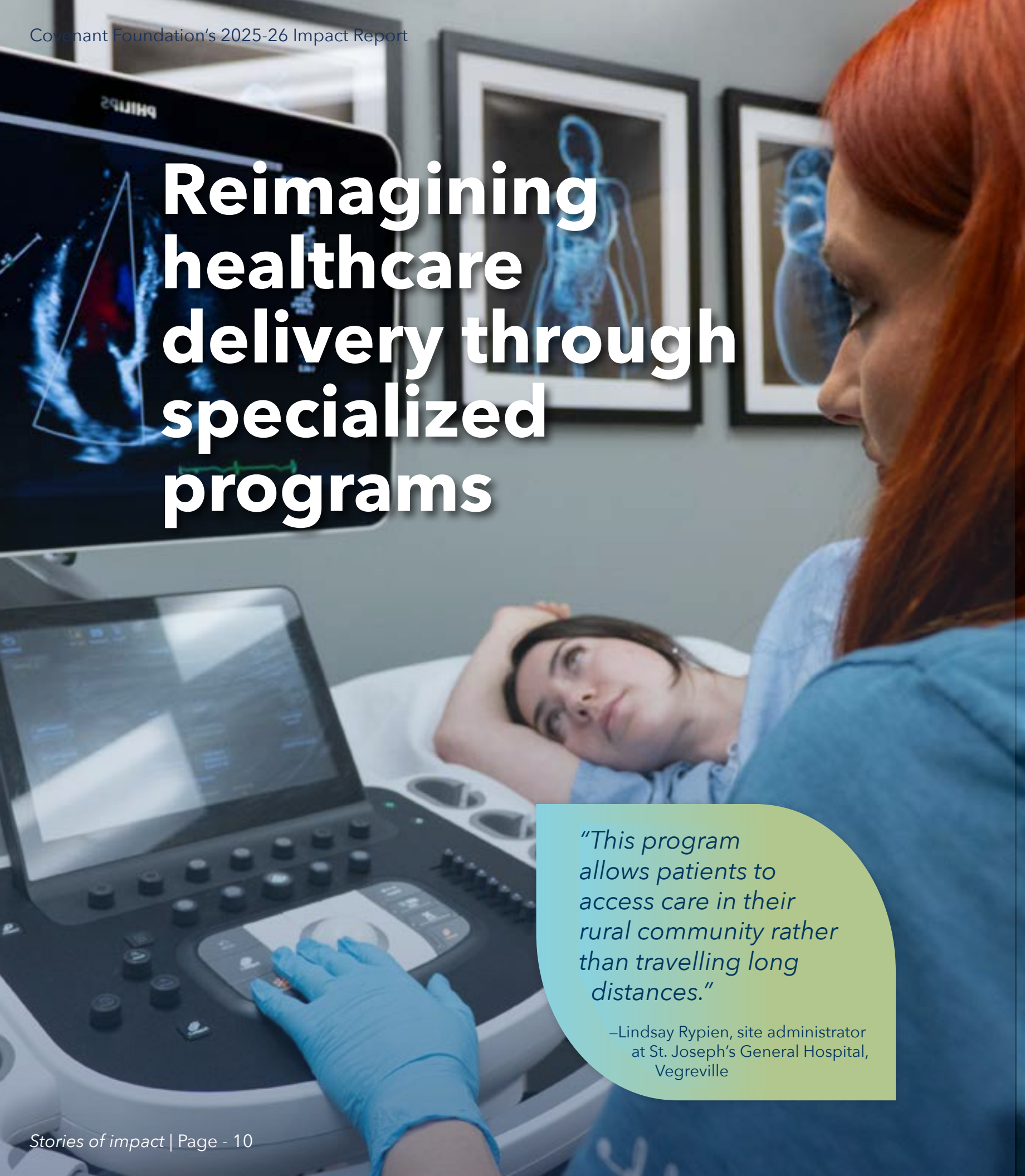
Specialized care brought closer to rural communities

Donor-funded grants directly fueled life-changing healthcare innovations, facility upgrades and patient programs across Alberta this year.

Donor support is strengthening care across Alberta

From rural communities to major urban centres, philanthropy is helping Covenant respond to local needs through equipment, programs, enhanced spaces and new models of care.

Covenant's
impact across Alberta



Reimagining healthcare delivery through specialized programs

"This program allows patients to access care in their rural community rather than travelling long distances."

—Lindsay Rypien, site administrator at St. Joseph's General Hospital, Vegreville

Pioneering rural access through advanced cardiac imaging

Echocardiography program | St. Joseph's General Hospital, Vegreville

Imagine caring for your parent who has a heart condition in rural Alberta. A routine heart test in Edmonton could mean spending hours on the road for an appointment that may only take minutes. By the time you return home, much of the energy that could have gone toward rest, recovery or time together has already been spent getting there and back.

