



THE WDMH FOUNDATION NEWSLETTER

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STEWARDED DONATIONS

I work in the building technology industry and have travelled throughout Canada working with several hospitals. My work in the health care field has made me realize that Canadian hospitals are excellent but don't always have sufficient funding, especially for equipment. That's where the WDMH Foundation comes in.

For the past two years, I've had the pleasure of serving on the WDMH Foundation Board of Directors. In my role as Treasurer, I work closely with the Board Executive and Managing Director, Kristen Casselman to ensure the funds are well managed and our donors' wishes are respected. Working with those donors, the Foundation has made great gains over the past couple of years and we want to maintain that momentum. WDMH's needs are constant and the Foundation is there to support the very best care.

My family lives in Metcalfe and we consider WDMH to be our community hospital. Everyone will need it one day and I'm glad it's so close by. Thanks for your support.

Peter Krajcovic
Treasurer,
WDMH Foundation
Board of Directors



AGM HIGHLIGHTS

The Annual General Meeting was held on June 26th. In 2016/2017, 3,317 individual gifts were given to the Foundation. As a result, 10 new pieces of equipment have been purchased, totaling \$80,267.49. "But we're not stopping there," noted Tom Dawson, Board Chair. "The WDMH Foundation has earmarked another \$500,000 for the purchase of the Automated Dispensing Cabinets for medication." For more details, turn to page 2.

Another highlight of the evening was an announcement regarding the possibility of an expanded role for the Foundation. "Through an inclusive case study involving several stakeholder interviews from both organizations, it was determined that the WDMH Foundation is the best organization to become the fundraising foundation for the Dundas Manor. The Boards of Dundas Manor and the WDMH Foundation have voted in favour of moving forward in this direction," explained Dawson. He noted that there are still many details to be worked out and a special membership meeting will be called to seek formal approval.

Response to the news was positive. "Health care goes from cradle to grave," noted Bill Smirle, Dundas Manor Chair. "I'm excited by this direction."

To read our *Report to the Community*, visit www.wdmh.on.ca/foundation



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99.2%!



WDMH has received **Accreditation with Exemplary Standing** from Accreditation Canada, recognizing

our commitment to compassionate excellence close to home. The hospital achieved 99.2% of the 1,569 standards it was measured against.

“We can be proud of this accomplishment because it means we have exceeded national standards for quality improvement and patient safety,” notes Cholly Boland, CEO. “Only a small number of Canadian hospitals achieve this.”



A TEAM APPROACH

Congratulations to the latest WDMH Commitment Award recipients: the Patient and Family Engagement Committee (PFEC), Dr. Vikas Bhagirath and the entire Food Services team.

The common thread among the recipients and nominees is ‘one team’ – working together to continually improve how we care and to make a difference.

“The weather here is so heavy and humid that even this paper is limp. But that does not stop me from sending you this donation. I expect that you’ll be planning your next need. I enclose my cheque for \$500. While I do not require your services, I do have many relatives who might and have. Thank you for always sending me your receipt – and always in a timely way.”

“This is the best hospital in Ontario.”

“I had severe pain under my right shoulder blade. I went to the WDMH Emergency and was taken care of by Nurse Courtney and Dr. Patricia Moussette. I am short of words to describe the care I received. To me, it’s 5-star.”

COMMITTED COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS

Congratulations and thank you to the 2017-2018 Foundation Board of Directors. We are grateful for your time and talents!



The WDMH Foundation Board includes (l-r): Gilles Roy, Peter Sorby (President, WDMH Auxiliary), Cindy Peters (Vice Chair), David Rijstenbil, Tom Dawson (Chair), Cholly Boland (WDMH CEO), Joe Brennan, Marieke vanNoppen (WDMH Board Chair) and Peter Krajcovic (Treasurer).



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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 provincial government does not fund medical equipment purchases for hospitals?

A TRULY CANADIAN EVENING

It was a great evening of everything Canadian - all in support of WDMH. 266 guests enjoyed a coast-to-coast buffet, Canadian coins and diamonds, an all-Canadian set list by The Boland Family and The Fundamentals and much more. By the end of the evening, a grand total of \$85,275 had been raised for the Foundation's Family Care Fund.

Thank you to everyone who joined us for the Red & White Gala for WDMH. Thank you to our Honourary Co-Chairs Bob and Sandra Weagant. Thank you to our volunteers - all 58 of them!

And, last but not least, thank you to this year's sponsors highlighted below. *See you next year!*





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AN EXCITING UPDATE ON ADCs

We have exciting news regarding the Automated Dispensing Cabinets (ADCs) for medication. The ADCs will ensure that the right drugs are dispensed to the right patient at the right time. They simplify the process and increase patient safety. The Foundation set out to fundraise for five ADC units and a pill packager. However, our donors stepped up once again, and because of that, we are able fund the second phase of this project much sooner than anticipated. This means that we will be purchasing 10 ADC units and a pill packager.

A WDMH team is hard at work figuring out key roles, requirements and staffing needed to complete a successful ADC project. The go live date for the 10 units is set for April 2018. The pill packager will be installed later this year.

Thank you to everyone who gave to our general equipment fund in support of the ADC project.





CARING FOR OUR SMALLEST PATIENTS

Because of our generous donors, WDMH has a new Bilisoft Light which is used to treat newborns who have an elevated bilirubin level or jaundice. High levels of bilirubin can harm a newborn. And the good news is that the light can be used even when the baby is being breastfed. Without this equipment, newborns would have had to be transferred to another facility to receive treatment.

The cost of the Bilisoft Light was \$5,563.

BACK TO SCHOOL FOR EVERYONE

Local community members and business owners went back to school, thanks to some local financial professionals. They were able to learn more about how planning for their estates as well as how charitable giving in general might benefit them and their families.

On June 28th, Doug Grenkie, Q.C., LSM, along with Kathy Byvelds, CPA, CA, and Craig McIntyre, MBA, CPA, CMA, CFP shared tips on things to consider when estate planning. Among the topics discussed were executors, the new graduated rate estate rules, and protecting your family's inheritance against too much taxation. They also talked about planning for impact with your favourite charities now, so that your wishes are clear to your family, your executor, and your lawyer.

We hope to run another Estate Planning Seminar in the fall. Watch for a notice or call Chelsea McIntyre at 613-774-2422 ext. 6769 to be added to a notification list.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Every day, our donors go above and beyond with generous and creative fundraising events. Each one has an impact and we are truly grateful.

Thank you to the Eastern Ontario Prostate Awareness Committee for their \$3,000 donation to support WDMH's cancer coach program.



There was a lot of toe tapping and singing along at the Blues at the Farm dinner and show on June 23rd at The Winchelsea. \$310 was raised for the Family Care Fund.

The WDMH Foundation was once again in great company as Shroomfest recently presented more than \$45,450 to local charities. About two dozen local charities benefited, including \$3,000 for the WDMH Foundation's Family Care Fund.



Royal Canadian Legion Branch 48 in Morrisburg was formed in 1926 and they've been helping local communities ever since. On June 19th, the Legion presented a cheque for \$5,000 to the Foundation for the General Equipment Fund.



THANK YOU!