



THE WDMH FOUNDATION NEWSLETTER

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We're Expanding Our Family ... and Completing the Circle of Care

By now, we hope you have heard the exciting news. As the Board Chairs of the WDMH Foundation, Winchester District Memorial Hospital and Dundas Manor Long-Term Care Home, we are excited to be working together to ensure the very best care for patients and residents in our local communities.

On March 13th, Dr. Merrilee Fullerton, Minister of Long-Term Care came to Winchester to confirm that Dundas Manor Long-Term Care Home will be rebuilt. Current and future residents will enjoy a brand new, beautiful home which will also welcome 30 additional residents.

While some of the cost of the new building will be funded by the government, the remaining costs need to be raised through community support. Over the past several months, we have been working together and we have determined that the WDMH Foundation is the best organization to undertake these fundraising efforts.

It just makes sense. The Foundation already works alongside donors in support of compassionate care in our communities from babies to seniors – and now it's time to build upon that commitment. The Foundation is excited to welcome Dundas Manor to the family!

Over the next few months, you will hear much more about these expanded fundraising efforts and the new Dundas Manor. What won't change is the Foundation's commitment to you – our donors. As always, you have a choice as to how your generous gifts are used. And funds that have already been raised for Winchester District Memorial Hospital will remain with Winchester District Memorial Hospital.



Fundraising for Excellence.

**Dundas Manor Long-Term Care Home
Winchester District Memorial Hospital**



Peter Krajcovic
Board Chair, WDMH
Foundation



Mike Villeneuve
Board Chair, WDMH



Bill Smirle
Board Chair, Dundas Manor

Thank you for your generous support of health care close to home. If you have any questions about this exciting news, please let us know.

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.

Our community rocks! Here are just five reasons why. The **Winchester Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star** presented a cheque for \$1,084 for the Digital Mammography Fund. We are so honoured to be their chosen beneficiary. The **Iroquois-Matilda Lions Club** held a bingo, raising \$2,000 for the General Equipment Fund. We have 100 reasons to smile thanks to the **100 Men in South Dundas** who chose to give \$7,200 for equipment such as a transportable patient lift. There were more smiles – close to 10,000 in fact – during the **Tim Horton's Smile Cookie Campaign**. \$9,764.15 was raised at four stores in local communities. Finally, the **Morrisburg & District Arts & Crafts Association Craft Show** donated \$350 for the Family Care Fund, bringing their grand total to \$9,850 since 1998. Thank you to all of our community supporters!



Better Tools Support Better Care

Every year, there are more than 4,700 surgeries at WDMH. For each patient's procedure, specialized equipment ensures the surgeons have the best tools in hand. Because of our generous donors, the Foundation has funded three new pieces of equipment for the OR – a new camera head, a glidescope, and an image guidance system. The total cost is \$66,414.75.

The camera head is used to see inside a patient's body during laparoscopic surgery. The glidescope is used to view a patient's airway to insert a breathing tube. It ensures the anesthetist can safely care for the patient. And the image guidance system helps ear, nose and throat surgeons navigate the sinuses during surgery. This instrument has a tracking chip for each patient and allows the surgeon to guide the procedure on a monitor.



Dr. Michelle Davey,
General Surgeon

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



Are you an Executor? Have you named one in your Will?



Those responsible for following through on our wishes after we are gone are named as an “Executor” (male) or “Executrix” (female). These people are sometimes chosen because they know us best, they understand the needs of the role, and/or they are family or friends we trust. There are also times when we decide we would rather pay a trust company or a lawyer, and not burden our family or friends with the task.

At the WDMH Foundation, we are so fortunate to have received gifts from people who have passed on. We have supported and worked with many Executors to fulfill the wishes of those donors.

Some people may not realize executors (or executrices) have no power or control to decide where a gift should be designated (to support a certain fund or cause within our mandate).

This is important for you to know because everyone should have a will and an executor we trust. Plus, we should work with a lawyer to ensure that our will clearly states our wishes for where and how our gift(s) will have the impact we want them to. And be sure to share your wishes with your executor.

Here is a hypothetical situation about “Julie”, in her own words.

I recently met with my lawyer to discuss my wishes and that I finally wanted to have my will drafted. Beforehand, I asked my niece to be my executrix. I chose her because she is an accountant, and because she is also family and detail oriented. I was so relieved that she agreed. I said that I would like to go over my will with her once it was written. After sharing my wishes with my lawyer, they called the WDMH Foundation on my behalf to see how I could

make an impact that was important to me. The WDMH Foundation shared that they have several “funds” that I could support, such as the Cancer Care Fund or General Equipment Fund. In the end, I decided that the WDMH Foundation Board of Directors should decide to how best use my gift. I hope I won’t pass for some time, and the needs of the hospital may change a lot before I pass away. Now, they can use my gift for whatever is needed the most when I pass.

So, the phrase my lawyer used in my will reads as follows:

“I give, devise, and bequeath to the WDMH Foundation the sum of 10% of my estate to be used for any purpose(s) approved by the Board of Directors of the WDMH Foundation (566 Louise Street, Winchester, Ontario K0C 2K0).”

I feel so much better with my will done, and my wishes made clear. I’ve explained to my niece what my wishes are and showed her a copy of my will. I told her that it’s her job to simply carry my wishes out, not to change them.

If you have any questions about being or naming an executor, please contact your lawyer’s office. We value the work of executors in ensuring your gift(s) are applied exactly how you prefer, even if that only means however it can best be used at the time of your passing. If you do wish to support a certain fund, please ensure you identify the fund clearly. You can either call us at the WDMH Foundation directly, or have your lawyer call on your behalf.

If you’d like to see other sample language (to take with you to your lawyer/estate planning professional), please visit our website at <https://www.wdmhfoundation.ca/resources> and click on “Sample Language for a Will or Bequest”.

If you have other questions, please contact [Chelsea McIntyre](#) at 613-774-2422 ext. 6769. Your questions, and any information exchanged, will be held in the strictest confidence. Thank you for your support.



Louise Street

Clarence Street

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!

Taking the Challenge



Dundas Manor has accepted the Nursing Now #Nightingale Challenge to support and mentor the new generation of nurses in their leadership journey. Recently Canadian Nurses Association President Dr. Claire Betker came to Dundas Manor to discuss the nursing profession. We love our nurses!

Welcome to Dr. Nathalie Boudreau



Welcome to Dr. Nathalie Boudreau who has joined the WDMH team as Vice

President, Clinical Services. She says she is eager to put on a pair of scrubs and get to know the entire WDMH team. "Everyone I've met so far is so enthusiastic and proud of the work they do," she says. Nathalie comes to WDMH from Montfort Hospital. She is a Registered Nurse with more than 20 years of experience in health care. She has a Doctorate in Business Administration and a master's degree in business. Nathalie lives in Metcalfe.

Donate Your Car



Did you know that you can donate your old or unwanted car to the WDMH Foundation, receive an official income tax receipt, and support local health care at the same time! The Foundation is partnering with Hospital Cars which accepts vehicle donations on our behalf. The vehicles are recycled or sold at auction. You will receive a tax receipt and the Foundation will receive a donation.



To learn more, visit www.wdmhfoundation.ca/DonateYourCar

Our Donors Write...

"My husband and I were both born at WDMH, as was our first born, nearly 22 years ago. We have been so fortunate to have received such wonderful care, so close to home, over the years and hopefully for many years to come."

"Friendly and good care. My granddaughter was born there."

"Excellent family care!"

Sign Up Today!

Because of You is online too. If you'd like to receive the newsletter right to your inbox, please sign up by clicking on the Home Page link today.



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