

THE WDMH FOUNDATION NEWSLETTER

2021 Issue I

## Silver Linings

PEOPLE SAY WE NEED TO LOOK for the silver linings during the COVID-19 pandemic. At the WDMH Foundation, there are many – starting with our amazing donors!

2020 was a difficult year for everyone - and we are not out of the woods yet. Despite this, the outpouring of support from our local communities has been incredible. Your positive messages for WDMH's front-line workers have been heard and shared. And your generous donations to the Foundation have been used to purchase vital equipment.

In fact, the first piece of equipment for 2021 has already arrived! Because of an estate gift, a new blanket warmer is keeping patients comfortable in the Chemotherapy Unit. The cost was \$9,957.71.

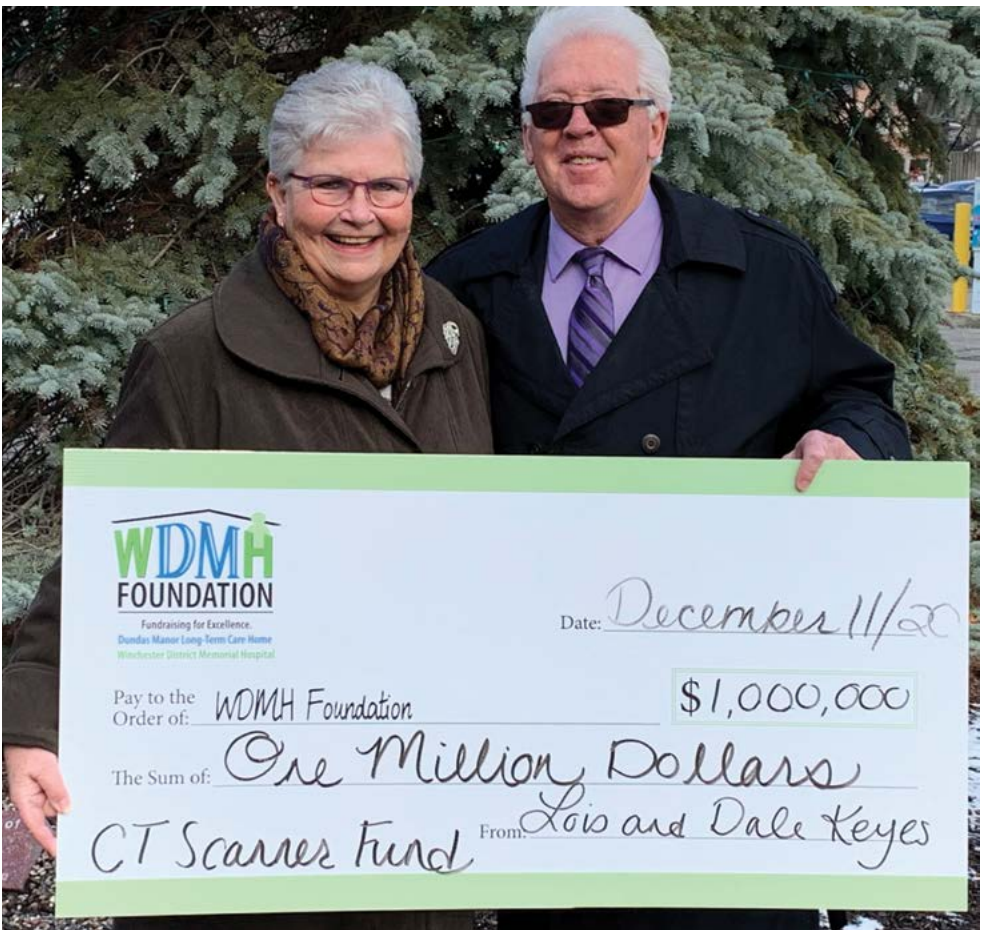
We are so grateful for everyone's support! Thank you!

**Peter Krajcovic** Board Chair  
**Kristen Casselman** Managing Director



## A Million Reasons to Smile

LOIS AND DALE KEYES don't look at all like Santa and Mrs. Claus. But they delivered the most wonderful present, just before Christmas. The Keyes presented a cheque for one million dollars to the WDMH Foundation. This incredible gift will be directed toward the purchase of a new CT Scanner for WDMH.



Both Lois and Dale have a strong connection to the community. Dale's family has farmed in the Hulbert area since 1830. And when Lois stands in their backyard, she can still see her childhood home. Their rural roots are deep – and so is their support of health care close to home.

At the presentation, Dale recalled his stay at WDMH when he was just seven years old: "I broke my leg and I stayed for a month and a half. I still remember

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**Thank you for caring!**



## *We Are So Grateful*

### **In a letter to the WDMH Foundation, Lois & Dale share why they are making this incredible gift ...**

*We are very thankful and feel very blessed to be able to do this for our community at this time in our lives. We have given this a great deal of thought and decided to make Winchester District Memorial Hospital our charity of choice. This not only touches many in our close local community but reaches out a long way, in fact, further than most of us realize even the Ottawa area.*

*Lois and I have both had to use the hospital on several occasions. The odd time, it was more critical and yet at no time was there any question of where you were going to go. When you said that you had to go to the hospital, it was WDMH.*

*We are so fortunate to have this great facility in our rural community. It is important that everyone understands that special equipment is not supplied by our Provincial Government but is done through fundraising by our very dedicated and capable people here at WDMH.*

