

Welcome to this edition of Because of You. We are excited to share the latest news, and most of all, we want to share the impact that our amazing donors – like you – are making every day in helping to support health care close to home.

You Are Awesome!

Every year, on the 15th of November, we celebrate

National Philanthropy Day. It is a day to recognize the charitable work that everyone does to make a difference and create an impact in their communities. It is also a day to celebrate each of you - our wonderful donors!

Philanthropy is a fancy word for giving back. The word comes from two Greek words 'philo', meaning, 'brotherly love' and 'anthropy' which means 'mankind'. Put those together, and you have 'to love mankind like family'. Everyone can be a philanthropist and make a difference.

At the WDMH Foundation, we see philanthropy in action every day – community members hosting events to raise funds for health care close to home; volunteers supporting our work; donors stopping by to share their stories and make a pledge or an impactful legacy gift; and on and on.

We can't do what we do without you. Thank you for giving back. And for inspiring others to do the same.

Thank you for caring!



MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Big or small, every community event makes an impact and we are so grateful.

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

Sweet Donations

Sunflowers and honeybees have a big impact on health care close to home—thanks to **Smirlholm Farms** and **RBC**! The 3rd annual Soak up the Sunflowers and Bee Amazed! event took place over two weekends this summer and the results are impressive. A total of \$7,000 was raised - \$5,500 from the event and \$1,500 from RBC.



They Really Care!

Patients undergoing cancer treatment at WDMH will soon benefit from a major donation to the WDMH Foundation's Cancer Care Fund – thanks to the **Dairy Producers of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry** and the generosity of local community members. At the 2024 Dairy Cares for SD&G gala, \$78,305.29 was presented to the WDMH Foundation. Wow!



Yum! Yum!

The friendly competition was fierce and there was BBQ sauce absolutely everywhere - but it was all for a good cause. Eight teams cooked up their best chicken thigh and rib recipes in hopes of taking home the first-ever **Winchester Rib Competition** bragging rights – and trophies! By the end of the September afternoon, \$1,200 had been raised for health care close to home.



Operating Room Support

A trip to the WDMH operating room usually involves receiving anesthesia to prepare for surgery. Now, a new anesthesia pump will support the very best care for our patients. The **Iroquois Matilda Lions Club** recently donated \$2,000 to the General Equipment Fund for purchases such as a new pump. Funds were raised through their bingo nights. Additional funds were provided by other Family Care Fund donors who want to support families just like theirs.



Awareness and Support

The **Prostate Cancer Support Ottawa** (PCS Ottawa) team never stops – raising awareness about prostate cancer, raising funds, and supporting those on a cancer journey. After all, these volunteers are cancer survivors themselves. PCS Ottawa recently donated \$10,000 to support WDMH's Cancer Care Navigator program.



Coming Up!

We want to share three events taking place in November and December. We hope you can join in the fun!

50/50 Raffle

It's back! The next WDMH Foundation's 50/50 Raffle is taking place throughout the month of November. Help the WDMH Foundation purchase much-needed medical equipment for WDMH and win some cash! The bigger the jackpot, the greater the impact. For details, visit wdmhfoundationraffles.ca.

YOU COULD WIN IT ALL!



50/50 CASH RAFFLES

Flash a Stache

Grow or show a moustache to raise awareness about prostate cancer throughout the month of November. Sign up individually or join a team. You can also drop off a cash donation at the Foodland stores in Greely, Iroquois, Osgoode and Winchester. For all the details, visit bit.ly/DTFAS2024.



Make a Wish

It's the most wonderful time of the year! The Judy Lannin Christmas Wish Tree will launch in mid-November, providing an opportunity to make a donation in honour or in memory of a loved one. And don't forget to join us for the tree lighting on December 10th at 5 pm in the hospital lobby.







Get Involved for WDMH!

Thank you to everyone in our community who has hosted an event in the past few months to support Winchester District Memorial Hospital. If you have an idea, we'd love to chat and support you with your plans. Please contact Justine Plummer at 613-774-2422 ext. 6172 or jplummer@wdmh.on.ca.



Our Hearts Are Full!

The weather is starting to cool, but the thermometer is rising! The Dundas Manor campaign thermometer that is. It has officially surpassed the \$14 million mark – with \$14,000,500 donated for our region's new long-term care home and just \$3,999,500 left to go!

"There was never any doubt that our generous community could help us meet this next milestone!" notes WDMH Foundation Managing Director Kristen Casselman. "We are so grateful for your support – through individual donations, community events, legacy gifts, participation in events, volunteering at

events, raffle ticket purchases, and so much more. It is an honour to work with, talk to, and plan longer term gifts with our donors. Everyone has a reason to give to Dundas Manor and we love hearing your stories."

The WDMH Foundation continues to lead the fundraising efforts right alongside the construction of the new home. As the walls go up, so do the gifts for Dundas Manor. We're not there yet, but we will get there. Our community has shown us through their giving and kind words so far just how important Dundas Manor is to them.









Making Magic!

It's been a magical summer with so many events in support of the new Dundas Manor!

On September 14th, Winchester raised the roof with a day of fun for the new long-term care home in our region. A beautiful garden party market ... yummy french fries, food trucks and ice cream sandwiches ... family fun ... celebrity meet and greets ... local businesses chipping in ... so many, many bikes lining the overflowing sidewalks ... amazing entertainment and pipes and drums ... and those OPP Golden Helmets motorcycles roaring down Main Street.

