WELLINGTON HEALTH CARE ALLIANCE (WHCA)

# ANNUAL REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY

GROVES MEMORIAL COMMUNITY HOSPITAL (GMCH)
LOUISE MARSHALL HOSPITAL (LMH)
PALMERSTON AND DISTRICT HOSPITAL (PDH)
TOGETHER, ADVANCING EXCEPTIONAL CARE AND WELLNESS





## OUR PATIENTS MATTER. TEAMWORK AT ITS BEST.

Kyle Knorr is a healthy and happy fiveyear-old today because of quick responses, great teamwork, and annual training by our PDH Operating Room (OR) staff/physicians.

This past year, accompanied by his mother, Theresa; Kyle arrived for a routine surgical procedure. Shortly after Kyle received anesthesia, OR staff and physicians recognized the onset symptoms of Malignant Hyperthermia (MH).

MH is a life-threatening, rare, genetic condition that can occur to a patient under general anesthesia. Not aware that Kyle had a sensitivity to the anesthesia, the OR Team implemented their MH protocol as rehearsed annually in training to stabilize Kyle.

Theresa was taken into the OR and the team explained what was happening. At the same time, PDH staff called GMCH and LMH to alert them of the situation and let them know how they could help. A plan of support was quickly put into action with the GMCH GP/Anesthetist going to PDH to lend a hand if needed and to bring additional MH medication.

LMH responded quickly and called OPP to transfer the MH medication to PDH. Kyle was stabilized and eventually transported to a major hospital centre that specializes in Pediatric Critical Care.

Theresa was grateful to the staff and physicians who were professional, responsive, compassionate and most importantly included her in the care of her child every step of the way. Thanks to the great work of PDH staff and physicians for managing this successful outcome.



Kyle Knorr, patient. Photo credit: I'd Capture That Photography



# OUR PARTNERS MATTER. SMARTER IV PUMPS.

Over the past year, GMCH and NWHC replaced their existing fleet of Intravenous (IV) pumps. IV pumps deliver fluids, medications and blood products to patients through a catheter into a vein.

The new IV pumps help to reduce the risk of medication errors by providing a safety test before the initiation of therapy. The pumps ensure standardized medication processes and protocols which contribute to an overall goal

of safe medication administration for patients. Thanks to all community donors and Hospital Foundations for supporting the purchase of the new pumps.

By collaborating with the three hospital Foundations to purchase the IV pumps, WHCA partnered with the Provincial Buying Group to purchase the pumps at a substantially reduced cost to each hospital.



Gianni Accettola, Patient Care Manager, and Sarah Magill, RPN, thank donors for supporting the purchase of the new IV pumps



# OUR PEOPLE MATTER. YOU NEVER STOP LEARNING IN HEALTHCARE.

Throughout the past year, GMCH and NWHC provided medical education to all levels of experience- from those thinking of a career in health care to those who have worked in health care for decades.

GMCH offered a "taste" of what it is like to work in a rural hospital to Grade 9 students at a "Take Your Kid to Work" event.

LMH physicians ran their annual "Rural Skills Day" to provide hands-on learning to first-year Medical Students from McMaster School of Family Medicine.

PDH staff and physicians participated in a Neonatal Resuscitation Program (NRP) designed to teach individuals and teams that may be required to resuscitate newborn babies. Staff and physicians from all three hospital sites came together for training days in Perioperative, Palliative and Perinatal Care- just to name a few.

All of this training allows for our staff, physicians and students to learn and explore the very best ways to deliver optimal patient care.





Left to right: Dr. Steve Beamish teaches Grade 9 students suturing techniques at GMCH Take Your Kids to Work Day. Centre: Dr. Alex Goytisolo teaches a first-year medical student how to intubate at LMH's Rural Skills Day. Right: Dr. Joanna Wielgosz; Katie Olechowski, RN and Brianne Heffernan, RN participate in NRP Training at PDH



# OUR ALLIANCE MATTERS. OUR DOCTORS BATTER UP TO SUPPORT OUR HOSPITALS.



NWHC doctors took on the GMCH doctors in the first annual charity ball game last June. The ball game was an opportunity for some fun and collaboration outside the hospital walls.

