



Because of you...

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Together You Can – And You Did!

A GREAT MATCH

We are pleased to report that three new anesthetic machines have now been purchased – thanks to the generosity of our donors. The cost of the new machines was \$215,540.67.

“The successful matching gift program, combined with a portion of a recent estate gift, has resulted in total funding for the anesthetic machines – much sooner than expected,” reports Kristen Casselman, Managing Director. “We are so grateful to everyone for your support.”



“The machines are smaller, easier to move and more ergonomic. And the displays are easy to read and adjustable which helps us see the vital signs more clearly,” notes Dr.

Lucas Gil, past Chief of Anesthesiology. “I am continually impressed with the pride and care that local communities have for this hospital. This community is what makes this a special place to work and receive care. Equipment such as this has a direct impact on the clinical care that WDMH provides. Thank you for your ongoing support and consideration.

MAKING HEARTS GO PITTER PATTER

The new echocardiogram machine has also arrived – only because of our donors. The new echocardiogram cost \$150,360.09 and several types



of donations helped the Foundation to purchase it. These include a portion of a donor’s estate gift, a donation of shares, a matching gift program, and proceeds from a third-party event.

The new echocardiogram machine was identified as WDMH’s number one medical equipment need in 2017. The new machine has many advantages in efficiency and patient care. In the past, the images produced by the old machine were not as clear. As a result, some patients had to travel to another hospital to have the procedure done again. The old machine was not adjustable, meaning that the technician had to adjust their stance to accommodate the machine. Finally, with the new machine, WDMH has been able to expand its services

to include contrast and stress echocardiograms.

“Every single gift matters, whatever the amount. This equipment purchase is proof of that,” notes Kristen Casselman, WDMH Foundation Managing Director.

GOOD CATCH

Our community also generously supported the purchase of our new Automated Dispensing Cabinets (ADCs) – and they are already making a difference in how we care for patients every day. The new cabinets, and accompanying pill packager, help to ensure the right medication for the right patient at the right time.

Pharmacy Technician Jennifer Deschamps notes that the new technology has taken WDMH’s patient safety culture to a new level. “We have already seen some good catches. The new system reduces the risk of medication errors, electronically tracks usage and even includes medication alerts right on the screen.”



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

WELCOME!

At the Foundation's Annual General Meeting on June 20th, we welcomed three new Board members. Tina Asselin, Laura Fletcher and Bruce Millar have joined our team of committed community volunteers who will help lead the Foundation in the coming year. We asked each of them to share a few thoughts on their new role.

Tina Asselin is a Controller for a small, privately held, manufacturing company. She says she has fun every day at work. "I believe it is important to give back to the community that I have chosen to call home," she says. "I want to contribute to the growth and success of our community hospital." When you meet Tina, you might be surprised to learn that she was extremely shy when she was younger.

Laura Fletcher is the owner of Winchelsea Events, a catering and private event venue just north of Winchester. "Having been a patient at WDMH on several occasions, including the birth of my youngest and having also worked with the hospital and the foundation on several occasions catering a number of events, it would only seem like a natural progression to strengthen my connection to the hospital by sitting on the Foundation Board," notes Laura. You might be surprised to learn that Laura and her husband Tim had an amazing opportunity to meet the Queen and Prince Phillip at Buckingham Palace about five years ago. Laura says it was definitely a highlight!

Bruce Millar, and his wife Lucie, have lived in Metcalfe for 24 years, raising their family in the house they built themselves, following his retirement from the military. They are now helping to raise their grandson in the same house. Bruce is currently a professor, teaching finance and accounting. "Our family has benefited from the services of both WDMH and CHEO over the years. I have served on the WDMH Board and felt I could continue to contribute by sitting on the Foundation Board," he explains. "For me, the big selling point for WDMH is the level of service and the tranquility. The care is wonderful. It also helps that there is only one traffic light between our house and the hospital!" A fun fact about Bruce is that he is a certified snowboard instructor. Watch for him on the slopes.

