

FROM PAIN COMES HEALING

WHEN BETH AND GRAYDON NICHOLAS LOST LOVED ONES TO CANCER, THEY WANTED TO GIVE BACK TO THE PROFESSION THAT DID SO MUCH TO HELP. LAST YEAR, THEY ESTABLISHED THE HATCHETTE AND NICHOLAS MEDICAL EDUCATION ENDOWMENT FUND IN MEMORY OF BOTH THEIR SON MICHAEL NICHOLAS AND BETH'S BROTHER RICK HATCHETTE. STARTING IN 2022, EACH YEAR, THE COUPLE WILL AWARD A \$10,000 SCHOLARSHIP TO AN INDIGENOUS STUDENT ATTENDING DALHOUSIE MEDICINE NEW BRUNSWICK.

"We're very humbled to be able to do this because of a generous legacy left by our son and my brother," said Beth. "Our faith calls us to give back to our community. We give with humility. But also, with an open heart. It brings us a sense of peace to know that both Mike and Rick live on. The gifts they left through their life accomplishments are now being paid forward to help someone else. That means so much to us. And it would mean so much to them."

"In our Indigenous culture, we are brought up to think seven generations ahead, because seven generations back, they thought of us," said Graydon. "These scholarships honour those who came before and will help ensure a better future for Indigenous young people for generations to come."

There's no doubt that Mike and Rick would be thrilled to see their contributions carried forward to help the Indigenous community. Especially in medicine.

"We have tears," Graydon added. "It's devastating to lose a loved one. But when I think about the medical advances that have taken place – when I think about the young people who will benefit from these scholarships – who knows, maybe this next generation of young doctors will make a breakthrough discovery. Maybe one of these

young people will go on to have a profoundly positive impact on the future of medicine and healthcare."

"It's very rewarding for us to watch the scholarship ceremony and see all the students highlighted," said Graydon. "I said to Beth, wow, isn't that amazing? Isn't that beautiful? All those young people going into a profession to better the lives of others."

"That's how I see it too," Beth added. "All those future doctors. Each one deeply involved in their communities. To bring that kind of broad outlook to the profession will be incredible. And I think about the future Indigenous medical students... They'll be able to show the younger members of their communities that yes, there is something to look forward to in life. Yes, you can make a difference. And we believe in you."

We can only make a difference if we take a step. Even one small step at a time. With perseverance and a circle of caring supporters, maybe, seven generations from now, our descendants will look back at how one of these students set the wheels in motion that changed our world for good.

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