



### **Linda Mickelson, CEO at the Alberta Cancer Foundation**

Linda Mickelson grew up in Calgary and received a Bachelor of Science in Household Economics from the University of Alberta in 1969. Her career in the fashion and textile industry took her from Montreal to Toronto and throughout western Canada before she settled in Saskatoon to raise three daughters. Linda was an active community volunteer and this eventually led to a new career in the not-for-profit sector as a charitable fundraiser. She spent more than 10 years with the Heart and Stroke Foundation in Saskatchewan and Alberta.

In 1998, her oldest daughter was diagnosed with Hodgkin's Lymphoma and was treated successfully at Edmonton's Cross Cancer Institute. Cancer became a personal issue for Linda during her daughter's eight-month treatment program and in 1999 she accepted the role of Chief Executive Officer for the Alberta Cancer Foundation.

As CEO of the charitable foundation for 17 cancer treatment centres in Alberta, Linda sees how patients and their families benefit every day from the research and cancer care programs that Alberta Cancer Foundation donors make possible. Since 1999, the Foundation has increased annual fundraising from \$3.5 million to approximately \$30 million in support of cancer research, prevention, screening and patient support programs.

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