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*This issue of Heart Beat is dedicated to the memory of
Dr. Art Sovereign.*



Pediatric Endowment Fund Honours Dr. Art Sovereign

A much beloved physician will be remembered for his compassion and dedication, through an Endowment Fund established in his name with the Vernon Jubilee Hospital Foundation.

Dr. Art Sovereign, a long time pediatrician who was known for his community causes – especially those involving children – passed away on March 13, at the age of 77.

A grandson of Vernon pioneers Price and Sophie Ellison, Dr. Sovereign was born and raised in Vancouver. He joined the RCAF straight from school, trained as a navigator and spent two years in England. On returning to Canada, he graduated from the University of Alberta, interned at Vancouver General Hospital and after a year in pediatrics, started a practice in Vernon in 1955.

Dr. Sovereign obtained his specialty in pediatrics at the Toronto Sick Children's Hospital and the Children's Hospital in Winnipeg after which he returned to Vernon as the first pediatric specialist at VJH. The children's ward at VJH is named in Sovereign's honour.

He was also involved with N.O.N.A., My School and the Attention Deficit Disorders Association. Retired for several years, Dr. Sovereign and his wife Agnes were recognized by the City of Vernon in 2001 with the Freedom of the City award.

The Medical Staff at Vernon Jubilee Hospital decided to honour the works and memory of Dr. Sovereign by establishing the **Art Sovereign Pediatric Endowment Fund**. The capital, or principal in the Endowment Fund will be invested in perpetuity and only the annual income from the Fund will be used to support the equipment and program needs of the Art Sovereign Pediatric Unit at Vernon Jubilee Hospital. Over \$5000 has already been donated to the Endowment Fund.

The Art Sovereign Pediatric Endowment Fund is an "open" fund, meaning that individuals or organizations who wish to honour the good works and memory of Dr. Sovereign can make tax deductible contributions to help build up the Fund which will, in turn, increase the amount of annual income the Fund generates.

Each year, a committee comprised of VJH Physicians will meet to determine how the current income from the Endowment Fund will be spent.

To support the Art Sovereign Pediatric Endowment Fund, please complete the coupon on page 8 and forward it to the VJH Foundation in the enclosed return envelope.

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