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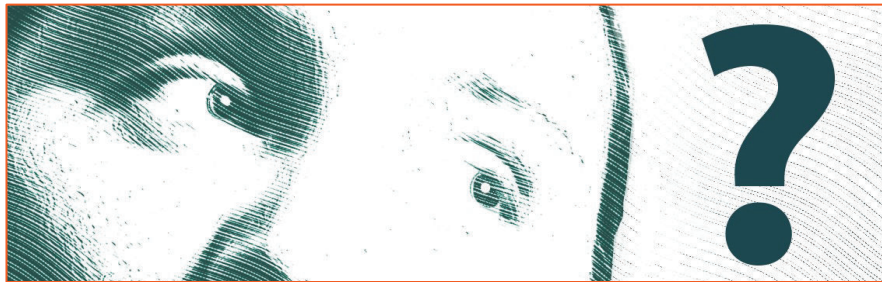
Mina Fund Newsletter

Dr. Mina
MacKenzie
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Dr. Mina MacKenzie nominated for Canadian bank note

by Bill Bayer

Until April 16, the Bank of Canada is inviting the public to nominate women from Canada's past for a new polymer bank note. This note will feature an iconic Canadian woman and will be issued in late 2018.

Coming from a poor farming family, Jemima (Mina) MacKenzie overcame significant obstacles on her path to become one of the first female graduates of Dalhousie University's medical program in 1904.

Working as a medical missionary in India, Dr. Mina prevented an outbreak of cholera after inoculating people night and day. She learned how to do cataract surgery by correspondence. Once she detonated dynamite that

she brought from home, to blast a well and supply a rural community with safe drinking water. She adopted dozens of abandoned children. Indeed, there was nothing Dr. Mina MacKenzie wouldn't do when it came to helping the poor and sick.

Resourceful, determined, gutsy. These words seem like understatement when it comes to describing Dr. MacKenzie. Her extraordinary strength of character and unusual accomplishments make her an ideal nominee for this honour.

Please visit www.bankofcanada.ca/banknotes/banknoteable/ to join us in nominating Dr. Mina MacKenzie for Canada's new polymer bank note!

Canadian bank note nomination

Join us in nominating Mina MacKenzie for the new Canadian banknote.

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Minimizing Admin Costs

by Bill Bayer

In 2015, we needed to ensure support could continue for the children the Mina Fund has been helping. Through volunteer fundraising activities and generous support from our donors, we accomplished this goal!

Operationally, efforts focused on minimizing administrative costs and

aligning Mina Fund activities to:

- ➔ Focus on the Mina Fund's "Empowerment Through Education" mission statement
- ➔ Refresh/expand our donor base
- ➔ Communicate with donors through a regular newsletter
- ➔ Improve operational efficiency through an expenditure and donation tracking database
- ➔ Encourage donors to establish an endowment from their estate

- ➔ Develop Mina Fund web site, Facebook and Twitter pages
- ➔ Enable online payments and donations using PayPal
- ➔ Implement new fundraising activities that build on the success of our first charity art auction.

The Mina Fund will continue to ensure administrative costs are held to the minimum level. We look forward to continuing this success in 2016 by attracting new donors and developing additional fundraising activities.

Broadwell Christian Hospital—Then and Now

by Bill Bayer

In 1907, Dr. Mina MacKenzie arrived in Fatehpur, a station with over one thousand villages. Fatehpur itself had over 19,000 inhabitants and the many surrounding villages also needed to be served. Dr. MacKenzie was responsible for all medical work as Head Surgeon, but she also planned the new buildings, performed facility maintenance and conducted the teaching and training of all staff.

After Dr. MacKenzie received a generous donation from Mr. Broadwell of Cincinnati in memory of his wife, ten acres of beautiful land with mango groves was secured and on November 25, 1909, the cornerstone of the new hospital at Fatehpur was laid.

In 1910, Dr. MacKenzie became Head Surgeon of the Broadwell Memorial Hospital and though not completely finished, the hospital doors were opened to the public for use. The staff was increased, patients travelled hundreds

of miles for relief from their suffering and for the first time, operations were performed in an operating room with closed doors.

Today under the leadership of Dr. Thomas, the Broadwell Christian Hospital continues to bring hope to many needy people. The hospital increased to 50 beds and expanded services to include General Surgery, Obstetrics and Gynecology, Pediatrics and Neonatology, Ophthalmology, Dentistry and Palliative Care.



Staff at Broadwell Christian Hospital, founded by Dr. Mina MacKenzie in 1909.

Community health and development programs include Women Empowerment, Adolescent Education and Training, Livelihood and support of the National Urban Health Mission.