All proceeds from the game were divided up between the three Hospital

Foundations. This year the game is scheduled for June 22nd starting at 12:00 pm at the Barb Wright Ball Diamond in Palmerston, Ontario. Games, food, raffle, music, bouncy castle, face painting and more will be on-site. Come on out and cheer on your favourite team!





## **WELCOME**

Welcome to the 2018-19 Groves Memorial Community Hospital (GMCH) and North Wellington Health Care (NWHC) report to the community. It's been another busy year at our three hospital sites as the number of patients we serve has increased along with the growth in our communities. Thanks to the support of our three hospital Foundations and community donors, we made substantial improvements in the quality of care through investments in new medical technology - including digital X-ray machines, medication delivery systems and a new patient order entry system. Building for the future has been front and center at all of our hospital sites. You will read more about all of these projects within the report. With more than 1,000 staff, volunteers and physicians, we strive to provide a great place to work and last year we celebrated more than

13 individuals who've been employed for 30+ years. The Board of Directors for GMCH and NWHC continue to advance best practices in governance by modernizing how they function together. These volunteers serve our communities well and have positioned our organizations on solid ground to deliver services to our residents for years to come. Next year promises to be challenging with major health system reform. We look forward to these challenges and we are proud to be leading a great team of employees, physicians, and volunteers who are passionate about your health and delivering great services.

Stephen K. Street, President and CEO **Groves Memorial Community Hospital and North** Wellington Health Care

## BY THE NUMBERS



THESE NUMBERS REPRESENT BOTH LOUISE MARSHALL AND PALMERSTON AND DISTRICT **HOSPITALS** 

EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT (ED)

ARF 65+

**23.4%** OF ED VISITS WERE FROM THOSE WHO

**ED VISITS WERE FOR** TREATMENT OF OPIOID OVERDOSES +

DIGITAL **IMAGING EXAMS** 





**MENTAL HEALTH** 

**ED VISITS** 

590

13,056 **RADIOLOGY** 

> MENTAL HEALTH **ED VISITS**

> > 565

# 1,240 ADMISSIONS

6.5 DAYS **AVERAGE LENGTH OF** 

**SPECIALIST CLINIC 4,989 VISITS** 

336,031

**AMBULATORY CARE VISITS** 7.172

**IN-PATIENT MEDICATION** ORDERS 42,899





OF ED VISITS WERE

FROM THOSE WHO

DIGITAL

**IMAGING** 

**EXAMS** 

26.8%

**ED VISITS WERE FOR** TREATMENT OF OPIOID OVERDOSES +









20,639 RADIOLOGY



2,122 ADMISSIONS



(1) 6.2 DAYS **AVERAGE LENGTH OF** 

SURGICAL

**SPECIALIST CLINIC 2,097 VISITS** 

> **LABRATORY** PROCEDURES/TESTS 337.603

**AMBULATORY CARE VISITS** 15,173

**IN-PATIENT MEDICATION** 

ORDERS **71,873** 

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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## REVENUE AND EXPENSES

### NORTH WELLINGTON HEALTH CARE LOUISE MARSHALL HOSPITAL & PALMERSTON DISTRICT HOSPITAL



Patient & Misc Revenue \$2,583,241

13% Physician Emergency and On-Call \$3,029,925

Ministry of Health Funding \$17,881,982



**Drugs & Medical Supplies** \$689,981

Medical Staff, Physician Emergency & Physician Fees \$3.532.746

Other Expenses \$5,240,333

Staff Salaries & Benefits \$13,598,705

## **GROVES MEMORIAL COMMUNITY HOSPITAL**



Physician Emergency and On-Call \$2.391.898

Patient & Misc Revenue \$3,735,159

Ministry of Health Funding \$20,856,562



**Drugs & Medical Supplies** \$1,256,805

Medical Staff, Physician **Emergency & Physician Fees** \$3,524,466

Other Expenses \$5,535,864

Staff Salaries & Benefits \$16,623,433

<sup>\* =</sup> members of the Joint Executive Committee which governs the Wellington Health Care Alliance through delegated authority.



