



WDMH FOUNDATION NEWSLETTER

Winter/Spring 2017

GIVING BACK



I have been a member of the Foundation Board for two years. After many years of volunteering with youth-oriented programs while my daughter was growing up, it was time for a change. While there are many worthy causes, I finally decided to support WDMH.

In fact, WDMH has been part of my life forever: I was born here, had a variety of surgeries here, and delivered my daughter here. From births to deaths, surgeries, treatments and consultations – this hospital and the staff within it have made an impact on my life, and the lives of my family. The care is amazing and the facility is outstanding. We truly are lucky to have this facility providing complete care close to home. As a Board member, I learn more every day – surrounded by an amazing team of fellow volunteers committed to ensuring that WDMH continues to be a state-of-the-art facility.

One of my personal goals is to ensure that our community is aware of what services are available at WDMH – as well as what the needs are, and the importance of financial support. Medical equipment is not funded by the provincial government, so it is crucial that we, as a community, contribute to fundraising initiatives. We want to ensure that our hospital remains first-class in the care and services provided.

We are truly lucky to have WDMH close to home, and I am proud to be a member of the Foundation Board.

Cindy Peters
WDMH Foundation Board Member

HELPING TO SAVE LIVES IN THE ER

The WDMH Emergency Department has a new Glidescope, thanks to generous Foundation donors!

“The Glidescope is a video laryngoscope,” explains Clinical Manager Laura Landry. “This piece of equipment is a standard of care in emergency departments in Canada. It ensures we can quickly and properly secure a patient’s airway and manage their breathing. Often in critical situations, intubation of the patient can be difficult without a clear view of the airway. The Glidescope provides a clear, real time view of the patient’s airway to enable quick intubation of the critical patient.”

Airway management is required in the ER for many different presentations: severe allergic reaction, pain management, burns, respiratory failure, cardiac arrest, neurological emergencies, multi system traumas and others.

“We are incredibly grateful for not having to practice without this important piece of equipment,” adds Laura. “Thank you to the donors.”

The cost of the Glidescope was \$11,309.79.



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!

LEAVING A LEGACY



WDMH was one of three local hospitals to receive a \$100,000 donation as part of the 2015 Stormont, Dundas & Glengarry International Plowing Match & Rural Expo (IPM) Legacy Fund. The funds were donated toward the highest priority needs. To

honour this special gift, the Patient/Family Lounge in the Medical/Surgical Unit has been renamed in honour of the IPM.

At a reception, WDMH Foundation Board Chair Tom Dawson noted that while the IPM was held almost two years ago, everyone is still buzzing about it. "It did much more than just showcase our local farming community. It also supported local charities – including this hospital and our Foundation. Thank you so much for choosing our three local hospitals as the beneficiaries of your Legacy Fund. We are well aware that there are so many worthy causes in our region."



IPM Chairperson Jim Brownell thanked the many people who helped to make the event possible. "It's important that we recognize all the people in the community who contributed in any way to the success of the IPM. We were thrilled, to say the least, when all the figures were tallied. You saw the spirit of this community. People came out, and then gave back. It took a team effort!"

Supporting Women's Health

The Shoppers Drug Mart team in Embrun and its generous customers donated \$2,922 to the Foundation as part of its Growing Women's Health campaign. The funds will support the Foundation's cancer care fund.



A Cheeky Gift!

The Dundas County Players rendition of 'Calendar Girls' was a big hit and so was the calendar they produced to raise funds for the WDMH Foundation. In the end, \$4,500 was raised for the cancer care fund. Thank you to the calendar girls for your amazing creativity!



Festive Fun

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Christmas Wish Tree. More than \$50,000 was raised for WDMH's highest priority needs. Special thanks to the Scotiabank branches in Chesterville, Findlay Creek, Morrisburg, Osgoode, Russell and South Mountain - our Presenting Sponsor. They promoted Christmas Wish Tree and provided a \$5000 matching gift for donations made at these local banks.



Award-Winning Rural Pharmacist Works Here!