For too many rural patients and families, this has long been the reality.

An echocardiogram, a common ultrasound used to assess the heart's structure and function, often required travel to Edmonton or another larger centre. For patients already managing health concerns, that meant added time, stress and uncertainty.

Donor support is bringing specialized heart care closer to home

Thanks to donor and community support through Covenant Foundation, patients in Vegreville and surrounding rural communities can now access a dedicated echocardiography program closer to home.

Launched at Covenant's St. Joseph's General Hospital in November 2025,

the program features a newly funded ultrasound equipment designed for advanced heart imaging. Together with specialized expertise and local diagnostic capacity, the technology allows care teams to assess and monitor conditions such as heart failure and valve disease right in the community.

For patients and families, that means less travel, fewer disruptions to daily life and more timely access to specialized care.

Building local capacity strengthens rural health care

"Having this specialized echocardiography program allows patients to access care in their rural community rather than travelling long distances," says Lindsay Rypien, site administrator at St. Joseph's General Hospital.

This program reflects Covenant's mission to serve with compassion and respond to the needs of the communities in our care through innovation. With the generosity of donors, specialized services can reach more people closer to home, removing barriers and strengthening rural health care across Alberta.

Left: Amanda L. and Rebecca C. of St. Joseph's Hospital, Vegreville

Other examples of specialized programs our donors have made possible

Faster answers, earlier care

Expansion of colposcopy services | Stelmach Community Health Centre, Edmonton

Our donors are bringing essential, specialized women’s health services closer to home. When an abnormal screening occurs, timely follow-up is critical. Expanding colposcopy services at the Stelmach Community Health Centre reduces agonizing wait times, allowing care teams to quickly assess cervical health and initiate early treatment when needed. By expanding local capacity, this donor-funded investment delivers faster answers and vital reassurance for women and their families, while easing pressure on the broader health system.

Creating calm through specialized sensory therapy

Multi-sensory therapy - Snoezelen Rover | Buffalo Grace Manor, Lethbridge

For residents living with cognitive challenges, the world can sometimes feel confusing or overwhelming. Multi-sensory therapy provides gentle, personalized experiences designed to promote calm, comfort and connection.

Using light, sound, music, touch and scent, the Snoezelen program engages the senses with few demands on verbal communication or cognitive ability, helping support residents who may experience isolation, frustration or other sensory barriers.

Supporting those who care for us

Schwartz Rounds | Grey Nuns Community Hospital, Edmonton

Compassionate patient care starts with supporting the people who deliver it. Supported by donor generosity, the Schwartz Rounds provide healthcare workers with a dedicated, safe space to reflect on the complex emotional dimensions of their work. By sharing experiences and fostering peer support, this program strengthens team connection, combats burnout and cultivates a resilient workforce. This helps ensure medical staff can continue providing the compassionate care patients and families rely on every day.



Better women’s health outcomes through expanded colposcopy services



Supporting patients with cognitive challenges



Caring for our caregivers’ mental health through the Schwartz Rounds



Using technology to elevate care

A stronger start for our tiniest patients

Fabian ventilator | Grey Nuns Community Hospital, Edmonton

More babies are relying on advanced NICU care

Each year, over 1,500 babies receive care across Covenant NICUs, many arriving prematurely or with severe respiratory needs during their most vulnerable first days.

As demand grows across Edmonton, keeping critical equipment current allows care teams at Grey Nuns Community Hospital to deliver the best possible outcomes for every baby.

Donors are bringing leading-edge respiratory care to newborns

Thanks to donor support, the Grey Nuns NICU is now equipped with a new Fabian non-invasive ventilator. Joining similar technology recently added at the Misericordia Community Hospital, both Covenant NICUs now feature this advanced platform.

Designed specifically for newborns, this state-of-the-art ventilator:

- Delivers gentle, continuous positive airway pressure (CPAP) to keep fragile lungs open and reduce breathing effort.
- Provides real-time data to help

clinicians respond swiftly to changing respiratory needs.

- Integrates directly with electronic medical records, reducing manual charting so therapists can focus on direct care.

Stronger outcomes for patients and families

This technology equips care teams for complex cases while giving families confidence in the care their babies receive.

Through donor support, philanthropy is strengthening the standard of care across Alberta and giving our tiniest patients a stronger start in life.

“The most up-to-date technology helps us give our tiniest patients the best possible start. These generous donations allow us to keep up with innovation and give families confidence that their baby will receive the best care we can provide.”

