

GIVING NEWS



Tom and Margaret Trainor, two very special donors, in the under-construction Nuclear Medicine Suite.

Bringing Nuclear Medicine to Guelph General Hospital

“We’re so excited. A new service is coming to our hospital, a crucial diagnostic tool that was missing, and it is coming thanks to donor support,” said Dr. Samir Patel, Chief of Diagnostic Imaging and a Foundation Board member. The service? Nuclear medicine. And, it will be here later this fall.

What is nuclear medicine?

Nuclear medicine involves the use of small amounts of radioactive materials (or tracers) to help diagnose and treat a variety of diseases, most often cancer and heart disease. In a nuclear medicine test, **radioactive material is introduced into your body** by injection, swallowing, or inhalation. Then, **a special camera is used to take pictures** of your body. The camera does this by **detecting the tracer in the organ, bone or tissue** being imaged and recording this information on a computer screen or on film. The amount of radioactive material administered is very small and almost all of it is gone from the body by the time you are done your test.

Early detection, early diagnosis.

Nuclear medicine is a safe, painless, and cost-effective way of gathering information that may otherwise be unavailable or require a more expensive and risky diagnostic test. **Nuclear medicine**

imaging procedures often identify abnormalities very early in the progression of a disease, long before some medical problems are apparent with other forms of diagnostic tests. This early detection may lead to a better prognosis.

Why now?

We are the only hospital our size in the province without this service. Nuclear medicine, onsite at our hospital, will make an immediate improvement to the care we are able to provide our community. Dr. Patel explains, “We will be able to correlate nuclear medicine test results with other onsite hospital test results (like CT scans and x-rays), the equipment will be state-of-the-art, our ill inpatients won’t need to be transferred out of the hospital for the test, and patients who are too ill to have the test outside the hospital (like those with a gastrointestinal bleed) will be able to have the test.”

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A Party with a Purpose

When Seema Bedi's daughter was a toddler, she was cared for at Guelph General Hospital after drinking antifreeze. She was then transferred to Hamilton, where a team of doctors credited GGH's quick response for saving the girl's life.

Fifteen years later, The Guelph Punjabi Cultural Group hosted 'The Royal Ladies Bollywood Fundraising Evening' in support of Guelph General Hospital as a way to say thank you. The fabulously fun event, sold out with 400 guests, raised \$10,160.

We extend our sincere thanks to the organizers, sponsors and guests for helping us save lives and improve health... together with our community.



Members of the Guelph Punjabi Cultural Group, who organized the event.



Golfing for Kids

Thanks to Stone Road Mall for hosting their third annual Charity Golf Tournament to benefit children at GGH. This year, \$9,000 was raised and will be used to purchase special equipment to help treat infants and children with severe lung infections with increased comfort, decreased need for more invasive treatments, and less airway irritation and trauma. This is another shining example of how our donors make a difference to health care in our community.

GGH and Stone Road Mall representatives celebrate their successful golf tournament.

Tribute Gifts

We are honoured to receive gifts in someone's memory. We also welcome gifts that pay tribute to special occasions such as births, holidays, birthdays, anniversaries, or as a way of saying thank you. For a complete listing of those who have been honoured with Tribute Gifts, visit our website www.gghfoundation.ca.

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100K ready to go.



Tour de Guelph Raises \$40,000!

... and 1,130 wheels kept turning and turning on Sunday, July 5 at the 2nd Annual Tour de Guelph bike-ride fundraiser. Eighty volunteers, challenging routes, incredible supporters and 565 riders helped raise almost \$40,000. The proceeds will help Guelph General Hospital save lives and improve health, and make a difference locally and internationally through important Rotary projects.



Adrian (left) and Rob at Cutten Fields.

Fore Our Hospital: Another Amazing Day of Golf at Cutten Fields

Oh happy days!!! Their smiles say it all. On June 1, Adrian Trochta and Rob Murray were two of 126 enthusiastic golfers who, along with the support received from numerous generous sponsors and prize donors, helped raise \$29,000 (net) for specialized pain pumps. These pumps will help our caregivers improve healthcare at Guelph General Hospital.

Black Tie Bingo
LET'S TOAST TO 20!
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GGH Staff Were Lifesavers

Following is a letter to the editor that appeared recently in the Guelph Mercury, written by grateful patient Brian Morrison. Watch your mailbox later this Fall for our seasonal fundraising appeal – learn more about Mr. Morrison's experience and how equipment, funded by donors like you, made a difference.

On Father's Day, I had the misfortune to suffer a stroke – and the good fortune to reside fairly close to Guelph General Hospital. My good wife drove me and my disabled arm to the emergency department, and inside of five minutes at triage, I was surrounded by doctors, nurses and a porter.

I was very, very lucky. Treatment was started immediately and because I was within the "magic four hour" best hope time limit, doctors had a fairly good expectation for a full recovery.

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Although the ER was, as always, a perpetually busy department, I was looked after as if I were the only patient in the hospital. The stroke management team, which even included a video-link conversation with a neurologist at Hamilton General Hospital, was very professional, calming and reassuring at all times.

Following an hour-long injection of a clot-busting serum and CT scan, MRI and ultrasound sessions, I was transferred to intensive care where, for the next four days, I received absolutely the best round-the-clock care imaginable.