# LOUISE MARSHALL HOSPITAL (LMH) VOLUNTEER AUXILIARY

This past year the Auxiliary members raised and donated funds towards necessary hospital equipment. Our fundraising endeavours include the Spring Luncheon and Bake Sale in May; as well as the Christmas Bazaar and Lunch which will take place on November 16th, 2019. Also, Auxiliary members sell tickets for the annual Quilt Raffle which takes place at the Christmas Bazaar held at the United Church. This year's quilt pattern is called 'Shining Star' and is stunning. We had a very successful Plant and Bake Sale at Pike Lake in May, thanks to everyone's efforts and support.

During the year, we've kept busy in the hospital with not only helping in the Gift Shop, but also in Diagnostic Imaging, Dr. Morris Clinic, and the Foot Clinic. Several volunteers make tray favours for in-patients on 12 special occasions during the year.

This year, one of our members, Mary-Beth Cockburn received her Certificate of Recognition for 65 years of service. Wow! We've had the privilege of having 2 ladies as members who have turned 101. Unfortunately, Laura Marchment passed away recently, as well as Audrey Donald who had received her Certificate of Recognition for 65 years in 2017.

Coming in June will be our Annual General Meeting with a potluck lunch. The Executives' term of office will be complete and a new Executive will be installed.

The coming year will bring challenges for the Auxiliary as the Gift Shop will be closed during the hospital renovations, which will mean a reduction in revenues. Hopefully, the Gift Shop staff will be able to volunteer their services to the hospital in other capacities during this time.

### LMH Auxiliary Executive

Penny Renken, President Wreatha Speers, Secretary

Cheryle Munn, Treasurer Linda Dunk, Past-President

Top: Stephen Street, President and CEO NWHC, with Auxiliary Executive. Above: Wreatha Speers (left) presents Mary-Beth Cockburn her certificate of recognition for 65 years. Below: Auxiliary members, celebrate their 100th birthday.





### PALMERSTON AND DISTRICT HOSPITAL (PDH) VOLUNTEER AUXILIARY

The goal of the PDH Auxiliary is to raise funds to support our local hospital. We are always thinking of new ways to do this. This year we held a Christmas luncheon for members in December, which was very successful. Our biggest fundraiser is always the Christmas Bazaar, an event that all of the members participate in. From a culmination of events, the Auxiliary was able to present a cheque of \$7,000 to the PDH Foundation as well as \$3,000 to the Foundation's Gala Fund. Volunteer members support the advertising of the CKNX Radiothon by helping with administrative duties.

Volunteers help out by working shifts in our Gift Shop, as well as guiding patients to and from Specialist

#### **PDH Auxiliary Executive**

Helen McFadzean, President Sharon Greenwood, Treasurer Sharon Sothern, Secretary Tina Haldenby, Sandy Smith and Barb Foster, Gift Shop Coordinators Doctors' clinics. We also provide baby layettes for families, support items needed in the Palliative Care suite, and make tray favors for patients in the hospital on special holidays. The Auxiliary is pleased to provide two bursaries to deserving students at Norwell District Secondary School. All of these activities are accomplished with a membership of only 74. The Auxiliary is actively looking for new members in order to continue raising funds and providing support to our local hospital. Come visit our newly renovated and revamped Gift Shop with many items for your shopping pleasure - new items arrive on a regular basis!