Welcome to our new Board members!



Thank you to WDMH Foundation's 2018/2019 Board of Directors

The 2018-2019 WDMH Foundation Board (l-r): Tom Dawson (Board Chair), Cholly Boland (WDMH CEO), Bruce Millar (Treasurer), Chris Chevalier, Laura Fletcher, David Rijstenbil, Gilles Roy, Tina Asselin and Peter Krajcovic (Vice Chair). Absent from the photo is Mike Villeneuve (WDMH Board Chair).

A Boogie Wonderland!

Thank you to everyone who supported the Saturday Night Fever Disco Gala. Guests enjoyed a delicious '70s with a twist' dinner served by Winchelsea Events, great music by Groovy Little Orchestra, 70s games, contests, a photo booth, both live and silent auctions and many more surprises.

"We had a fabulous time," notes Jo-Ann Houle, owner of Cup of Jo's in Winchester, and shown here striking a pose with her husband Cory. "Congratulations on an evening well done!"

Joan Farlinger, a long-time WDMH Foundation donor agreed. "It was a very fun evening. Since our government does not fund hospital equipment, the Foundation depends on our wonderful and very supportive community to help them out."

"We can't thank our local communities enough for their support," notes Cindy Peters, Manager of Direct Mail and Events. "Everyone made a difference – our sponsors, our volunteers, all those who donated auction items and everyone who attended the event. A special thank you to our honorary chairs Tom and Jan Clapp."

The event raised just over \$60,000 for our Family Care Fund – supporting care for families just like yours.



Thank You to Our Sponsors

When you support these local businesses, please keep their generosity and community spirit in mind and let the staff know that you appreciate their support of your local hospital.

**Our 2018 Gala
Platinum Sponsors**



**Our 2017 Judy Lannin Wish
Tree Presenting Sponsor**



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. Let's chat!



Thank you to the **Dundas County Girls Hockey Association** for its donation of \$2,272.64. The association has dismantled and chose to disburse its funds back into the community.



During National Nursing Week, **Kelly Runions Kennedy**, a Thirty-One Independent Consultant donated her commission from an on-site sale at WDMH. She presented a cheque for \$1,027 to help purchase the three new anesthetic machines.



You are never too young to make a difference! Many thanks to these local young folks who raised \$150 at their cookie and lemonade stand.



They did it again! The Foundation was honoured to receive \$5,000 from **Shroomfest** – the annual men's event. This gift has been directed to the the Family Care Fund. Since 2007, Shroomfest has donated \$33,000 to WDMH.

Did you know that the provincial government does not



A \$7,500 pledge from **BMO Bank of Montreal** is making hearts go pitter patter. The first gift of their pledge helped the Foundation to purchase a new echocardiogram machine for WDMH.

Local legions are supporting local care! Thank you to **Greely and District Branch 627** for a \$2,000 donation that was matched by our Spring Matching Gift Program.

And thank you to **Winchester Branch 108** for a \$1,500 donation. These gifts supported the General Equipment Fund.



The **Nation Valley Snowmobile Association** donated \$247.50 from their Landowner's Banquet. Happy trails – until the snow flies again!

Many thanks to **Hulse, Playfair & McGarry** in Winchester for hosting a BBQ in support of our General Equipment Fund. \$1,000 was raised in just a few hours!





LOTS OF PEOPLE ARE DOING IT

In the last 20 years, 96 people have chosen to plan ahead and support WDMH into the future - still supporting health care close to home, long after they were gone. What a legacy for them, and how fortunate for WDMH and the patients we care for. WDMH would not be what it is today without the support of its donors. Not everything WDMH needs to provide compassionate, excellent care is funded by the provincial government.

Planned gifts are a way for donors to help make their hopes and dreams for WDMH come true.

The most common type of planned gift is a gift in a will, but there are many other types like a life insurance policy; an RRSP or RRIF or publicly traded securities.

