

Because of you...

THE WDMH FOUNDATION NEWSLETTER 2021 Issue II



Over many months, our COVID-19 screeners have played a vital role in keeping everyone safe. Above is Evan Antonakos at WDMH and below is Dara Ferguson at Dundas Manor.



What a Team!

HAPPY SUMMER! We hope everyone is getting a bit of downtime and enjoying the wonderful weather. Before we know it, fall will be here.

While the COVID-19 pandemic continues to occupy much of their time, our teams at Winchester District Memorial Hospital, Dundas Manor, and the WDMH Foundation are also finding ways to take a break and re-group after an incredible 18 months of caring. Together, they have worked hard to keep patients, residents, and each other safe. We are thankful to our local communities for your positive messages and generous donations.

We are not there yet, but there is light at the end of the tunnel. And we are excited to look to the future and all the possibilities.

The WDMH Foundation continues to raise funds to support health care close to home at WDMH. In fact, \$330,277 - including 29 new pieces of equipment and a major upgrade to WDMH's wireless network - was transferred to WDMH last year. COVID-19 delayed some of the hospital's requests to the Foundation for medical equipment purchases, but in the last two months alone, 8 pieces of equipment have been funded, totaling close to \$150,000. For example, read about the new MDRD sink on page 3.

The WDMH Foundation is also proud of its growing partnership with Dundas Manor, with a special focus on the campaign for a new long-term care home. We are putting the pieces in place and getting ready for the public launch down the road. It is exciting to take on this challenge, knowing that local communities will be behind us every step of the way.



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We are so grateful for everyone's support!

Thank you for caring!

MAKING A DIFFERENCE



Every day, our donors go above and beyond with generous and creative fundraising events – even during these unusual times! Big or small, every one of them has made an impact and we are always grateful. Just a reminder that we are always here to help.

Contact Justine Plummer at 613-774-2422 ext. 6172 or jplummer@wdmh.on.ca to learn more.



♥ WDMH Team Leader and Registered Nurse, **Sean Burnett**, completed 2K, 5K, 10K and 50K runs to raise funds for the WDMH Foundation. In total he raised \$4,120.

♥ The saying goes that 'when one door closes another always opens'. Recently, the **Hulbert-Valley United Church** was sold, and the congregation chose to give a portion of the proceeds to the WDMH Foundation. The gift of \$49,574.61 will support health care close to home.

♥ The **Sisters for Life** have done it again – donating \$1,065 to the Foundation's Digital Mammography Fund from their Canada Day raffle. They have more events planned to keep the momentum going.

♥ Seeing is believing! The **Winchester Lions Club** recently presented \$2,000 for our Ophthalmology Fund. The gift will be used to fund the next piece of required equipment. This industrious group has donated \$150,243 to WDMH and we are very thankful as this specialized equipment can be very expensive.

♥ Thank you to **Terri-Lynn Villemaire** from Bellawax for hosting an online candle fundraiser for WDMH. She sold 67 candles, raising \$201 for the Foundation's Family Care Fund.

♥ **Karen Parker** rallied her neighbours to purchase Canada Day flags and support WDMH. In all there were 43 flags waving, resulting in a \$400 donation to the Foundation's General Equipment Fund.

♥ From sunflowers to sunsets, every painting was beautiful. Thank you to **Carrie Keller** at Paintings to Order who held a month-long online painting auction, raising \$1,800 for the WDMH Foundation.

Did you know that the Ontario government does not fund medical equipment purchases for hospitals?



Alana Smith, Rhonda Froats, and Corinne Wicks are three members of the MDRD team who are enjoying the new sink.

The Right Tools

TUCKED AWAY NEAR WDMH'S OPERATING ROOM IS MDRD – the Medical Device Reprocessing Department. The MDRD team plays an important role, ensuring that equipment is clean, sterilized, and ready for use when needed.