Congratulations to WDMH Pharmacist, Dr. Mohamed Gazarin, who was recently honoured with the Hospital

Practice in a Rural Setting Award. The award is presented by the Canadian Society of Hospital Pharmacists – Ontario Branch.

The award honours pharmacists for their innovative efforts and important advancements in hospital pharmacies in rural settings.

“Mohamed is very deserving of this award and we are lucky to have him as part of our WDMH team. He exemplifies our commitment to compassionate excellence for patients and families,” notes Joanne Leclair, Pharmacy Manager.

Mohamed will be taking on an additional role later this spring as WDMH’s part-time Chief Research Officer.

Committed to Compassionate Excellence

Staff, physicians and volunteers work hard to demonstrate the values that result in compassionate excellence every day. Every few months, the Commitment Awards honours individuals or teams who have gone the extra mile. Congratulations to our latest recipients: the entire Health Records Department, volunteer Bev Beck and Dr. Wayne Domanko!

“Thank you for your good care of our daughter-in-law. In gratitude, we send this cheque as a small token of our appreciation for your excellent work.”

“We truly appreciate the wonderful way we have always been treated here at WDMH. Always professional, kind, caring – a truly wonderful place to be when ill or going in for tests, or anything.”



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Please sign up at www.wdmh.on.ca/foundation



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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Thank you to all of our Christmas Wish Tree sponsors. Your support is most appreciated.

You Have the Power! Make a greater impact on patient care.

1. Did you know that we can provide you with a consolidated income tax receipt (as opposed to receipt for each gift you give) at the end of each year? This means less paperwork for you and you don't have to keep track of your receipts all year long. Plus, the Foundation saves money on postage and stationery costs. Please call 613-774-2422 ext. 6162 to request a consolidated receipt. It's a win-win!
2. Ensure that your entire donation goes to the WDMH Foundation by choosing to give by cash or cheque. When you give by credit card there is a small fee collected by the credit card company.
3. You can provide free advertising for us by talking about our events and sharing all of our Facebook posts. Let's share all of that good news as much as we can!
4. Become a monthly donor by joining Lynne's Club – enjoy the convenience of giving automatic monthly donations. This saves you from writing cheques and searching for stamps and envelopes. Choose an amount that fits your budget. You can increase, decrease or stop your gift at any time. This is a win-win too, as it helps us to budget and saves administrative costs.

If you would like more information or to join Lynne's Club, please call 613-774-2422 ext. 6169.

You Have a Voice! Become a corporate member.

The WDMH Foundation encourages donor participation through corporate membership. As a Registered Charity, corporate membership is crucial to our existence. Corporate members vote in our Board Members who in turn govern the WDMH Foundation. Without corporate membership, the WDMH Foundation could not fundraise or disburse funds to WDMH.

The time commitment of each member is generally less than three hours per year and the fee is only \$10.00 annually.

If you feel this is the right opportunity for you, please contact Kristen Casselman at 613-774-2422 ext. 6169. Applications and payment must be received at the Foundation Office by March 31, 2017.



The poster features a large red maple leaf graphic on the left side. The text is primarily in red and white. At the top right, it says 'THE Red & White GALA FOR WDMH'. Below that, it says 'SAVE the DATE SATURDAY, JUNE 3RD'. The bottom section contains the event location and a call to action. Logos for Winchester District Memorial Hospital and Winchester District Memorial Foundation are at the bottom.

THE Red & White GALA FOR WDMH

SAVE the DATE
— SATURDAY, JUNE 3RD —

at the Community Centre in Winchester.
Join us as we support our favourite hospital –
and country – all in one night!

Get ready for 2017's biggest party! The Red & White Gala, Celebrating Canada 150 and WDMH, will feature Canada's favourite foods; dancing to the best Canadian music; silent and live auctions; and other fun surprises.

Join us to help raise funds to support WDMH's Family Care Fund and compassionate, excellent health care, close to home. Come celebrate and dance the night away with us – Canadian style!



Did you know that the provincial government does not fund medical equipment purchases for hospitals?