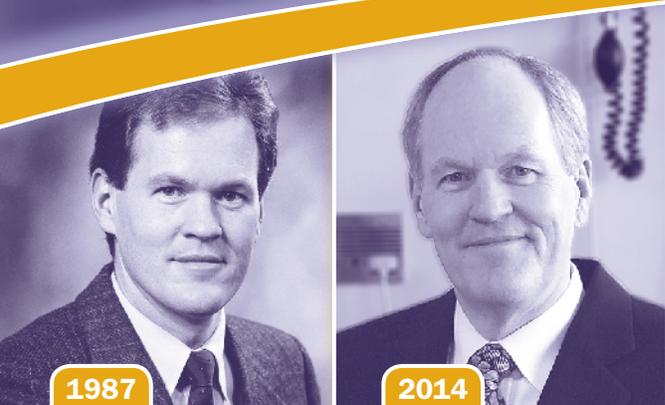


GIVING NEWS



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Long-Serving Hospital President and CEO Retiring

In August 1987, **Richard Ernst** came to Guelph General Hospital in the VP Finance position, planning to stay for three years. Fast forward to 2014. After almost 27 years at our Hospital, including 18 as President and CEO, Richard will be retiring at the end of May.

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Guelph General Hospital is a completely different organization than when I began. In 1987, our budget was close to \$20 million – now, it is \$130 million. We had fewer than 400 employees – now, we have over 1,200. Technology has changed like we couldn't have imagined. What hasn't changed is the fact that lives are changed here at GGH each and every day. It's been a privilege and a pleasure to be part of this special community.

When asked for highlights, Richard reflects on:

- The long journey that was hospital redevelopment including our \$80 million construction project and the bringing together of acute care services and staff onto one site.
- A focus on improving the patient's experience, so that everything our staff does contributes to the benefit of the patient.
- The phone call from our MPP Liz Sandals in December 2006 letting him know that GGH had been approved for a long-awaited MRI scanner.
- The current focus on integration with a view to the best care possible for our residents, including centralized vascular services at our Hospital.
- Seeing how strongly the community supports our fundraising campaigns.
- And last, but certainly not least, being part of a wonderfully committed group of staff, physicians and volunteers.

Over the course of his time at GGH, Richard has been a strong supporter of the Foundation – as a board member, an active solicitor and donor steward, and as a donor himself.

A search for the new CEO is underway, led by the Hospital Board. This person will have big shoes to fill – literally and figuratively!

We wish Richard well, and leave the last words for him. *"I am so grateful to have been part of this organization – to be one of the people in our "community of caring" that day after day makes better the lives of our patients and their loved ones."*



Please watch your mailbox!

Watch out for our Spring appeal to learn how you can help us care for our community.

Superb Supporters



Residents of the **Village by the Arboretum** support our Hospital in so many ways. We were thrilled to receive proceeds from the VBA Theatre Group's annual Christmas Cabaret. In the photo, former

Foundation Board member and VBA resident Joanne Bascom receives the cheque from Keith Dickens.

Suzanne Bone, the Foundation's CEO, was pleased to receive a cheque for \$3,000 from Jack Reid of the **Guelph District Shrine Club**. Funds will be used to support the care of children at GGH.



Ted's Tire Discounter recently decided to try a new way of fundraising using their Facebook page. For every Like on the page, they donated \$1 to the Guelph General Hospital! Rob Murray, a Foundation board member, was happy to accept the cheque from Ted Middlebro'.



The **Rotary Club of Guelph** made a \$181,000 commitment over five years to support the creation of our Medical Education Centre, a fully-equipped learning centre for medical students. There's no question we're competing with other communities for physicians and having fantastic learning facilities gives us another advantage when it comes to bringing new physicians to Guelph. Here, Club President Jim Wadleigh presents Suzanne Bone with the fourth installment.

Anaesthetic Gas Machines are a critical piece of equipment in our Operating Rooms. Our current equipment was more than a dozen years old and needed to be updated. **Tri City Equipment** made a generous gift towards the purchase of our new ones which have better monitoring abilities and minimal wastage of expensive medications. Thank you Armishaw Family!



Jeff Armishaw, President of Tri City Equipment, with Rosemarie and Rhonda Armishaw

Tribute Gifts

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

You can make an in memoriam **Tribute Gift** at local funeral homes, directly at the Foundation, by visiting us at 115 Delhi St., by calling 519-837-6422 or online at www.gghfoundation.ca. Other types of Tribute Gifts such as gifts honouring birthdays, anniversaries and other special occasions can be made by calling or visiting us at the Foundation office.

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Foundation Happenings

Information on events can be found at www.gghfoundation.ca

Fore Our Hospital!

Preparations are in full swing for this year's charity golf tournament. Join us at Cutten Fields on **June 9**, where together we'll take a shot at raising much needed funds for Guelph General Hospital. \$250 per player until May 15. To register or more information: 519-837-6422.