Thank you to the Winchester Downtown Revitalization Committee, the Winchester Bike Night Committee, the North Dundas team, the many volunteers and sponsors, local businesses, the OPP Golden Helmets and everyone who was part of this special day. And thank you to the hundreds of people who came and made a donation! By the end of the day, \$12,239 was donated!

Vroom! Vroom! We have winners! Ron Misener and Janet Cooper have big hearts – and now they have big smiles. They both bought Raise the Roof Lottery tickets because they wanted to support the new Dundas Manor. And they both won!

Ron Misener drove away in the 2024 Jeep Wrangler with \$13,000 in grocery gift cards. He lives in the area and his Mom lived at Dundas Manor years ago. "We need the new home more than ever as the needs are greater now and Winchester is expanding. I simply can't believe I won!"



Janet Cooper won \$12,000 in the 50/50 draw. She lives in Embrun and likes to support her community. She says she was very excited when she got the winning call. "I support the WDMH Foundation and other local charities each year. I always have fun, but this is definitely the most fun!" she says.

We are so grateful to everyone who is helping to make the dream come true.









Get Involved for Dundas Manor!

There are so many wonderful events taking place in our community to support the new Dundas Manor. We hope everyone can join in the fun. From baseball cards to birthday celebrations to beautiful smile cookies, it's all for such a great cause – the new Dundas Manor! All the campaign events are posted on the Dundas Manor Dream website at www.dundasmanordream/events. There's something for everyone and every little bit helps.

To chat about fundraising events for Dundas Manor, please contact Justine Plummer at 613-774-2422 ext. 6172 or jplummer@wdmh.on.ca.



You, Local Health Care, Planned Giving and the WDMH Foundation

Fundraising for Excellence.

Dundas Manor Long-Term Care Home
Winchester District Memorial Hospital

Did You Know:

- > You can gift shares, securities and mutual funds to the WDMH Foundation. Not only do these gifts support local health care, gifting shares can eliminate some or all capital gains.
- The new Dundas Manor is being built today because of legacy gifts. Although these gifts will not be received for years to come, they are a part of the campaign goal and are ensuring the new home is built now.
- The government does not provide hospitals funding for medical equipment. Past legacy gifts have helped ensure our local hospital is well-equipped today and future legacy gifts will be part of the future care at our local hospital.
- There are many types of legacy gifts. Such as a gift in your Will or listing the WDMH Foundation as the beneficiary of an RRSP, RRIF, TFSA or life insurance policy.
- > Gifts of shares and legacy gifts receive a charitable income tax receipt. These receipts can help offset your taxes.

To learn more, please contact Erin Kapcala, Manager of Major and Planned Giving for the WDMH Foundation at 613-292-7468 or ekapcala@wdmh.on.ca or visit:

www.wdmhfoundation.ca/aboutplannedgiving





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!

Celebrating Compassionate Excellence

Winchester District Memorial Hospital held its annual Long-Term Service Awards in late October, recognizing 76 staff, physicians and retirees for their commitment to WDMH and the patients we serve.

A highlight of the evening was the celebration of two long-term WDMH physicians – Dr. Henry Prins for 50 years of service and Dr. Wayne Domanko for 55 years of service!



Shop 'Til You Drop

What a wonderful day for Dundas Manor! The annual Cozy Country Bazaar was held at Dunda Manor on October 17th. There was something for everyone with beautiful crafts, baked treats, previously loved items, a tearoom, and more.

Thank you to everyone who attended!









A Fond Farewell



Our sincere thanks to the WDMH
Foundation's Managing Director Kristen
Casselman for her outstanding leadership
over the past ten years. Kristen is stepping
down from the role effective November 29th.

Over the past decade, Kristen has effectively led the Foundation team and fostered a strong sense of giving in our community. "The Foundation Board is deeply grateful for Kristen's exceptional leadership and

unwavering commitment to our community. Her dedication has been a true gift, and she will be greatly missed," notes Trisha Elliott, WDMH Foundation Board Chair.

WDMH CEO Cholly Boland agrees: "It has been an absolute pleasure to work with Kristen for the last ten years. Under her leadership, the Foundation has grown more than it ever has in its history. During her tenure, she earned the respect of her staff, colleagues, the community and the donors who so faithfully support health care close to home."

Plans are underway to identify a new Managing Director to lead the Foundation in its next phase of growth. We are committed to ensuring that our donors continue to receive the highest level of care and support, and that the Foundation remains in steady, capable hands.

A Great Idea

Did you know that you can make a greater impact by helping our Foundation staff do their job?

We can provide you with a consolidated receipt (as opposed to a receipt for each gift you give) at the end of each year. This means less paperwork for you and you don't have to keep track of your receipts all year long. Plus, the Foundation saves money on postage and stationery costs.



Please call 613-774-2422 ext. 6162 to request a consolidated receipt.

Thank you for everything you do to support health care close to home!

We'd love to keep in touch!

We'd love to chat about whatever you can do to help support health care close to home. Give us a call or feel free to stop by our office and say hi. Thank you!

Visit our website to sign up for an online version of this newsletter!



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Message from Kristen

Together, an incredible group of people did something amazing in the last ten years. They have purchased hundreds of pieces of medical equipment among many other things at Winchester District Memorial Hospital. They have also raised millions of dollars for the new Dundas Manor. That group of people is made up of donors, volunteers, and the Foundation team. It's been incredible to be a part of that. I've worked with and met so many wonderful people – and I learned a lot!

It's the memories of celebrating staff and donors that I am most proud of and will cherish the most. I am very grateful to have had this opportunity. Thank you to everyone.

~ Kristen