—Nate Crosland, RRT, Unit Manager, Respiratory Services, Grey Nuns Community Hospital, Edmonton

Left: A technician monitoring a Fabian non-invasive ventilator



A nursing student learning to use a Belmont rapid infuser



The community gathers in gratitude for the new specialized beds at Foyer Lacombe



St. Michael's Health Centre residents enjoying an Orion tandem bicycle

Technology that elevates care

Life-saving speed when every second counts

Belmont rapid infuser | Grey Nuns Community Hospital, Edmonton

When patients require large volumes of blood or fluids quickly, speed and precision are critical. The donor-funded Belmont rapid infuser allows clinical and cardiac care teams at the Grey Nuns to deliver precisely warmed blood and fluids at high velocity when every second matters. By putting advanced technology in the hands of care teams, our donors are helping strengthen clinical capacity and give staff the speed, control and confidence needed to respond to complex and time-sensitive care.

Greater comfort and dignity at end of life

Specialized beds | Foyer Lacombe, St. Albert

At Foyer Lacombe hospice in St. Albert, comfort matters in every moment. Thanks to generous donors and community partners, Covenant Foundation funded specialized Centrella beds that enable safer repositioning, closer monitoring and more responsive care. These new beds help caregivers meet residents' needs more effectively while providing a serene, supportive place to rest. For residents nearing the end of life and the families by their side, these enhancements ensure dignity,

comfort and compassionate care remain at the heart of every day.

Rebuilding strength, confidence and mobility

Orion tandem bicycle | St. Michael's Health Centre, Lethbridge

More than rebuilding physical strength, recovery also entails confidence, independence and connection. The donor-funded Orion tandem bicycle at St. Michael's Health Centre in Lethbridge gives patients structured opportunities to improve balance, mobility and endurance outdoors. Benefiting more than 150 individuals each year, this specialized equipment helps make rehabilitation more engaging and empowering, supporting patients as they work toward greater independence and improved quality of life.

A space for culture, ceremony and connection

The Mamawi room and Indigenous cultural spaces | Grey Nuns Community Hospital, Edmonton

Health care is stronger when culture and identity are honoured

For Indigenous patients and families, a hospital experience can carry needs that extend beyond clinical care. Connection to culture, ceremony, family and community can be an important part of healing, grieving and feeling supported.

At the Grey Nuns Community Hospital, two dedicated Indigenous spaces are helping make room for those needs with greater intention.

The Mamawi Room is bringing people together during important moments

Mamawi means **“all together” in Cree**, a fitting name for a dedicated gathering room where Indigenous patients, families and community members can come together when a loved one is in hospital or dies in care.

The space supports sacred practices such as smudging and creates opportunities for patients and families to connect with Elders, Knowledge Keepers and Indigenous Care Liaisons. It offers a place for

ceremony, reflection, learning and community within the hospital.

Culturally safe care now extends to children and families

A complementary Indigenous cultural space in the Child Health Clinic creates a welcoming environment for Indigenous children and families during outpatient care. Featuring a children’s tipi, Indigenous artwork and a quiet reflection area for smudging, the space recognizes the role of culture and identity in the care experience.

Together, these spaces reflect Covenant’s commitment to compassionate, person-centred care that honours the whole person.

With donor support, innovation can also mean reimagining the spaces where care happens, creating environments where Indigenous patients and families feel seen, respected and connected to culture, community and one another.

Right: Angela Parisian, Indigenous Care Liaison at Grey Nuns Community Hospital, in the Mamawi Room



“These spaces are the heartbeat of Indigenous care – places where our people feel safe, seen and free to bring their whole selves into their healing. They hold our songs, our medicines, our languages and the quiet strength of our families. They also invite staff into deeper learning and humility, helping them walk alongside us with respect and understanding of Indigenous ways of being.”

—Angela R. Parisian , Indigenous Care Liaison (ICL), Mission, Ethics, and Spirituality, Grey Nuns Community Hospital

Creating inclusive care spaces

Better spaces. Elevated care experiences.

Care spaces that feel familiar and engaging
ABBY interactive boards | Multiple Covenant sites

For residents living with dementia, familiar and meaningful surroundings can make a significant difference in daily life. With donor support, ABBY interactive boards provide self-directed activities designed to spark memory, encourage interaction and reduce overstimulation. This evidence-based technology is helping create calmer, more engaging care environments where residents can connect with others, experience greater comfort and confidence and participate in ways that feel meaningful to them.

A calmer space when the world feels overwhelming
Sensory room | Child Health Clinic, Grey Nuns Community Hospital, Edmonton

Children experience care in different ways, and some need a quieter, more supportive environment to feel safe and at ease. Made possible through donor generosity, the sensory room at the Child Health Clinic gives children a space to regulate, decompress and reduce overstimulation during care. By responding to individual sensory

needs, the room helps create a more compassionate and personalized experience for children and their families.

