



Because of you...

WDMH FOUNDATION NEWSLETTER

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AMAZING DONORS!

Welcome to the second edition of *Because of You!* – and thank you for the positive feedback on our summer issue. This newsletter is one of the many ways we want to connect with our donors and share good news about the Foundation and Winchester District Memorial Hospital.

The past few weeks have been a whirlwind at the WDMH Foundation as we work with our donors to raise funds to support urgent equipment needs and other priorities at WDMH. Many people are surprised to learn that the provincial government does not fund hospital medical equipment purchases. We are grateful to our local communities for helping to bridge that gap.

In this issue, we share more details about the Automated Dispensing Cabinets (ADCs). The ADCs are WDMH’s highest priority equipment need this year at a cost of approximately \$400,000. In October, an anonymous donor agreed to match donations for the ADCs, up to \$25,000. Thank you to our generous donor – and to our generous community for their matching gifts!

Here at the Foundation, we are grateful to work with so many donors who want to ensure the best health care close to home. We’d love to chat with you – by phone, email or in person. Feel free to drop by the Foundation office in the front lobby anytime. Thank you again for your incredible support of WDMH!

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WDMH A SHOWCASE HOSPITAL FOR NEW SCOPE CABINET



Operating Room staff Ronnie Borsuk and Lusanna O’Shea show off the new scope cabinet.

Thanks to our donors, WDMH is one of only two hospitals in Ontario to have a state-of-the-art scope cabinet. This specialized cabinet houses equipment for endoscopic procedures and WDMH is now ahead of the Canadian standard when it comes to cleaning and storing the scopes.

“We are so fortunate as a rural hospital to already have in place this equipment that far exceeds expectations,” says Karen Lydiatt, Team Leader, Perioperative Unit.

WDMH performs more than 2,100 scopes each year and there are strict guidelines regarding cleaning and storing of the scopes. The new cabinets go beyond the required hepa filtration and also include air purging to keep the scopes dry. “In planning to purchase the cabinet, we were mindful in spending our money wisely and planning for future requirements to keep our patients safe,” explains Karen. The cost of the specialized cabinet was just over \$23,000.

“We are so grateful to our generous community for making this possible,” sums up Karen. “We are now a showcase hospital for the cabinet manufacturer and we couldn’t be prouder.”

Thank you for caring!

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Every day, our donors go above and beyond with generous and creative fundraising events. 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 you with planning, support and tips to make your event a successful one. Let's chat!

SMILES ALL AROUND



The Tim Hortons Smile Cookie Campaign has been supporting local communities since 1996.

Each year, the cookies brighten many faces – including patients at WDMH. This year, the proceeds from the stores in Winchester, Morrisburg and Long Sault were designated for the WDMH Foundation. At the end of a week of smiles, \$11,912 was raised.

Thank you to our local Tim Hortons stores and to everyone who bought a cookie!

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas!

Well not really, but it will be here before we know it.

At the WDMH Foundation, the annual Christmas Wish Tree is a wonderful tradition and provides a special way to celebrate and honour those who have touched our lives in some way.

Watch for more details on this year's program and join us on **Thursday, December 15 at 4:00** as we light up the giant tree in the hospital lobby.



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GIVING BACK

For more than 40 years, Le Club du Bel âge de Marionville has been bringing community members over the age of 55 together for dinners, games and social outings. In addition to having fun, members also give back to local organizations, including the WDMH Foundation.

At a recent cheque presentation, Club members presented a cheque for \$1,000 to the general equipment fund in support of WDMH's new Automated Dispensing Cabinets (ADCs). "The Club members understand that the hospital serves a big region and the people from these villages are, or will be, using these services," explained Noella Drouin, who has served as Club President for the past 14 years. "Not everyone can travel to the city for treatment or tests. Our hospital in Winchester needs equipment updates to service our community. On behalf of Club du Bel âge de Marionville, we thank you for the excellent services you have provided us through the years."

"We'd like to give again because we know the hospital needs money for equipment," added Richard Leblanc, Volunteer Director.



Shown at the cheque presentation are (l-r): Richard Leblanc, Volunteer Director, Le Club; Noella Douin, Past President, Le Club; Joe Brennan, WDMH Foundation volunteer Board member; and, Cholly Boland, WDMH CEO.



WE ARE ONE TEAM

In mid-September, WDMH presented the first-ever Commitment Awards to three deserving recipients. These awards shine a light on individuals or teams who exemplify the values represented by WDMH's Commitment Statement: Compassion, Excellence, One Team, Respect, Accountability, Innovation and Learning.

"Our new Commitment Statement is more than just words on a plaque," explains Cholly Boland, CEO. "These honorees are leaders in demonstrating the values that result in compassionate excellence."

Shannon Duncan volunteers at the Information Desk and shows compassion by jumping in to help anytime she sees someone in need. Shannon is always pleasant and courteous to visitors and embodies the attitude that the patient or guest experience starts with her.

Dr. Sarah Dello Sbarba puts patients at the centre of care. She believes in one team, making sure all voices are heard. In particular, Dr. Dello Sbarba's work on the new WDMH website has resulted in a patient friendly and evidence-based resource for Moms and families.

Debbie Suffel is extremely compassionate to all of the patients she meets throughout her shift. She brightens their day by talking with them as she cleans. Debbie uses 200% accountability, advocating for patients' needs. She goes above and beyond as an important member of the team.

Congratulations!



Congratulations to the first WDMH Commitment Award winners (l-r): Shannon Duncan, Debbie Suffel and Dr. Sarah Dello Sbarba.

My experience in day surgery was very positive. You have a wonderful team. Keep up the good work!

I had my daughter here and I can say without hesitation that the staff in the Maternal Care Unit are amazing! The labour and birthing rooms are gorgeous and fully equipped. They are sure to make your birth experience a comfortable one.

We've been a big supporter of the hospital and we'd like to keep the support there. What the hospital does is very important to the people in the community.



Anniversary



Platinum



Thank you to our Jumpin' & Jivin' Gala Anniversary and Platinum Sponsors. Your support is most appreciated.

THE NEXT **BIG** THING

MUCH MORE THAN A VENDING MACHINE

WDMH's highest priority need this year is a big one. But we know our local communities are up for the challenge. We are excited to work together to raise funds for five Automated Dispensing Cabinets (ADCs), a pill packager and a computer to support them. Here are a few more details.

At WDMH, delivering 150,000 medications to patients each year is the most complex thing we do. With such a high-volume, repetitive and labour-intensive process, there can be errors. The new system will ensure safer care for our patients.

The ADCs are part computer/part robot – dispensing pre-packaged medications for each patient, right on the patient ward. The result is safer, quality care.

The new ADCs replace the old 'night cupboard' where medication is stored when the Pharmacy is closed. It is close to 40 years old! This manual system has served us well, but it's time for it to go.

The total cost is about \$400,000. Our patients need this new technology and every bit helps and brings us one step closer to purchasing this equipment.



Background: Our current 'Night Cupboard'

If you would like to learn more about the ADCs, please contact Kristen Casselman at 613-774-2422 ext. 6169.

If you would like to make a donation for this project, please call 613-774-2422 x 6162, or visit www.canadahelps.org, search for the 'Winchester District Memorial Hospital Foundation' and select the 'General Equipment Fund'.

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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