*It is important that people are aware that by making a donation to a charity of your choice or WDMH, you can reduce your tax bill considerably. Instead of sending a cheque to the government for taxes, you can send it to your local charity. That is something that the government has made available to us. Do your homework!*

*Again, the people at the Foundation are very helpful and have a wealth of information to assist you. We want to say thanks to Bruce Tessier and Debbie Legue at BMO Nesbitt Burns for their guidance and professional help. Well done!*

*By giving this donation, help may be available for someone in your family when the need is there whether an x-ray, CT Scan, etc. All could be critical for one's health.*

*We are very happy to be able to do this and are doing it in the most humble and modest way. God bless.*

**Dale and Lois Keyes**



## **Planning Your Life's Legacy**

**WE ARE SO GRATEFUL** to receive donations from donors who have planned ahead. Estate or bequest gifts of any size make us feel like you thought of us as family – and we are thankful. Normally we all plan for our families first when making our wills. That's why estate gifts are sometimes called 'Charity Child Gifts'.

Over the last year or so, folks like you have made gifts to support WDMH's highest priority needs, and we have used those gifts to purchase things like the blanket warmer for the Chemotherapy Unit (as noted on page 1), an ECG machine, several patient lifts, and support for the purchase of a new ultrasound machine!

Many thanks to our donor family, including those who have already planned, or are currently planning, for a future Charity Child gift!

### **OUR DONORS WRITE**

*In deep gratitude for the wonderful care we have received at the Hospital this year. Particularly, we were grateful for all the wonderful people! But we know that keeping equipment up-to-date is a particular challenge, so we hope this donation can be used for that purpose. Blessings!*

# 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 Cindy Ault Peters at 613-774-2422 ext. 6172 or cpeters@wdmh.on.ca to learn more.

**EVERYONE WAS SMILING** – behind their masks that is. The 2020 Tim Hortons Smile Cookie Campaign was a great success, raising \$9,578 for the Digital Mammography Fund. And even more smiles – this amount has been matched thanks to two generous donors! Thank you to Robert and Denise St. Denis, their staff, and everyone who bought cookies.



**CATHY BURNS** was a long-time community volunteer and an amazing baker. Sadly, she passed away in July 2019 after spending a lot of time at WDMH having dialysis. Her family wanted to give back, so her husband Alan Burns shared her long-held secret recipe for peanut butter balls with Simply Baked Catering. From a simple Facebook post in early December, they received orders for 63 dozen peanut butter balls – 756 in all – resulting in a \$315 donation to the WDMH Dialysis Unit in memory of Cathy.

**THE CMA FOUNDATION** has provided \$95,193 in grant funding for new equipment and to support focused training and education for critical care nurses. Ten Registered Nurses will receive more than 100 hours of learning and a BiPAP machine and bladder scanner will be purchased.

**THE SISTERS FOR LIFE TEAM** didn't let COVID-19 slow them down. They turned their annual in-person gala into a virtual Facebook one. Nearly \$33,000 was raised for the WDMH Foundation and the Canadian Cancer Society Ontario. The Foundation's gift of \$16,494.27 has been matched thanks to the generosity of the late Patricia Fawcett-Ault. The grand total: \$32,988.54!



## A Festive Tradition

**THANK YOU** to everyone who supported the annual Judy Lannin Christmas Wish Tree, including tuning in for the virtual tree lighting event. We are also grateful to our generous sponsors. We are looking forward to seeing you all in person this year!

### OUR DONORS WRITE

*We are supporting our staff's charities of choice with a donation of \$1000 in lieu of distributing cards and gifts we normally send to clients. One of our staff is expecting a baby which - like her bigger brother - will be born at the WDMH.*

*It is our pleasure to be able to support such important organizations in our community. We consider ourselves to be among the luckiest to be able to do so.*

Louise Street

Clarence Street

# 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!



## A Million Reasons cont'd...

being well cared for by the doctors and nurses – especially Mrs. Malloy. Those memories last.”

“This milestone gift is incredible. I want to thank Lois and Dale on behalf of our current and future patients,” noted CEO Cholly Boland. “We can’t wait to welcome them back for the official ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new CT Scanner!”

(Read Lois and Dale’s letter to the WDMH Foundation on page 2.)

## OPERATION PROTECT

ON JANUARY 15TH, 312 residents, staff, and essential caregivers received the first COVID-19 vaccine at Dundas Manor. Thank you to the Cornwall-SDG paramedics and Eastern Ontario Health Unit nurses who helped the Dundas Manor staff give the shots.



## More Expertise at WDMH



REGISTERED RESPIRATORY THERAPIST (RT) HEATHER HOULAHAN has joined the WDMH team. RTs specialize in critical care, often supporting patients suffering from acute critical conditions, cardiac and lung disease. WDMH wants to ensure it has the best team available to support any COVID-19 patients, as well as other patients with respiratory concerns.



### See You Soon!

THANK YOU to the Kin Club of Russell for leading the very fun Catch the Ace fundraiser. At the time of publication, Catch the Ace has been suspended due to the provincial lockdown – but you can still purchase tickets for the next draw. The jackpot keeps growing! For the latest updates, please visit [www.kinclubofrussell.ca](http://www.kinclubofrussell.ca).



## Keeping It Simple

Give often? Want to help us save money? For your 2021 donations, please consider signing up for a consolidated income tax receipt. Before February 28, 2022, you will receive a single receipt representing all your donations made in 2021. Contact Erin at 613-774-2422 ext. 6162 or [ekapcala@wdmh.on.ca](mailto:ekapcala@wdmh.on.ca) for details.

## 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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