



MEDIA RELEASE

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Why I'm Going to the Gala

Almost everyone in our community has a connection to Winchester District Memorial Hospital (WDMH). Maybe you've used the Emergency Department or had surgery. You, or someone you know, may work or volunteer at the hospital. Or maybe you're a WDMH Baby!

The *Saturday Night Fever Disco Gala for WDMH* is one way that patients and families can give back and help support the very best care for families just like theirs. The gala takes place on Saturday, June 16th at the Winchester Community Centre.

If you're still on the fence as to whether or not you're coming, did we mention that it's FUN? Fun for our own health and the health of our community is a winning combination. Don't think about it for too long though, as time is running out to buy your tickets. We asked a few people why they are coming to this year's gala. Maybe you will relate and decide to join us.

Dr. David Flowers says his reasons for attending the gala are heartfelt:

"My wife and I will be attending the gala to support the excellent work of the hospital. I was privileged to practice at WDMH for 42 years and know how important the community involvement is. Much of the essential equipment used at the hospital was paid for by the community and not the government. I am looking forward to a fun evening with many people who contribute so much in time and money to support the hospital."

Joan Farlinger also understands the ongoing need to fund new equipment at WDMH:

As a volunteer, I see first-hand the excellent, compassionate care that is provided to each of us at WDMH. I'm supporting the WDMH Foundation in their efforts to raise the much-needed funds to replace and update our equipment. Since our government does not fund equipment, the Foundation depends on our wonderful and very supportive community to help them out. Plus, it will be a very "fun" evening!

As a business owner in Winchester, **Lisa Williams** believes in the importance of giving back:

"I had the pleasure of attending the WDMH Hospital Gala for the first time last year. I was pleasantly surprised at all the little details that organizers had thought of to make a unique and fun guest experience. For me, attending the Gala is a great way to give back. As a business owner in Winchester, I often have customers from out of the area stopping by my store because they are waiting for someone at the hospital or they are a patient themselves. We are so

fortunate to have the increased traffic that the hospital provides. Attending the gala is a nice way for me to support the hospital and have a fun evening out too.”

Chris Barkley Is the Executive Assistant to the CEO at WDMH so she knows the hospital very well. For her, the gala is all about pride:

“I’ve worked at WDMH for 20 years and I’m forever boasting about the excellent care we provide and the state-of-the-art equipment we have. Attending the gala is one way I can "walk the talk". It is a fun filled evening where I mingle with other hospital supporters and contribute to something that impacts my entire family. For me, it's an opportunity to personally thank WDMH’s many donors - and it makes me feel proud to be one of them.”

As a former Board Chair and a volunteer, **Jannie Van Noppen** is no stranger to WDMH either. She sees the value in supporting the Foundation:

“The WDMH Foundation is working hard to give WDMH what is needed - as much and as soon as possible. I find all the Foundation staff amazing to organize and promote the many happenings that are taking place. The Gala gives me, and everyone in the region, the opportunity to help where it is necessary. Attending the Gala is exciting for me because I can buy something or donate in support of WDMH. To support the Hospital and its Foundation is very important and is vital to sustain WDMH as one of the best hospitals available to the people of this area.”

Dr. Flowers, Joan, Lisa, Chris and Jannie – along with all of the other guests on June 16th - will enjoy a delicious meal served by Winchelsea Events, great music by Groovy Little Orchestra, 70s games, contests, a photo booth, both live and silent auctions and many more surprises.

Proceeds from the event go to the WDMH Foundation’s Family Care Fund, supporting care for families just like yours.

Tickets are still on sale for \$125 each. Stop by the Foundation office in the hospital lobby or call the Foundation Office at 613-774-2422, ext. 6162 to purchase your tickets. Thanks for your support.

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Join us for **Saturday Night Fever** - an evening of good food, great friends and, of course, disco dancing! Proceeds in support of the WDMH Foundation's Family Care Fund.



THE WDMH DISCO GALA

SATURDAY, JUNE 16

Joel Steele Community Centre, Winchester

4:45 Cocktails | 6:00 Dinner

Live and Silent Auctions
50/50 Raffle, Photo Booth
70s Games, Contests
and more!

ATM on-site • Cash Bar

Dinner catered by
Winchelsea Events

Great music from
8 to 11 pm by

'Groovy Little Orchestra'

Dress is sharp casual (or disco duds!)

Tickets are
\$125 each

WDMH staff, physicians
and volunteers
\$100 each
(max 2 per person)



**Visit the Foundation office or call
613.774.2422 ext. 6162 to buy your tickets today**

