



THE WDMH FOUNDATION NEWSLETTER

2019 Issue II



Awesome Volunteers!

Welcome and thank you to the 2019/2020 WDMH Foundation Board of Directors! We are so grateful for their donations of time and expertise. At our recent Annual General Meeting, we saluted outgoing Board Chair Tom Dawson for his leadership and humour. We also welcomed Peter Krajcovic as the incoming Board Chair.

Shown above are Gilles Roy, Peter Krajcovic, Cholly Boland, Chris Chevalier, Laura Fletcher, Wayne Burns and Tina Asselin. *Missing:* Tod King, Stephen McClellan, Bruce Millar, Mike Villeneuve (WDMH Board Chair), Elinor Jordan and Lynn Dillabough (Auxiliary Co-Chairs).

They're Here!

Because of you, WDMH has two new ultrasound machines. Technologists tell us that the quality of images from the new machines is spectacular. Technology has advanced to a point where things that were too small to be identified before can now be seen. Senior Technician Denis Arsenault notes: "This is a great moment for everyone in the community. And, of course, it would not be possible without the continued support from the Foundation and generous donors. Thank you!"

The new machines cost \$232,307.74. They replace units that were 10 years old. In the past 10 years, almost 70,000 ultrasounds have been done at WDMH, with over 8,100 procedures in the last year alone.



Seeing Is Believing



A new microscope for eye surgery is making a difference for cataract and strabismus eye surgeries. It acts as a very high intense magnification that the eye surgeon

looks through at the same time as performing the surgery. In the last 8 years, more than 3,500 eye surgeries have been performed at WDMH. The new microscope cost \$94,731.21 and replaces one that was about 20 years old.

More equipment news on page 2...

Thank you to all of our donors for your support. None of these equipment purchases would be possible without you!

Cadillac Beds



Studies show that we spend about one third of our life in bed. And when we are in the hospital, it can be even more. WDMH's Complex Continuing Care Unit has three new beds to care for patients with complex needs. "The new beds have many special features that are very beneficial for our patients and help make it easier for us to care for them," notes Team Leader Sean Burnett. "Thank you to the generous donors who helped provide this specialized equipment." The cost of the three beds was \$34,724.12.

In addition, WDMH's Childbirth Centre has two new birthing beds. These specialized beds have stirrups, can move into a full upright position and have a removable end, making things easier for Moms and healthcare providers. This past year, 737 babies were born at WDMH. The new beds cost \$42,710.



MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Every day, our donors go above and beyond with generous and creative fundraising events. 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 you with planning, support and tips to make your event a successful one. Call Cindy Peters at 613-774-2422 ext. 6172 to learn more.



Supporting the Dialysis Unit

Their motto is 'helping others' and for 20 years, the Provincial Grand Black Chapter of Eastern Ontario has made an annual donation to Dialysis Units in local communities where its meetings are held. This year, the Chapter presented \$1,000 for WDMH's Dialysis Unit. Since 2002, the Provincial Grand Black Chapter has donated a total of \$7,500 and we are very grateful.



They Keep Growing!

Shroomfest did it again! On May 3rd, about 600 men came together for dinner, a comedy show, and live and silent auctions. The result? \$68,000 raised for 30 different community organizations. We were thrilled to receive \$5,000 for our General Equipment Fund.

Please
Share Your
Story



Legions Give Back

Two recent donations from local legions are making a difference. The Greely & District Royal Canadian Legion Branch 627 presented the Foundation with \$2,000 from its Poppy Campaign to support medical equipment purchases. And the Winchester Royal Canadian Legion Branch 108 presented the Foundation with a \$5,000 donation on behalf of the Royal Canadian Legion Ontario Command. Many people are surprised to learn that the provincial government does not fund medical equipment. Thank you for helping to ensure that we have the latest technology at WDMH to care for our patients.

Yee Haw

The final tally is in, and just shy of \$58,000 was raised at Boots & Bling for WDMH on June 8th. Funds raised will support the Foundation's Family Care Fund, 'supporting care for families just like yours.' Thank you to everyone who helped to make the event a great success.



Springtime Gift

Earlier this spring, the Dundas Soil and Crop Improvement Association once again made a generous gift to the WDMH Foundation, as part of their Spring Update Meeting in Chesterville. The Association donated \$500 for our Family Care Fund. Since 2002, the Dundas Soil and Crop Improvement Association has donated \$6,400 to the WDMH Foundation.

Has WDMH made a difference in your life? Do you have a story to share about why you choose to support the WDMH Foundation? We would love to hear from you! Stories from patients and their families are so important to us. They inspire us to do our work – and they may inspire donors to support local health care, close to home.

Submit your story online at www.wdmhfoundation.ca/ShareYourStory or contact Kristen Casselman at 613-774-2422 ext. 6169. *Thank you!*

leave your mark

LEARN HOW TO PROTECT YOUR FAMILY'S INTERESTS AND IMPACT YOUR FAVOURITE CAUSE.

OCT 09, 2019

Presented by Jeremy Hampson
from the Donor Motivation Program

12pm-1:30pm, WDMH Dillabough Boardroom
550 Louise Street, Winchester.

A light lunch will be provided

RSVP to Chelsea at 613.292.7408

Neighbourhood News

The WDMH Foundation is proud to be part of 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!

Louise Street

Fred Street

WDMH Sets Course to 2024



WDMH has a new Strategic Plan which reconfirms its commitment to patient and family-centred care. The plan was developed by a committee that included staff, physicians, volunteers, and patients, in collaboration with the WDMH Board of Directors. In addition, 17 partner organizations were consulted, and more than 600 people responded to internal and external surveys. Read the plan at www.wdmh.on.ca.



Strawberries!

It was standing room only at the annual Dundas Manor Strawberry Social on June 25th. It was a great afternoon of music, fun, fellowship – and strawberries. Plus, over \$1,100 was raised for the local Alzheimer Society.

FAMILY FUN DAY
In support of the Winchester District Memorial Hospital Foundation

Featuring a performance by the OPP Golden Helmets Motorcycle Precision Team!

SEPTEMBER 21, 2019
INGLESIDE, ON
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Vendors * Activities * Displays
Entertainment * Presentations
Raffles * Food & More!

Free Admission - Donations to WDMH appreciated

Join us for Family Fun Day on September 21st! We are looking for volunteers to help with donation tables, 50/50 tickets, set-up and clean-up and the Teddy Bear Care tent. For details, please contact Cindy Peters at cpeters@wdmh.on.ca. See you there!

TESTIMONIALS

"I did 12 rounds of chemo here and have appointments to maintain here every month. I'm beating stage 4 colon cancer at the age of 37 because of you!"

"Thank you for your support. My husband had a colonoscopy close to home, thanks to you. This is a wonderful, friendly hospital. Merci beaucoup!"

"We are so fortunate to be able to receive such professional and excellent care so close to home."

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Please sign up at www.wdmhfoundation.ca

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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