Above: PDH Auxiliary Volunteers come together to support the CKNX Radiothon

# GROVES HOSPITAL VOLUNTEER ASSOCIATION

Groves Hospital Volunteer Association (GHVA) celebrated 85 years in 2018 and is extremely proud of donations to Groves Hospital of over \$4 Million! Throughout the last year, our 260+ volunteers were dedicated to performing various duties at the hospital to support great patient and visitor experiences and achieve our fundraising goals through sales at the Hospital Gift Shop and the New to You shop – one of Fergus' largest retailers.

Over the past year, our New to You volunteers received, sorted, prepared, and sold items that were generously donated by our community and surrounding area. All of the money raised from shop sales stay in the community. In April, the New to You shop hosted a Fashion Show, to a sold out crowd, showcasing some of the clothing items available for sale at both the New to You and Hospital gift shops.

GHVA supports youth in our community with postsecondary scholarships. Each year GHVA provides up to six \$1,000 awards for qualifying students in the community pursuing post-secondary education in health related disciplines. Since 1963, over 137 local high school students have benefited from this scholarship program.

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Nancy Peer Lalani – GHVA Manager Clare Palmer – New to You Manager Tina Smith – New to You Assistant Manager





Top: Florence Shaw walks the runway at the New to You Fashion Show;

Rita Perrin volunteering at the Hospital Gift Shop which celebrated



# **THE NEW GROVES HOSPITAL IS SCHEDULED TO OPEN SPRING 2020**

**Located between Elora** and Fergus, in Aboyne, the new hospital will boast:



More room for emergency, ambulatory, and diagnostic (all of which will be almost double the current sizes).



The new hospital will operate with a Central Registration process. Making it easier and more efficient for patients to check-in and to answer all of your questions.



Patient Rooms will have large vertical and horizontal windows with a view of natural landscapes.



Latest technology and clinical resources for physicians and staff.



On-site helipad to allow for faster access to patient transfers by air ambulance.



Two enclosed ambulance bays will provide a controlled environment for patient



Parking spaces will increase from 150 to 315. Staff and community can look forward to bike racks, infrastructure for electric cars and hitching posts for horse and buggy.



We believe that many spiritual practices are important to healing. The new hospital will have a multi-faith room to aid in support.

# **NEW GROVES HOSPITAL:** PREPARING FOR THE MOVE

Did you know that the actual "building" of the new Groves Hospital is only half of the project?

Getting ready to move into the new hospital is the other half. This is where "Operational Readiness" kicks-in.

Operational Readiness is the end state of the new hospital planning. In order to be Operationally Ready to provide patient care and services in the New Groves Hospital, staff need to ensure they have the right people, at the right place, at the right time, working with the right equipment and technology in accordance with the right policies and procedures.

On the opening day of the new hospital, the quality of care should be exactly the same whether you are the first patient through the doors or the 1.000th.

Part of the Operational Readiness

work, that is currently underway, is to look at all of the hospitals service delivery models and determine how a procedure may change in the new hospital.

Over the coming months, staff and physicians are looking at their systems and re-engineering them to make the process easier for patients.

## WHEN ASKED ABOUT THE NEW HOSPITAL, OUR STAFF AND PHYSICIANS ARE MOST EXCITED ABOUT:

Depending on where you are in our current hospital, the temperature greatly varies with some areas of the hospital being very warm and some areas very cool. I am excited to have a new building that provides us with improvements that allow for better climate control for patients and staff comfort.

Dr. Dan Reilly - Obstetrician/Gynecologist





With the new hospital layout and design being more modern and spacious it will be much easier to clean and reach a new measure of Infection Prevention and Control.

> Mary Hill Support Services

I am eager to work in a more spacious hospital; it will make it much easier when moving patients from one location to another on

> Donna Thompson Operating Room Nurse, Clinical Resource Lead

stretchers.

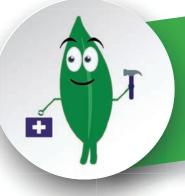
I am excited to work with updated technology and medical devices in our new hospital.

> Dr. Annie Lu **General Practitioner/** Anesthetist

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MEET GROVER - OUR NEW GROVES HOSPITAL MASCOT Grover was created as a way to help staff/

physicians identify communication regarding the New Hospital. You will be seeing a lot of Grover in the coming months as he helps to communicate about the New Hospital.



