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***New Brunswick Medical Education Foundation launches its first annual report***

**ROTHESAY, NB (July 5, 2021):** The New Brunswick Medical Education Foundation Inc. (NBMEFI) is pleased to announce the launch of its first annual report for the organization.

Since its inception in 2010, the foundation has evolved into a partner in physician recruitment across the province. Last year, 42 scholarships worth $304,000 were granted to New Brunswick residents to attend medical school and become future doctors in the province. Students who attend medical school are offered up to four years of scholarship and pledge an equal amount of time to practice medicine in the province.

The foundation has provided over 2 million dollars through 292 scholarships to 143 recipients since its founding. There are currently 105 scholarship recipients on return to service pledges to become our future physicians and 22 are now working in New Brunswick as doctors. The annual report highlights some of their stories and features donors and stakeholders who have made a personal impact on the organization.

"As the only not-for-profit organization in Canada dedicated to keeping our best and brightest students here to practice medicine, I am so pleased the report is available to celebrate our scholarship recipients and champions. Our scholarship recipients come from all backgrounds and communities across New Brunswick, and it is a pleasure to feature them in the annual report," said Darren McLeod, Executive Director of the New Brunswick Medical Education Foundation Inc. “I am also truly grateful to all of our donors featured in the annual report as none of this would be possible without their support.”

An electronic and printable version of the bilingual annual report is now available online through the foundation’s website at [www.nbmeded.ca](http://www.nbmeded.ca) /Home/Annual Report. The report will be posted to the French website soon as we are in the process of revamping and making it as engaging and informative as the English website.

NBMEFI is the only not-for-profit organization in Canada dedicated to providing scholarships for New Brunswick residents to attend medical school and practice in the province through the return to service pledges. Understanding the challenges our healthcare system faces, the Foundation is an important partner in addressing New Brunswick’s need for physicians.

If you would like to learn more about the New Brunswick Medical Education Foundation and how to support its role to attract and keep our best and brightest in New Brunswick, please contact the office at 506-848-0036, email Darren.McLeod@nbmeded.ca, or visit our website at https://www.nbmeded.ca. As well, follow us through Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and LinkedIn to meet some of the 143 recipients of our scholarships.

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