Annual Harvey's/ Kelsey's/ Montana's/ Swiss Chalet BBQ

Drop by for a burger on **June 18** at the Guelph General Hospital's main entrance.

The Magic Returns

Award-winning grand illusionist **Cody Moynihan** is returning to dazzle and delight.

When: June 5, 6 and 7 at 7:30pm. Additional matinee show on June 7 at 1pm.

Tickets: \$15

Family Pass: \$50 (two adults, two children)

Where: Our Lady of Lourdes, 54 Westmount Rd, Guelph

Tickets: 519-837-5111 or guelphmagicshow.com

Stone Road Mall's Annual Children's Charity Golf Tournament

Prizes, raffles and fun!

When: June 26 at 11am

Where: Victoria East Golf Club - Includes 18 holes, cart, lunch and dinner

Contact: 519-821-5780 x211

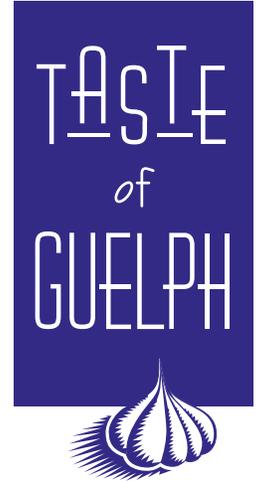
A new way to support GGH – it's as easy as riding a bike!

Join us on **Sunday, July 6** for the first annual Tour de Guelph. Choose from five-, 10-, 25-, 50- and 100-kilometre routes, all starting and finishing at the University of Guelph. The longer routes will take experienced riders off campus and through the countryside, offering unique challenges along the way. For less experienced riders and young children, shorter routes will remain within the campus.

The Rotary Clubs of Guelph South and Guelph Trillium are planning the event, along with The Foundation of Guelph General Hospital. Proceeds will primarily benefit the Hospital, but also each Rotary Club. There will be an entry fee and riders are encouraged to collect pledges. Check out www.tourdeguelph.ca for more information.

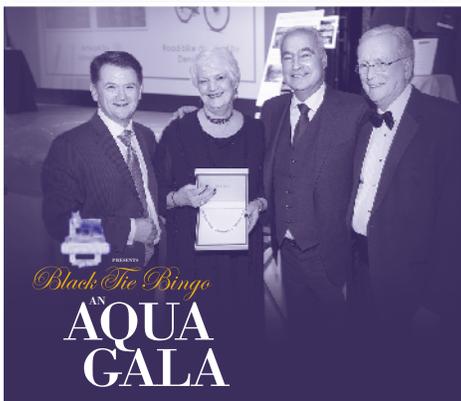


Save the Date!



Guelph's premiere food event featuring more than 50 local and regional restaurateurs, caterers, vintners and brewers, supporting GGH and St. Joseph's Health Centre Foundation.

When: Sunday, September 21 at 1-4pm
More info: tasteofguelph.com



An Aqua Gala Raises \$177,305!

Eighteen years and \$2 million later, Black Tie Bingo's success continues to delight and impress. On March 1, a sold-out crowd of 430 guests enjoyed an aqua-themed, multi-course dinner, bid on trips to China, Paris and Mexico, played bingo AND helped to raise \$177,305 for the Hospital's operating rooms. WOW! There was also a special ceremony to acknowledge the 10-year commitment of presenting sponsor Westminster Woods.

"We are thrilled," says Black Tie Bingo Chair Gail McKeen. "We have so many to thank for this incredible result – sponsors, guests, prize donors, volunteers, staff, and the residents of the beautiful Village by the Arboretum who host us each year."

From left to right, Doug MacMillan, (President Letter M Marketing & sponsor), Liz Sandals MPP, Greg Buzbuzian (Knar Jewellery & sponsor) and David Sandals gather to show off the spoils won by Dr. & Mrs. Sandals as the lucky winners of Pearl Jam, one of BTB's fun games.

Hospital Happenings

MRI Scanner – Almost seven years ago our MRI scanner arrived, thanks to the support of our wonderful donors. Since then, more than 80,000 scans have been performed! Lives have been changed... lives have been saved.



MRI charge technologist Jennifer Verkaik with MRI colleagues.

The most recent provincial data shows we are BEST in the province when it comes to MRI efficiency. Learning that our MRI had the fastest flow-through time in the province is a great achievement, but it's about more than just numbers – it's about providing quality care for our patients.