To keep up-to-date on progress please follow us: . Website:newgroves.net groveshospital

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Clinic; Modern Elevators; Enclosed ambulance bays - enough space for two vehicles; Main staircase;







# NORTH WELLINGTON HEALTH CARE: BUILDING UPDATES

As a result of the Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care's Stage 4 approval, NWHC was approved to go to market for a constructor for the Louise Marshall Hospital (LMH) ER/Ambulatory Care redevelopment.

On February 28th, a tender was posted publicly and the bids closed on April 9th, 2019. A preferred proponent was identified and the recommendation is currently with the Ontario Ministry's Capital Branch for final approval to

proceed with construction.

Also included in the redevelopment is a new medical education space for both LMH and Palmerston and District Hospital. This new addition will help recruit new physicians.

# WHEN ASKED ABOUT THE HOSPITAL EXPANSION PLANS OUR STAFF AND PHYSICIANS ARE MOST EXCITED ABOUT:

Patients are grateful to be able to receive their Oncology treatments in Mount Forest and not have to travel to Kitchener. The fact that we are improving Oncology Services such as increasing our Clinic hours to 5-days a week and making building improvements, really helps us serve the needs of our patients.

Shaun Speers, RN, Oncology





I am most excited about the enhanced infection and prevention control measures that will be available in the new Emergency Department.

Sandra Hamilton, RN, Occupational Health, Infection, Prevention and Control Coordinator

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We are looking forward to the new Ambulatory Care space. There will be more privacy and better patient flow, allowing for a higher standard of care for our Specialists to consult with patients.

Gail Bridgewater,
Operating Room (OR) RN,
Clinical Resource Lead;
Dr. Ian Phillips,
General Surgeon and
Jeannie Warmington,
OR Nurse





# NORTH WELLINGTON HEALTH CARE

Highlights of the new expansion are:



Emergency Department size will be growing from 1,630 sq. ft. to 5,710 sq. ft.



New covered Ambulance Bay will be growing from 640 sq. ft. to 1,450 sq. ft.



New medical space to **support** learners and recruit physicians.



The hospital expansion will enhance infection control measures.



**Expanded** parking spaces.



A new Ambulatory Care wing space will have an additional 7,000 net new sq.ft. that will house our new onocology space.



New main entrance into central hub to make way finding easier.



### NEW SAFE ROOMS FOR OUR MORE VULNERABLE PATIENTS

Work is underway to build safe rooms at both LMH and PDH. Currently, patients entering the emergency room at either hospital in significant mental health distress do not have a dedicated space in which to be assessed. The safe rooms are an area where staff and physicians have the ability to provide more private, dignified care for patients.



#### "THE ENCHANTED MASQUERADE" -OUR 18TH ANNUAL STARLIGHT GALA!

The 18th Annual Starlight Gala held at the Harriston-Minto Community Complex on May 26th, 2018 generated an outstanding profit of over **\$215,000** which allowed us to purchase three new Crash Carts with Defibrillators and 15 new Infusion Pumps; for use in all areas of the Palmerston and District Hospital. Once again, our amazing team of volunteer decorators transformed our venue into an unbelievable enchanted forest and mesmerized 668 guests of the Foundation. Guests were treated to a sumptuous meal and excellent entertainment. Silent and live auctions garnered almost \$75,000 in profit while our generous sponsors contributed \$124,000 towards the evening's success. Our faithful donors and an army of almost 100 volunteers came together once again to create a memorable evening in support of local health care.