Infrastructure Development activities include:

- ➔ Renovation of labour room waiting area, labour room, NICU and female ward.
- ➔ Palliative care services that bring hope and love into the lives of many terminal patients.
- ➔ Programs focused on the social determinants of health in urban slums.

The Mina Fund is proud to continue more than a century of support for Broadwell Christian Hospital. Our goal is to raise \$5,000 in 2016 to purchase cardiac monitors and contribute to building an orthopedic operating theater.

Please help make our infrastructure goal for 2016 a success with a special contribution to the Mina Fund. Broadwell Christian Hospital programs save lives—and your help can make this possible!



MINA FUND AT WORK

Donated Computers

e-Emphasys Technologies Inc. coordinated with the Mina Fund to donate seven used computers to the children's homes in Ratlam and Neemuch. These computers will be used to provide students with access to the Internet and to help develop research and critical thinking skills.

Endowment

Long-time Mina Fund supporter **Lillias Brown** passed away on August 30, 2015. We appreciate the endowment Lillias provided in her will for the Mina Fund. Lillias' generosity will be missed!

Infrastructure Drive

The Peterborough K. M. Hunter Charitable Foundation helped support our 2015 infrastructure drive with a \$3500 grant. This funding will be used to replace extremely worn dining room tables and beds at the Girls Christian Hostel in Ratlam.

2015 Charity Art Auction

The first Mina Fund Charity Art Auction was a tremendous success, netting over **\$1600** thanks to our participating artists and our generous auction bidders! This funding enabled us to increase support for the Broadwell Christian Hospital originally founded by Dr. Mina MacKenzie.

FlipGive

FlipGive allows supporters to shop great deals with Wagjag, Indigo, Groupon, Starbucks, shop.ca and other great restaurants and retailers to support the Mina Fund—at no additional cost!

Please bookmark FlipGive's URL <https://www.flipgive.com/c/32181>.

Community Health Team... Tuberculosis Is Cured

by Bill Bayer



Mina Fund donors support life-saving community outreach work at Broadwell Christian Hospital.

Pyarelal worried when he coughed up blood and sought medical help. He eventually tested positive for Tuberculosis, but after his initial treatment, his condition worsened. His crying wife called Broadwell Christian Hospital's Community Health Team and asked for help.

Key to successfully treating TB is consistency in taking medication throughout the six months course of treatment. If the medicine is not taken consistently or not taken to completion, TB will return—and often then be drug resistant.

By the time the Community Health Team visited Pyarelal, he was wasting away and his family had lost all hope. The staff counselled the family about the importance of taking the medications consistently.

After several visits the Community

Health Team noticed the family was struggling financially from the cost of medical care. Broadwell Christian Hospital staff contributed enough money to purchase a month's worth of food for the family.

After two months of continued visits, the team could see improvement. Pyarelal was eating more and gaining strength. First he was able to sit up by himself in bed, then walk around using a stick, and eventually his mental outlook improved as well.

At the completion of his six months of treatment, Pyarelal was given a clean bill of health. He now goes off daily to sell vegetables in the market to support his family.

Support from Mina Fund donors and continuous care of the Community Health Team improved the life of this man and his family.



Avadhut Sawant joins the Mina Fund

by Bill Bayer

Please join us in welcoming Avadhut Sawant to the Mina Fund! Avi and I initially met eight years ago through business, during my role with Komatsu Canada. Our first volunteer located in India, Avi is already helping improve local communications.

Based in Mumbai, Avi's activities for the Mina Fund will further improve communication with the children's homes and hospitals we support, while helping to minimize our administrative costs.

Avi's area of expertise is Advanced Data Analytics. Currently working as Senior Architect at L&T Infotech, Avi is simultaneously pursuing a Ph.D. in "Machine Learning".

We're thrilled Avi has agreed to join the Mina Fund and look forward to the positive impact his ideas and support will bring!



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Sponsorship

by Bill Bayer

Through the help of sponsors like you, the Mina Fund has changed the lives of hundreds of children. With your

support and motivation, they can achieve what everyone hopes for – a better life.

With child sponsorship, you receive:

- A picture and story of your sponsored child
- Child's annual progress report
- Newsletter explaining the difference you are making
- Charitable donation tax receipt
- Best of all, a meaningful relationship with the child you sponsor, making you an active partner in your child's progress and development

deductible receipts will be issued for donations of \$25 or more.

It takes about \$1/day to change a life. Your support makes a major impact, so please sponsor a child today!

Your donation at work:

- \$375 – Sponsorship of a child for one full year
- \$100 – Medical treatments
- \$ 50 – Room/board for 2 months
- \$ 25 – School uniform

Please share this newsletter with others to encourage support of Mina Fund activities and bookmark our web site and Facebook page!



Shivani, age 10.

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