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A New Commitment

In the middle of a pandemic, it might not seem like there is a lot to celebrate. But at the WDMH Foundation, that's not the case.

At its first-ever Annual General Meeting via Zoom on June 16th, Board members and supporters came together to share some good news on the last year of fundraising.

"I want to start with the incredible impact of our donors," began Board Chair Peter Krajcovic. "In the last year, there have been 4,442 gifts to the WDMH Foundation. As a result, we were able to purchase 43 pieces of medical equipment for the hospital, totaling \$1,187,112.71! Yes, that's 1.187 million dollars!"

As part of his remarks, Peter also outlined the significant changes that have taken place over the past year at the Foundation. It has evolved from the Winchester District Memorial Hospital Foundation to the WDMH Foundation – recognizing a new relationship with Dundas Manor and the RHI Board of Directors who oversees the home.

"The Foundation already works alongside donors in support of compassionate care in our community from babies to seniors. Now we will build upon that commitment as the fundraising partner for the new Dundas Manor. We are excited to take on this challenge, and as always, we are confident that local communities will once again step up to help make the dream of a new Dundas Manor a reality," Peter said.

Another highlight of the evening was the introduction of the WDMH Foundation's new Commitment Statement. It was developed by a team of donors, Board members and staff to reflect the new vision for the Foundation:

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.

“The new Commitment Statement really speaks to the best part of my job,” noted Managing Director Kristen Casselman. “I love working with, inspiring, and supporting our donors. And now, I look forward to building more relationships as we welcome Dundas Manor into our family.”

“The WDMH Foundation is especially grateful to our donors. The need will always be here – but we know that our donors will be there too,” summed up Peter. “They have proven that over the past few weeks, during this past year, and for many years before that. We want to thank them for the trust they have placed in us and for their ongoing commitment and generosity.”

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