# 17TH ANNUAL CKNX HEALTHCARE HEROES RADIOTHON RAISES OVER \$104,000 FOR THE PALMERSTON & DISTRICT HOSPITAL FOUNDATION!

17th Annual CKNX Healthcare Heroes Radiothon was held on October 20th, 2018. Palmerston & District Hospital Foundation joined with 7 other Midwestern Ontario Hospital Foundations in support of their local hospitals. Our fundraising efforts focused on funding the purchase of the hospital's new Digital X-Ray Unit. Once again, we are amazed and humbled at the strong level of support for our Radiothon. Minto and Mapleton communities continue to demonstrate their strong commitment to keeping "quality health care close to home"!

# LEGION SUPPORT HIGH FOR THE PALMERSTON HOSPITAL

Frank Lambier Branch 409 Palmerston Legion used the \$6,000 proceeds from one of their "Catch the Ace" draws to benefit local health care. Always thinking of ways to improve the care of elderly or mobility challenged people within our hospital setting, our caring Legion members directed these funds to retrofit one of our washrooms to be completely barrier free! Thank you!

Harriston Legion Branch 296 members are happy to show off the new Emergency Room stretcher with weigh scale that they recently purchased with their \$10,000 donation from the Poppy Fund! The new and improved stretchers allow a critically ill or mobility challenged patient to be weighed easily, allowing for correct dosing of medication or fluids. Providing excellent care to the elderly and mobility challenged remains a focus of our Legions, which is very much appreciated at the Palmerston and District Hospital!

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**Palmerston Hospital Foundation** 



Palmerston and District Hospital Foundation Gala Committee 2018



Frank Lambier Branch 409 Palmerston Legion donates \$6,000– (from left) Allan Toner, Stan Schmidt and Brian Noble



Harriston Royal Canadian Legion 269 members donate a \$10,000 cheque to PDH's Nurses Erin Kee (middle) and Leola Hartung (far right)



Members of the Mapleton Custom Rodders continue with their strong support of the Radiothon Campaign. Shown here presenting their \$1,000 "kick off" to the PDH Foundation Radiothon Campaign, the club has donated \$6,500 to date from their annual "Show and Shine Car Show" held on Father's Day weekend each year. We thank them for their commitment to local health care!

Visit: http://pdh.nwhealthcare.ca/



Launching the digital x-ray machine at LMH - Kaush Patel, Diagnostic Imaging Manager; Gary and Linda Hall; Lynsey Milliner, Medical Radiation Technologist; Amy Van Huss, Development Officer, Mount Forest Louise Marshall Hospital Foundation



Royal Canadian Branch 134 presents a cheque to the Nurses at Louise Marshall Hospital - Ken Thompson, President; Peggy Henderson, RN; Nora Bamsey, RN; Kym Rice, RN; Penny Troyer, RN; Derek Moore, Ontario Provincial Command, Vice-President

Jane Ford (right), former Development Officer, Louise Marshall Hospital Foundation, received a cheque for \$40,000 from the Mary Lynne Forrest Memorial Golf Tournament. Presenting Ford with the cheque were, from left: Greg Shaw, Brandy Miller, Sheree Bell and George Forrest





# 2018 CKNX HEALTH CARE HEROES RADIOTHON

The 2018 CKNX Health Care Heroes Radiothon was once again a huge success. By exceeding our goal of \$100,000, the Mount Forest Louise Marshall Hospital Foundation (MFLMHF) was able to purchase 15 intravenous infusion pumps.

The Foundation's success would not be possible without the support of our local service clubs. In June, the Mount Forest Royal Canadian Legion Branch 134 donated \$7,000 to Louise Marshall Hospital. This donation was the final instalment of a \$25,000 pledge to the emergency room and ambulatory care unit redevelopment project. MFLMHF also received a grant of \$10,000 from the Royal Canadian Legion Ontario Provincial Command.

In April, after 10 years of service, Jane Ford, MFLMHF Development Officer retired. Jane provided exemplary leadership over the years and was instrumental in both successfully helping to fund life-saving hospital equipment and in achieving the LMH emergency room and ambulatory care unit redevelopment financial targets. The Foundation was pleased to welcome Amy Van Huss as the new Development Officer in April. Amy brings to the job an exceptional combination of energy, charitable expertise, and proven leadership.

