



Lucky Number 13

First as a boy and all through junior, senior, and beer league hockey, Sean Barnes has worn number 13.

So on July 30, 2020, as Barnes found himself in station 13 at St. Boniface Hospital's Bergen Cardiac Care Clinic for the insertion of a stent in his left anterior descending artery, it was an omen for good luck.

"Staff joked they lined up 13 just for me," said Barnes, whose Twitter handle is – that's right – @SeanBarnes13.

While he has no qualms upending superstition about the notoriously unlucky number, Barnes says he's more grateful than "lucky". The dad, husband, coach, and Vice President Special Projects with PCL North America is also a cancer survivor.

In late 2018, he underwent surgery and endured 12 rounds of chemotherapy to successfully treat colon cancer. A follow-up appointment earlier this year identified concerns with his heart, leading to further investigation at St. Boniface Hospital and the discovery his artery was 70 per cent blocked.

"I'm an active guy and I wasn't experiencing chest pain or any other symptoms. I'm grateful and happy it was caught. I came in at noon and I was home by 9:30 that night."

Though all went well with his stent procedure, Barnes heeded the advice of his St. B. doctor one week earlier, when he rescheduled a family vacation at Sioux Narrows on Lake of the Woods.

"I was surprised. But he said if I did have heart trouble out there, I'd be going to Kenora first and then by helicopter back to Winnipeg and then over to St. B. He didn't like the prognosis for my survival if anything went wrong."

Barnes holds St. Boniface Hospital in high esteem for the care he's received – especially with COVID-19 a major factor.

"The hospital has adapted to an enormously challenging environment with COVID-19," he said. "They recognize a patient's anxiety, especially when you can't have family at your side."ahead."



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4,863 donors
(2020)



\$9.8 million+
raised (2020)



\$200 million+
raised (since 1971
funding)

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St. Boniface Hospital Foundation

Thanks to our generous donors, St. Boniface Hospital Foundation has invested more than \$200 million toward these needs since our founding in 1971.

Our Mission

The mission of St. Boniface Hospital Foundation is to raise funds to support excellence in health care and research at St. Boniface Hospital in a manner that is guided by the legacy and values of the Grey Nuns.

Our Vision

St. Boniface Hospital Foundation will be at the forefront of fundraising to promote excellence in health care and research to create a healthier society.

Our Priorities

- helping donors make thoughtful, personally meaningful philanthropic choices with impact
- engaging the corporate community to give philanthropically, sponsor, and volunteer
- sharing the inspiring stories of research and patient care at St. Boniface Hospital
- earning trust through professional conduct and operational transparency

As a fundraising organization, we're proud to share with our donors and stakeholders that 100% of our Board members and staff voluntarily contribute to our worthy cause.

While we set no minimum amount for an annual contribution, we urge Board Members to give generously according to their means.

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Time commitment is estimated at between 12 and 20 hours annually, depending on the level of involvement on committees or the executive

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