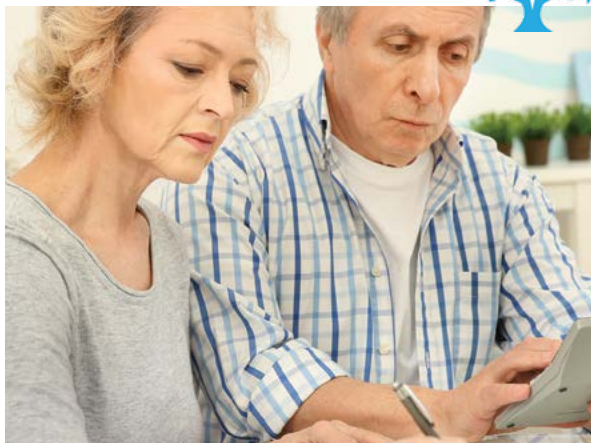
Recently, because of our generous donors, the Foundation was able to provide funds for a new sink for the department. This specialized sink is used to clean and sterilize surgical tools and equipment. It is ergonomically designed and moves up and down. This provides a safer, more comfortable experience for staff members, no matter what their height. Small things like this make a big difference!

The cost of the sink was \$18,092.57.



Leaving a Gift in Your Will?

Consider letting us know 



THE WDMH FOUNDATION is so fortunate and grateful to be chosen as a beneficiary in the Will of some of our donors.

While some donors share this thoughtful and generous intention with us, sometimes we do not know until we receive the gift. Each time, we are so inspired by these donors and their choices - but we also wish we had been able to say thank you in person. We imagine a conversation where we could discuss how they and their gift will make a difference. We could also ask if they would like any recognition for this generous life legacy.

To all who have left a gift in their Will, thank you! If you would like to let us know about your decision to leave a legacy gift to us, we would love to thank you and hear from you about what kind of impact you would like to make. For those who have arranged for a gift and decide to keep it confidential, thank you and we understand and respect your wishes. Every gift makes a difference, and we are so grateful for all our donors.

We would love to chat with you. Please contact Erin Kapcala, Manager of Major and Planning Giving, at ekapcala@wdmh.on.ca or 613-774-2422, ext. 6769.



Neighbourhood News



The WDMH Foundation is proud to be part of a caring community of health partners. Together with Winchester District Memorial Hospital, Dundas Manor Long-Term Care Home, and the Community Care Building, we are providing health care close to home for our local communities – from babies to seniors. And our local communities support us every step of the way. Here are some updates from our neighbours!

Meet Our Cancer Coach



WDMH'S NEW CANCER COACH is a familiar face. Registered Nurse Callie Laurin has worked at the hospital for more than 15 years. Callie is available to help cancer patients and their families both at WDMH and in the local area. Callie works with patients to identify their needs and to help them develop a plan to meet their

specific goals. She can answer questions about care and link to local community resources. Anyone can refer someone to the program, including patients and families themselves. For more details, visit www.wdmh.on.ca/cancercarecoach.

We Love Fries!

WHO DOESN'T LOVE MONDAYS? On August 9th, friends and neighbours of Dundas Manor stopped by for some delicious fries – and helped the WDMH Foundation at the same time. Welcome donations were directed to the Foundation's Healthcare Undesignated Fund to be used where needed most at WDMH and Dundas Manor. Dundas Manor residents and staff enjoyed this treat as well. In all, \$2,000 was raised. Thank you for your support!




SIP, SAVOUR & SUPPORT
For the WDMH Foundation

September 25, 2021
5 - 10 pm
STONE CROP ACRES
WINERY & VINEYARD

Enjoy a great atmosphere, live music, and sample food and drinks from many local businesses!

To purchase tickets, visit
<https://bit.ly/Sip-Savour-Support2021>

Grow or sport a moustache in November to raise awareness of prostate cancer.

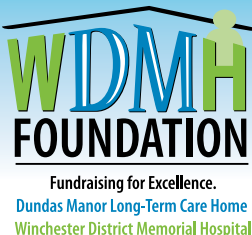
Shave on Oct. 31 - Show on Nov. 30

Dare to Flash A Stache
Together, we pledge to fight prostate cancer.

SIGN UP NOW TO START PLEDGING FOR A CAUSE

Proceeds benefit the WDMH and the Ottawa Hospital Foundation.
To register yourself or your team and start fundraising, visit
<http://bit.ly/DTFAS2021>

Keep In Touch



We'd love to keep in touch! You can help today by volunteering, hosting a fundraising event, or making a donation. Whatever you would like to do, we'd love to chat. Thank you!

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