



# Because of you...

THE WDMH FOUNDATION NEWSLETTER

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## OUR AMAZING VOLUNTEERS

**W**e don't need to wait for an official week – every day is a good day to say thank you! We want to take a moment to say thank you to the many, many volunteers who support the WDMH Foundation every day. In fact, last year, more than 90 people chose to volunteer their time and talents to help us raise funds to support health care close to home.

The list is endless – those who serve on our volunteer Board of Directors; fold newsletters and stuff envelopes; put up posters, attend cheque presentations and make presentations; our creative gala team; those who help raise funds; as well as those who provide guidance and advice to the fundraising team. Every job is so important and so appreciated.

Thank you to our amazing Foundation volunteers!



## CARING FOR OUR TINIEST PATIENTS



**O**nly because of donors like you, we were able to purchase a new giraffe incubator for WDMH's Obstetrics program. The cost of the incubator was \$21,155.66.

It is an isolette that is used when infants are struggling to maintain their temperature or oxygen levels. They are placed in the giraffe incubator to allow for greater control over their environment. Also, when babies are having jaundice treatments, they are placed in the incubator to maintain their temperature – resulting in dual therapy.

WDMH's old incubator was broken and the oxygen level couldn't be maintained at a certain level if required. Thank you to our donors!

## GET READY TO BOOGIE ON JUNE 16TH!

The disco ball will be whirling in Winchester on **Saturday, June 16<sup>th</sup>** at *Saturday Night Fever – The WDMH Disco Gala!* It's going to be an all-70s night, complete with a 7-piece disco band. Get ready for a night of fun at the Winchester Community Centre.

Join us to help raise funds for the Family Care Fund and compassionate, excellent health care – close to home. Great food, great fun, great dancing and great friends. Tickets will be on sale soon. See you there!



*Thank you for caring!*

# MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Every day, our donors go above and beyond. Thank you to all of you for making an impact and supporting health care close to home.



## SMILES ALL AROUND

It seems like everyone loves the Tim Hortons *Smile Cookie Campaign*, held every fall across Canada. And here in our region, it's no different. In fact, this year, \$10,257 was donated to the WDMH Foundation's Family Care Fund – supporting care for families just like yours. That's 10,257 smile cookies!

"Our staff really enjoy it," says Robert St. Denis, who owns the stores in Winchester, Morrisburg and Long Sault. "They are motivated to bake and decorate the Smile Cookies because they know the money is staying locally."



## MORRISBURG ARTISANS SHOW CREATIVITY

Thank you to the Morrisburg and District Arts and Crafts Association for their donation of \$350 from a pre-Christmas sale. The Morrisburg and District Arts and Crafts Association has been supporting WDMH since 1998 and have donated \$9,150 in all!

## 125 YEARS OF COMMUNITY SPIRIT

For 125 years, Grenville Mutual Insurance has enhanced people's lives by contributing to local causes where their employees live and do business. That spirit was demonstrated with a donation of \$1,025 to the WDMH Foundation for the Family Care Fund. As part of their 125th anniversary celebrations, each staff member could pick a charity to support. Otia Bates chose the WDMH Foundation.

"It feels good giving something back to local organizations in this way," Otia said. "I had a tonsillectomy at WDMH and the staff did a great job taking care of me."



## MANY REASONS...

Each donor has his or her own reason for supporting our local hospital. We often ask them what inspired their gift. Here's what we heard:

*"We have lost members of our family because of cancer."*  
John and Linda Cinnamon

*"It's our hospital of choice and I want to help make a difference."* Zafrulla Chaudhari

Whatever your reason ... thank you for your support!



## A DESERVING SCHOLAR

**Congratulations to Dr. Wendy Zhang** who is the first recipient of the Dr. Gerrard E. Swensson-Rosenquist Emeritus Scholarship. The scholarship was established in 2010 in celebration of Dr. Rosenquist's long term commitment to medicine, the community and WDMH. Now retired, Dr. Rosenquist provided exemplary care to the communities that WDMH serves for over 50 years.

The scholarship is awarded to a family medicine resident who embodies this community spirit. Dr. Zhang completed her two-year family medicine residency at WDMH last June. Since then, we continue to see her providing back-up coverage at the hospital and in the community.

"I am so honoured to be the first recipient of the scholarship," noted Dr. Zhang. "I have experienced the collegiality of the staff and seen their passion for delivering high quality patient care. I am proud to join the Winchester team and to uphold this commitment to compassionate excellence for our community."

Dr. Rosenquist says he was pleased to present the scholarship to Dr. Zhang: "I recently had my own 'patient' experience at WDMH, which demonstrated to me the quality of care and empathy that was shown by the nurses, lab staff, floor workers and doctors of 'my' hospital. I expect – no, I demand - that it stays that way. Perhaps this scholarship will help a little, to ensure that dream."

The Foundation was honoured to be asked to accept donations to the scholarship on the committee's behalf and to steward these donations through the endowment fund scholarship. We are proud to support the next generation of medical students.

## A FESTIVE TRADITION

**Every Christmas ball tells a story** – and the annual Wish Tree Lighting Ceremony held on December 12th provided an opportunity to celebrate each one. This year, the program had extra special meaning, as it was renamed "The Judy Lannin Christmas Wish Tree". Judy was a kind-hearted and determined WDMH team member, who started the program 20 years ago.

Judy's family attended the event and noted that staff at WDMH were Judy's second family. "They worked together – not for her, but with her. She knew everyone. She knew their families and she took an interest in their lives," noted husband Brian Lannin.

Judy's daughter Andrea spoke of her generosity. "She always instilled the gift of giving. That was important to her. Not necessarily the giving of material items, but giving of yourself."

We are pleased to report that this year's Judy Lannin Christmas Wish Tree program raised \$58,000!

Proceeds go to the Family Care Fund to help ensure that WDMH can continue to provide compassionate, excellent health care – close to home.



*Judy Lannin's family at the dedication of a granite stone in her honour. From left to right: Aaron Lannin, Brian Lannin and Andrea Lannin.*



## SILVER STATUS

**WDMH is one of the first hospitals in the region to reach Silver status** with the *Healthy Foods in Champlain Hospitals* program. The Healthy Foods program is all about reducing unhealthy food and beverage choices – and increasing healthy ones – in the cafeteria, vending machines and gift shoppe. We want to ensure the healthy choice is the easy choice!

This achievement is the result of excellent teamwork led by our Food Service team and the WDMH Auxiliary. They are creating delicious new healthy recipes in the cafeteria and offering new options in the gift shoppe and vending machines. Congratulations!

## THANKS FOR THE GREAT FEEDBACK



**Caring for patients is a team effort** that involves every person each patient meets at WDMH. It starts with our volunteers at the front door and continues through to the support staff who work behind the scenes. Our patient satisfaction survey results make us very proud.

WDMH is a 'high performer' in four key patient areas. The survey asked patients about their overall care and if they would recommend the hospital to their family and friends. The report is based on patient surveys from July to September 2017.

For WDMH's maternity program, **100%** of the respondents said they would recommend this service to family. That is higher than the provincial average of 93%. Likewise, **100%** of Day Surgery patients would recommend WDMH's service, where the provincial average was 98.7%. In Emergency, **93%** of patients would recommend it, above the provincial average of 87%. And on the Medical/Surgical Unit, it's **99%**, above the provincial average of 93%. The data is collected by National Research Corporation Canada (NRCC), an independent research institute.

Thank you for the great feedback!

## Sign Up Today!

**Because of You** is online too. If you'd like to receive the newsletter right to your mailbox, please [sign up today](#).

Thanks for your support of the WDMH Foundation!

## 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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