# OUR DONORS MAKE AN INCREDIBLE IMPACT

The 14th Annual Mary Lynne Forrest Memorial Golf Tournament took place in July at Pike Lake Golf Centre, with a total of \$40,000 raised for the Foundation. When the Mary Lynne Forrest Memorial Golf Tournament was founded 14 years ago, George Forrest said it was to serve two purposes: to keep the memory of Mary Lynne alive, and to raise "a bit of money" for the local hospitals. Today, it has become a fundraising powerhouse. The \$40,000 raised at this year's tournament brings the 14-year total to \$753,000 of which every penny has been donated to the Louise Marshall and Palmerston Hospital Foundations! This year's funds will be used to purchase two electrocardiograph machines at LMH.

In May, a new digital x-ray machine was installed and launched at LMH. This new equipment was funded through the generosity of the Estate of the Thomas Family. As executors of the estate, Gary and Linda Hall were able to make the wishes of three family members come true by fulfilling a bequest of close to \$500,000 for this advanced technology. This state-of-the-art technology improves the quality of x-ray images and uses lower doses of radiation.

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Amy Van Huss, Development Officer

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## **FOUNDATION**

#### **EXCITING THINGS ARE HAPPENING** AT GROVES HOSPITAL FOUNDATION

As we get closer to the move into the new hospital in Spring 2020, we continue to be astounded by the incredible generosity of our community and their support of the New Groves Hospital. We have officially raised the "local share" of the project costs and have less than \$2.5M remaining to fund the vital equipment we need to outfit the hospital for Opening Day.

At this critical point in our fundraising, we would like to appeal to the community as a whole to support the project. \$151 per household would ensure success; just about the cost of two coffees per week over a year! This would fund the purchase of equipment and technology to allow our staff to continue to provide excellent health care for our patients.

#### **OUR COMMUNITY SUPPORTS GROVES**

We have received tremendous support from our local service clubs throughout the years and 2018 was no exception. From Optimists, to Kinsmen, to Legions & Ladies Auxiliaries, to the Lions for Groves, to the Rotaries, to various other clubs and associations; members of community groups put countless hours into organizing and hosting fundraising events for the New Groves.

The largest donation we received last year was from the Rotary Club of Fergus-Elora, who increased their support of the New Groves Hospital to a total of \$500,000. They plan to raise the money through their new "Catch the Ace" progressive draw which had a grand prize of \$30,000 and raised over \$44,000 for Groves in its first run!

There were many other community events and donations benefitting Groves over the past year, all of which are showcased on our Facebook page (@ GrovesHospitalFoundation). Thank you to everyone who has shown support for Groves Hospital Foundation over the past year. You are truly making a difference for the future of health and wellness in our region.

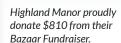


The Rotary Club of Fergus-Elora pledges \$500,00 to the New Groves Hospital - Stephanie Pearsall, Vice President Patient Services/Chief Nursing Executive of GMCH; Norm Manning, Vice-President Rotary Club of Fergus-Elora; Lori Arsenault, Executive Director of the Foundation and Leanne Iravani, President Rotary Club of Fergus-Elora.

Representatives from the nine area clubs of "Lions for Groves" who have pledged to raise \$200,000 for the Diabetes & Patient Education Centre at the New Groves Hospital.



Groves Hospital Speech Pathology Staff enjoy free treats on Random Act of Kindness Day hosted by the Foundation.







Groves Hospital Foundation Board of Directors: Cindy Lindsay, Chair; Hugh Calderwood, Past Chair; Dick Haas, Treasurer; Greg Boland, Adrian Carreiro, Dr. Khalid Enver, Barbara Evoy, Cheryl Rowe, Ted Smith, Ilse Vander Meulen, Jerry Kooiman (not pictured).

Foundation Staff: Lori Arsenault, Executive Director; Bonnie Bois, Foundation Assistant; Sarah Sheehan, Development & Communications Officer

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