“For those who have ever wished they could do something, or something more, for their local hospital – or for those who would like to pay less taxes now or through their estate, a planned gift is something to seriously consider,” explains Kristen Casselman, the Foundation’s Managing Director. “Because of Canada’s generous tax system when it comes to charitable giving, it’s pretty amazing what someone can achieve for themselves, their family and WDMH with a well-planned gift.”

No one is obligated to share their plans with the Foundation. However, by doing so, the Foundation is able to invite planned giving donors into their Society of Compassionate Care Forever. This is a way for Foundation staff and volunteers to express their gratitude to donors who have made this decision. Regardless of the planned gift amount, one of the benefits of the Society is the option for donors to have their name published on the new donor wall. “It’s very meaningful for us to be able to thank and recognize people for what they are doing for local health care at WDMH. Our new donor wall will help with that,” adds Kristen.

“Your life’s legacy is important, and something worth thinking about and planning for,” sums up Kristen. “We are honoured and grateful to work with donors who are giving a planned gift to the Foundation in support of WDMH. Thank you to everyone who is considering a planned gift and to those who already have.”

Thank you to all of our donors for your generous gifts – now and in the future.

RECOGNIZING OUR FUTURE DONORS

The WDMH Foundation's Donor Wall is one of the first things that visitors see when they come into the hospital lobby. It's a place to honour and recognize those who have given outstanding financial support to local health care close to home. Now, a new section on the site also recognizes those who have made a decision to give a planned gift. For more information, contact Kristen Casselman at the Foundation office.



Did You Know?

Did you know that everyone's estate becomes a taxpayer? Planned gifts – such as a gift in a will – are a great way to help offset or even eliminate those taxes.

Did you know that there are only three possible beneficiaries of a person's estate: family and friends; charity; and taxes to the CRA? The only way to choose who benefits is by planning ahead and creating a will.

We are grateful for every gift we receive. They all make a difference to patient care here.



"I think it's human nature to always be thinking about the future. For me, it's very important to leave something behind that is a reflection of who I am, and what is important to me. I'm the youngest in my family and am without children. I've carefully selected five charities to benefit from my estate, and I'm pleased to say that the WDMH Foundation is one of them. How could I not give back to WDMH? They have given so much to my family and me. I hope to be remembered for my compassionate nature, generosity and great shoes."

WDMH Foundation donor since 2003



If you would like to learn more about how planned gifts can help you, your family and WDMH, please contact Kristen Casselman, Managing Director at 613-774-2422 ext. 6169, or kcasselman@wdmh.on.ca. Our new website also has detailed information at www.wdmhfoundation.ca/aboutplannedgiving

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 STAFF GO BACK TO SCHOOL

Staff and physicians at WDMH go above and beyond – often taking additional training to ensure the very best care.

Kudos to Frida Plourde, WDMH's Infection Control Coordinator, who obtained her Certification in Infection Control (CIC) from the Certification Board of Infection Control and Epidemiology (CBIC). The CIC designation formally recognizes individuals with advanced knowledge in the practice of infection prevention and control.

WDMH Pharmacists Ahmed Ali and Dr. Ali Elbeddini have recently completed certifications in anti-microbial stewardship from the respected SIDP (Society of Infectious Diseases Pharmacists) in the United States. This specialty training helps to ensure that patients get the right antibiotics, when they need them.



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY DUNDAS MANOR!

For the past four decades, Dundas Manor has been caring for the people who helped to build our local communities – family, friends and neighbours who call the Manor home. On June 24th, Dundas Manor celebrated 40 years of love and caring at their Annual Strawberry Social. Hundreds of people gathered to listen to music, hear reminiscing speeches and – of course – eat delicious strawberries.

Congratulations Dundas Manor!

CHECK YOUR MAILBOX

The WDMH Foundation has teamed up with WDMH and Dundas Manor to create a joint Report to the Community. It was delivered to 55,000 homes in our region. If you didn't get a copy, please let us know and we'll send one to you.



Sign Up Today!

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

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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