Fast “flow-through time” is a pretty abstract idea until it is experienced first-hand. Here’s how one recent MRI patient described her visit: *“I was quite nervous and apprehensive. From the minute I walked into the Diagnostic Imaging Department I calmed down... I just wanted to let you know that my whole experience at your hospital was the best I have ever had. Everyone was pleasant and there was no backlog of patients. Many other hospitals should be taking a lesson from your excellent staff as to how a facility should be operated. Many thanks to you and your staff for a job well done and continue the good work.”*

Circle of Life Members Purchase Non-Invasive Ventilators for Critical Care Unit Patients

Circle of Life members are a compassionate group of people who make an annual gift commitment to our Hospital. Together, they provide reliable funding for vital equipment, and as a group, choose where to direct their generosity.

At **Circle of Life’s** official launch, hosted by Ed Newton and Linda Hasenfratz, members learned of three pressing needs and later voted on which project would receive their support. This year, new ventilators for the Bob Ireland Family Critical Care Unit received the most votes. These new ventilators will allow critical patients to breathe properly without having a tube inserted down their throat. They will help over 500 patients a year for the next 20 years.



Jane Ryan-Champagne, GGH respiratory therapist, shows Circle of Life members Lynda Murray and David Ing one of our new non-invasive ventilators.

Lynda Murray and David Ing, **Circle of Life** members, state: “It’s a privilege to see firsthand the impact **Circle of Life** makes. Together, we are learning where the most pressing needs are and our united efforts are making it possible to make an immediate, tangible and profound impact.”

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



I would like to make a donation of: \$50 \$75 \$100 \$200 \$500 or other \$ _____
Name: Miss Mr. Mrs. Ms. Dr. First: _____ Last: _____
Address: _____ City: _____ Postal Code: _____
Tel: _____ Email: _____

Cheque enclosed (payable to The Foundation of Guelph General Hospital) OR please charge my Visa or MasterCard:
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The Foundation of Guelph General Hospital, 115 Delhi St., Guelph, ON N1E 4J4 519-837-6422 or go to www.gghfoundation.ca to give securely online!

Tax receipts will be issued for gifts of \$10 and above unless otherwise requested. Thank you for your support!

The Foundation publishes a list of supporters as a form of appreciation. If you would like to remain anonymous on this list, please check here.

- 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

We respect your privacy – we never share, sell or rent our mailing list. From time to time we share news about the Hospital and Foundation by mail and/or email. This could include information about programs, services, special events, funding needs, opportunities to give or volunteer, open houses and more. If you do not wish to receive this information, please call us at 519-837-6422.

Planned Giving



Every day, miraculous things happen here at Guelph General Hospital. Many of these are made possible with the generous support of those who have left us a gift in their Will or through a life insurance policy, annuity or trust arrangement.

We wish to thank those who have made plans for a future gift to The Foundation of Guelph General Hospital. In doing so, you are creating a meaningful legacy and a better tomorrow for all. This level of compassion is profoundly important as it supports future healthcare advancements, innovations and technologies.

This year, the gifts we received through Wills have helped purchase new equipment for our Operating Rooms and Critical Care Unit. Another portion of the proceeds went to our Endowment Fund to be invested in perpetuity, helping future generations of patients through the purchase of urgently-needed equipment for years to come.

To have a conversation about supporting The Foundation of Guelph General Hospital in the future, or to discuss any plans you may have already made, please call Jennifer Hall at 519-837-6422.

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
- ☀ Like us on Facebook!
- ☀ 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

Card #: _____ Expiry Date: _____ Signature: _____

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

Reporting To You



TWO MILLION DOLLARS!

That's how much the Foundation was able to gift to Guelph General Hospital this year for equipment, thanks to the generosity of donors like you. Thank you!

What did that make possible? Almost 150 items ranging from "My Diabetes Playbox" kits for toddlers diagnosed with diabetes to enhanced anesthetic gas machines for all of our operating rooms.

Proceeds from "Walk the Block" purchased equipment for vascular surgery patients; proceeds from "Coast-to-Coast" purchased stretchers for our Emergency Department; the gas machine purchase was supported by Taste of Guelph and Black Tie Bingo, and our mailings; the Endowment Fund annual contribution funded numerous pieces of equipment; specific donors chose to fund specific pieces of equipment that were meaningful to them, including a specialized bed and ventilators for our Critical Care Unit, a blanket warmer for the Family Birthing Unit and a patient lift to support stroke patients.

Imagine how many lives this will impact...from the patient in our Emergency Mental Health Unit who has reading material, to the 12,000 patients each year who have surgery in our operating rooms, and thousands in between. Donors are truly part of our health care team and the impact of your support is felt each and every day. Thank you.

Our annual report and audited statements will be available in June. Please check in the Publications section of our website (www.gghfoundation.ca) at that time if you are interested. Or, give us a call and we can send you a copy.

We've made some changes

Regular readers may be missing our Tribute Listing (usually on page two) and our Annual Supporters List (usually in the Spring edition). Both listings are now found on our website (our donors, donor lists).

These changes enable us to share more information about the Hospital and Foundation, and reduce our printing and mailing costs. Please call us at 519-837-6422 if you would like a hard copy and we'll send one to you.



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