Our sincerest thanks to all the nurses, doctors, porters and technicians involved in my treatment.

Brian Morrison
Guelph

GGH Moves to 3rd Place in Ontario for Emergency Department Wait Times!

You likely know that Emergency Department (ED) wait times are monitored closely by the provincial government. You might not know that the better we do in terms of wait times, the more funding we receive. Recently, we achieved our highest performance to date, and GGH is now ranked **third in the province** out of 74 hospitals. The ranking reflects a number of different types of 'waits,' including time from the decision to admit a patient to the time they reach an inpatient bed, and time from triage to an initial assessment by a provider.



As an example, the average wait time to be in and out of the ED for a patient with a less serious illness/injury is 1.7 hours, and 90% of these patients are in and out of the ED within 3.3 hours. Kudos not only to the ED team, but also to the rest of the hospital and our community partners. Teamwork is what makes this strong result possible.

Donate Now! Yes, I want to make a difference!



I would like to make a donation of: \$50 \$75 \$100 \$200 \$500 or other \$ _____

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- I'd like more information about Tribute Gifts
- I have included The Foundation in my will
- I'd like more information about making a Planned Gift



ICU nurse, Ben Bruce, with a new pump on the left, and an old pump on the right.

New Pumps, Thanks to Donors Like You

A big change is about to happen at Guelph General Hospital, thanks to you and 1,300 donors like you. Our new, specialized intravenous pumps are due to arrive in early November. We'll have two weeks of training and on November 19, the new pumps will be rolled out.

are the best on the market to help us keep our patients as safe as possible, reducing the chance of medication error or giving too much or too little fluid. They are very user friendly, much smaller and weigh only two pounds (compared to the old pumps which are 12 pounds), which is great for our patients and staff."

This is a costly project, at \$1.6 million for the pumps and \$250,000 for some technological wireless upgrades.

A large part of this funding was donated by one remarkable donor who chose to leave a gift in his will to The Foundation of Guelph General Hospital. This gentleman, whose family wishes to remain anonymous, was a loyal supporter for many years. And when the time came to think about what kind of legacy he wanted to leave in our community, he thought of our hospital. And now, his gift is working to improve the quality and comfort of care for thousands of patients – for years to come.

Leaving a gift in your will to The Foundation of Guelph General Hospital can be a simple act – with transformational results. If you would like to know more information, please contact Jennifer Hall at 519-837-6440 x 2569.

This is a project we have been hoping to make possible for some time. You will be helping us deliver life-saving and health-improving medications, blood products and fluids.

Pumps provide relief to patients who are in pain after surgery. In the Linamar Emergency Department, they deliver stabilizing cardiac drugs for those who have had a heart attack, insulin for patients in diabetic shock, and so much more.

"We are so excited," commented Joyce Rolph, GGH Senior Director, Patient Services. "The new pumps

Ways you can connect with us!

We always want to hear from you and there are lots of ways you can connect with us with your questions, comments or ideas.

- ☀ Give us a call at 519-837-6422
- ☀ Email us at foundation@gghorg.ca
- ☀ Visit our website gghfoundation.ca



Yes, I would like to join The Foundation of Guelph General Hospital Monthly Giving Program!

At the *middle of each month*, I would like to give: \$10 \$15 \$20 or other \$ _____



Method of payment:

I authorize The Foundation of Guelph General Hospital to withdraw from my bank account through my financial institution each month beginning:

Month: _____ Year: _____ Signature: _____ Today's Date: _____

- I have enclosed a VOID cheque
- I prefer to use my credit card Visa MasterCard

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You will receive a tax receipt at the end of the year. Thank you for joining the Monthly Giving Program!

Baby Chimes: Do You Hear What I Hear?

Over the last four months, visitors to GGH have been hearing things. Once, twice, three times a day a distinct noise can be heard throughout GGH's walls. It isn't voices or chatter; it isn't footsteps; and it isn't the sound of a cart rolling down the hall. It's the sound of a chime, and has now lovingly been labelled, "baby chimes."



On May 4, GGH introduced the lovely sound of chimes upon the birth of every new baby. The chimes are meant to represent hope. Suzanne Bone, the Foundation's CEO, explains that no matter where you are in the hospital, no matter what you may be doing, when the chimes are played it's simply magical. You can't help but pause for a moment and reflect upon what they mean: life! So if you are in our hospital... listen for the chimes!

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We have been planning this service for close to a year now. We have recruited our specialized physician and staff, renovations are almost complete, our policies and procedures are in place and we have passed all of the safety checks required when working with radioactive material.

Tom and Margaret Trainor's pledge of \$1 million has turned a dream into a reality.

A couple of years ago, Tom and Margaret did not imagine they would make such a difference to the way people in our community experience healthcare – especially those

fighting cancer and heart disease. And yet, they have. Nuclear medicine, like many of the important innovations GGH has seen over the years, would not be possible without the remarkable support of our community.

Mr. and Mrs. Trainor explain, "We wanted to share our good fortune with Guelph General Hospital and the Guelph community. We chose to support the Nuclear Medicine Program because of the need, and the fact that it will help diagnose and treat people with so many different concerns – cancer, heart, kidney etc. In addition, we know that government funding is not enough to keep our hospital up to date with the state-of-the-art technologies we need. This is our legacy to the people of Guelph."



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