Surgical care delivered in the right setting
Procedural Suites | Misericordia Community Hospital, Edmonton

The right care environment can improve both the patient experience and how efficiently care is delivered. Enhanced procedural suites at the Misericordia Community Hospital support a surgical pathway that moves appropriate procedures from the operating room into a specialized procedural setting. For patients, this can mean lighter sedation, fewer complications and a faster return to their preoperative state. For the health system, it helps increase surgical capacity while preserving operating rooms for more complex cases.



A resident living with dementia using the ABBY interactive platform



Calming devices at the Grey Nuns’ sensory room for children’s health



Healthcare workers performing a procedure at the Misericordia Community Hospital



Advancing the future of health care

A new model of primary care for Alberta

Veres Family Health Clinic | Stelmach Community Health Centre, Edmonton

For many Albertans, finding timely, continuous access to primary care can be challenging. The **Veres Family Health Clinic** is helping demonstrate a different way forward.

Located within Covenant’s new Stelmach Community Health Centre in southeast Edmonton, the clinic introduces an innovative, team-based approach to primary care designed to give patients more coordinated support close to home.

A transformational gift is helping build a new model of care

Made possible by a **\$4 million transformational donation to Covenant Foundation**, the Veres Family Health Clinic brings family physicians, nurse practitioners, nurses and allied health professionals together as one integrated team.

Rather than relying on a single provider to address every need, patients can be connected with the right member of the care team at the

right time. This collaborative model supports more comprehensive care, strengthens continuity and helps patients navigate their health journey with greater confidence.

Innovation today can help shape care for tomorrow

The Veres Family Health Clinic reflects Covenant’s growing role in advancing new models of care that respond to the changing needs of Albertans.

By investing in innovative approaches to primary care, visionary donors are helping expand access, strengthen connections across the health system and create better experiences for patients and families.

It is a powerful example of what becomes possible when generosity, partnership and innovation come together to help shape the future of health care in Alberta.

Left: Doctor consulting with a patient at the Veres Family Health Clinic



Dr. Kevin Perry, physician at the podiatry clinic, caring for a patient during a visit



Learning and connection help strengthen compassionate care across Covenant



Queue management technology helps create a smoother, more welcoming care experience

Building what’s next in health care

A new model of care is helping prevent amputations Zivot Limb Preservation Centre - North | Stelmach Community Health Centre

Earlier intervention can make a life-changing difference for people at risk of diabetic foot disease and amputation. As the Edmonton Zone’s first clinic built around the “toe and flow” model, the Zivot Limb Preservation Centre – North brings podiatric and vascular surgery together to provide earlier assessment, treatment and coordinated care. Working with specialists across diabetes care, infectious disease, internal medicine and plastic surgery, the clinic helps identify problems sooner, preserve mobility and reduce the risk of preventable amputations. With donor support, this innovative model is expanding access to specialized care and helping patients protect their independence and quality of life.

Advancing better palliative care through knowledge and learning

Palliative Care Research and Education Conference | Covenant Palliative Care Institute

Better palliative care depends on continually strengthening the knowledge and practice behind it.

Supported through a grant awarded in 2024-25, the Palliative Care Research and Education Conference took place in October 2026 and was hosted by Covenant’s Palliative Care Institute. The conference brought healthcare professionals, researchers and leaders together to share evidence, strengthen practice and explore new approaches to caring for patients and families facing serious illness and end of life. With donor support, this investment in learning is helping translate research into more compassionate, informed and responsive palliative care.

Less waiting, more time for care

Queue management system | Stelmach Community Health Centre

A better care experience can begin before a clinical appointment even starts. The queue management system at the Stelmach Community Health Centre helps patients navigate services more efficiently, reducing uncertainty and creating a smoother, more welcoming experience. Supported by donor generosity, this technology helps streamline patient flow and allows care teams to spend less time managing queues and more time focused on the people they serve.

Looking ahead

Across Alberta, the demand for accessible, connected and compassionate care continues to expand. Meeting this challenge requires bold partnerships, strategic investment and an unwavering commitment to transforming healthcare delivery.

Covenant is driving this transformation every day. By pioneering new models of care, investing in advanced technology, modernizing spaces and delivering programs tailored to our communities, we are continually elevating the standard of care for patients, residents and families.

Philanthropy accelerates this vital momentum. Supported by generous donors and visionaries, Covenant Foundation helps turn ambition into impact, strengthening healthcare environments and scaling solutions that make a lasting difference across the province.

The achievements highlighted in this report represent just a glimpse of what we can accomplish. Together, they illustrate the extraordinary power of shared purpose, clinical expertise and community generosity.

As we look to the future, we extend our deepest gratitude to everyone who stands with us.

Thank you for investing in exceptional care for Albertans today and for helping us shape a healthier tomorrow.





Covenant Foundation's 2025-26 Impact Report ✨

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