



Happy National Philanthropy Day!

While its title doesn't exactly roll off your tongue, November 15th is definitely a day to celebrate all of you! It's National Philanthropy Day.

As our newsletter's name explains, it is only *Because of You* that the WDMH Foundation is able to do what it does. On November 15th – and every day – we want to thank our generous donors and incredible volunteers!

U.S. President Ronald Reagan first proclaimed this day back in 1986. It was officially recognized in Canada in 2009. Philanthropy is defined as 'the love of mankind'. On this day around the world, we celebrate and recognize donors and volunteers engaged in philanthropy and giving back to others. We also want others to be inspired by this good work.

The importance of community has been heightened during this pandemic. It is more crucial than ever to connect, to find comfort and understanding, and to support one another. We are so grateful for the ongoing support of our local communities. Everyone can be a philanthropist and make a difference!

Words from a Grateful Family

As we celebrate National Philanthropy Day, we want to share the impact that donors and volunteers have at Winchester District Memorial Hospital. Recently, a daughter called to say thank you for the care her father received at the hospital:

It's like when a child is really sick and they want to be comforted. WDMH comforts Dad. He always says how wonderful and caring everyone is there.

Thank you for your support and for helping to ensure the very best care close to home!



CHANGE THE WORLD



WITH A GIVING HEART

National Philanthropy Day®

Our Commitment

Together with current and future donors who – like us – value excellence in local health care, we work to inspire and support their investments of time and financial gifts.

We work hard to ensure that our donors trust us, feel our gratitude, are well-informed, and enjoy positive giving experiences. In all things, our donors are #1.

We value accountability, transparency, integrity – and celebrating our donors' achievements and successes along the way.

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

Thank you for caring!

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Every day, our donors go above and beyond with generous and creative fundraising events – even during these unusual times! 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.

Call Cindy Peters at 613-774-2422 ext. 6172 to learn more.

They did it again! The local BMO branch in Winchester has delivered another cheque for \$2,500 to the WDMH Foundation. In 2018, they pledged \$7,500 to support health care close to home.

This latest donation is being directed to the WDMH Foundation's General Equipment Fund toward the purchase of equipment such as a new X-ray machine. Thanks BMO!



A 21st Century Stethoscope

It's the gold standard for Emergency medicine – and we have it at WDMH! A new portable ultrasound machine has arrived, providing immediate care when time is of the essence. The device can help identify diagnoses such as cardiac arrest, internal bleeding, and pregnancy issues. It is also used to support treatment interventions such as draining fluid from the abdomen or inserting chest tubes. It will be used throughout the hospital.

"This device is our lifeline," explains Clinical Manager Katie Robertson. "It will be used daily and will have a significant impact on the care we provide. We are so grateful to the donors who provide these gifts that help us care for all of our loved ones."

The total cost of the ultrasound was \$71,074.



Helen Holmes says she never dreamed she'd live to be 100. But she did just that, celebrating her centennial birthday this past summer. Her family wanted to do something unique to mark the occasion, so they asked everyone to make a donation to WDMH in her honour. And they did – raising \$3,155.

Happy Birthday Helen – and thank you to her family for their support!

A sign of the times! Thank you to the team at **Signs and Stitches** in Metcalfe for spearheading a great fundraising and spirit-raising campaign.

Lawn signs thanking frontline workers are now displayed throughout the region. And the sales have resulted in a \$1,500 donation to the WDMH Foundation. Thank you to everyone who bought a sign!



Would you consider adopting us?

The 'Charity Child' – your community as part of your family

When thinking about preparing their will(s), most couples or individuals divide their estate among their immediate family. They want to be sure that they can provide for the needs of their loved ones.

But ask yourself – **who are your loved ones?** Surely your offspring (if you have any), as well as perhaps other immediate or extended family.

But what about causes or charities that have impacted your life? Have you spent hundreds or thousands of hours volunteering? Are you a monthly donor? Have you ever sat on a board of directors? At the very least, have you seen or read about how charities or causes are impacting your community or region?

These are all cues that you may have a 'Charity Child'!

The 'Charity Child' concept is a simple one. You can 'adopt' an additional child through your will – a 'Charity Child', also known as a charity that is close to your heart. This 'child' could be endowed into your estate very simply, by adjusting the percentages that your existing beneficiaries would be receiving after you pass.

- 20% to each of five children → 18% to each child, 10% to charity child
- 33.33% to each of three children → 30% to each child, 10% to charity child
- 50% to each of two children → 40% to each child, 20% to charity child

If you knew your family was going to be cared for, AND you (or they) wouldn't have to pay so much in taxes, how could you skip considering a charitable gift?

Another way to consider it is, if you had a choice to give a portion of your estate to the government in tax, or to a charity like the WDMH Foundation, which one would you prefer? Your decision would have a significant effect on your community – whether you make a charitable gift, or not.

Benefits and features of a 'Charity Child' gift (otherwise known as a bequest or estate gift)

- This way of giving is simple for you to arrange with your lawyer
- You don't need to give now
- Your support for local health care would have a lasting impact in your community
- Special tax incentives are available for gifts of appreciated property (both during life and after passing)
- A 'Charity Child' gift would help to offset unforeseen taxes on your estate (due to a second property, taxes on retirement savings, US assets, high capital gain shares, etc.)
- You are able to specify whether you would prefer to give cash, stock, property, etc.

If you have questions or would like to chat about adopting us into your family, we would be so honoured and grateful to hear from you – reach out anytime. And – if we are already in your future plans – please consider sharing that wonderful news with us, so we can thank you now!!

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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!

A HAPPY HOME



October 1st was National Seniors Day and, as always, Dundas Manor residents celebrated in style!

Every day, staff and volunteers inspire joy and happiness and provide care and compassion. For example, they recently enjoyed Tuesday Tea, with delicious treats from McLoughlin's Country Store in Mountain. Yum!

Thanks for Your Patience

WDMH's COVID-19 Assessment Centre in Winchester is here for you. If you need a test, please call 613-801-2333 to make an appointment. We are dealing with large volumes of calls every day and we are working hard to meet everyone's needs. For full details, visit www.wdmh.on.ca/assessmentcentre. Stay well!



Donate Your Car



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



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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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