

GIVING NEWS



Marianne at right.

Welcome to

Marianne Walker

THE FOUNDATION OF
GUELPH
GENERAL HOSPITAL

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There's a certain sense of déjà vu as **Marianne Walker** takes over the reins of Guelph General Hospital as its new President and CEO. Years ago as a nursing student at Conestoga College in Cambridge, the Hospital was one of three in which she did her placements.

"As a new learner, GGH was a great place to get a positive clinical experience. Now, I feel fortunate that I was able to return after so long to lead this amazing organization," she says.

It's That Time Again!

Traditions of caring and kindness are at the heart of our Hospital where we have an extraordinary team of physicians and staff who work hard to earn their reputation for providing quality, compassionate care. Our patients tell us this all the time:

"Thank you for being there when my life needed you. Your vascular surgical unit saved me – and I and my wife give thanks every day."

"We have been receiving exemplary care from the superb staff at Guelph General for many years. So many skilled, caring people

Marianne has an extensive background in health care. For years, she worked as a paediatric nurse before becoming the Paediatric Unit manager at Cambridge Memorial Hospital. There, she worked her way up through progressive leadership roles including that of Chief Operating Officer.

In 2003, she joined St. Joseph's Health Centre Guelph as the President and CEO. Later, she was appointed the Sr. Vice President of Elder Care for the St. Joseph's Health System, Hamilton.

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in every area. So fortunate to live in Guelph where such facilities and capable personnel are available."

There is no question our caregivers are vital. But there's another group who embodies that caring tradition; a group without whose support our Hospital's efforts would be futile. That group is donors – like you.

Please keep an eye out for our upcoming seasonal appeal which highlights how you can help our caregivers change and save lives.

Making a Difference



“We need our hospital to be the best it can be – and I know community support can make all the difference.” Wise words from **June Cauthers**, one of 64 members of our Heritage Society. The Heritage Society is a generous group of people who have demonstrated a desire to support the future of health care in our community with a future gift commitment (for example, an insurance policy, or a bequest in a will).

In her first career as a teacher and guidance counselor, June saw first-hand how community support can make all the difference in a person’s life. Her own remarkable life has included extensive travel throughout the world and several careers. Through it all, her commitment to making the world a little bit better has only strengthened, and inspired her to make a gift to GGH in her will.

In June’s words: “Leaving a gift in my will to the Hospital is one of the best and easiest ways to support my entire community. I feel assured knowing the Hospital will use my donation wisely and carefully to help purchase the technologies needed to care for people well into the future.” **To talk about supporting Guelph General Hospital in the future, please call Jennifer Hall at 519-837-6440 x 2569.**

Gifts of Gratitude

Often, donations arrive from former patients with a note commenting on wonderful care received by our amazing caregivers at GGH. And so, we’ve developed a program to support this. It’s called “**Gifts of Gratitude,**” and it provides a simple and thoughtful way to recognize the care you or a loved one received while in our Hospital. The program invites you to make a donation in honour of a caregiver(s). We send the caregiver a thank you card on your behalf, along with a special lapel pin.

You can find more information on our website, or call Jennifer Hall at 519-837-6440 x 2569.



Jeff Warner, who credits GGH for saving both his arm and his life, wraps his arms around several of his caregivers.

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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DIYs (Do It Yourself fundraisers)

We couldn't do what we do without the support of our caring community. We deeply appreciate your backing. If you are interested in hosting a DIY, please contact Linda Craig at lcraig@gghorg.ca.



Yummy – That Was Good!!

On June 18, the 4th annual Harvey's/Kelsey's/Montana's/Swiss Chalet barbecue took place at GGH raising \$1,700. And, just like in previous years, the sun appeared along with the hungry crowds. Thank you to Mahamud Khamis, Nuru Khamis and Ali Khan Lalani for making it happen.

Magic Happened Again!

Last June, award-winning grand illusionist **Cody Moynihan** pulled it out of the hat again for GGH by raising \$1,000 for Paediatrics. His shows never fail to amaze!



We Like Olympic Honda Facebook "Likes"

We are grateful for Olympic Honda's continued support of Guelph General Hospital. The Facebook Likes campaign was a fun way, through social media, to involve the community, raise awareness of and raise funds for our Hospital.

Mulching for Funds

Manor Landscaping Mulch Fundraiser held last May was a great success, raising \$1,705 for GGH. Thank you to Foundation board member **Carlo Mann** and his team for organizing this fundraiser.

Eagles, Pars and Bogeys

It was all happening on June 26 when 80 golfers gathered for a fun-filled day at Victoria East Golf course to raise funds for Paediatrics. The \$8,000 raised that day will go toward the purchase of two cribs specifically designed to care for our smallest patients.

We truly appreciate the generosity of Stone Road Mall, a long-time supporter of our Hospital through Black Tie Bingo, one of our signature events and through two amazing golf tournaments. Mark your cards for June 25, 2015.

Left to right: Tony Stapley (Stone Road Mall), Janet Trowbridge (GGH), Christina Magee and Chelsea Smit (Stone Road Mall, and event organizers) and Linda Craig (FGGH).



1 Day + 11 Dealers = \$3,500+

On August 4, eleven local car dealerships participated in the 2nd Annual Auto Mall Civic Holiday Sale. On that day, a portion of all car sales was donated to GGH, resulting in over \$3,500 being raised.

One Step at a Time

This past summer, the Bamco Group challenged its employees and suppliers to an energetic 12-hour marathon (on a treadmill!) to help raise funds for Paediatrics at GGH. Many took up the challenge, raising \$7,500. We are grateful for Bamco's continued support of and belief in our Hospital.



Suzanne Bone (Foundation CEO) and Andrew Anderson (Foundation Chair) are happy to accept the proceeds from Barb and Attilio Anselmini, and Stace and Mike Anselmini.

Foundation Happenings



Tour de Guelph

The first annual Tour de Guelph was an amazing success, with 463 riders and more than \$33,000 raised for Guelph General Hospital and Rotary projects.

The weather was perfect, the routes were scenic and challenging, the food was fabulous... and there was a great sense of community in the air. Thanks to all who participated – our riders, volunteers, sponsors, donors, the organizing committee, and the Rotary Club of Guelph South and the Rotary Club of Guelph Trillium. Together, we showed that supporting our community is as easy as riding a bike (or 463 of them!).

Mark your calendar for next year – July 5, 2015.

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Teamwork, creativity and hard work resulted in an overwhelmingly successful Taste of Guelph. More than \$60,000 was raised for health care in our community.

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: _____

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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.

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Hospital Happenings

Look Good Feel Better

For the past few years, a somewhat unheralded, non-medical program has been percolating quietly away on the 6th floor at GGH; it's a powerful, volunteer-driven, charitable program providing immeasurable, long-lasting benefits to many women with cancer in our community.

The **Look Good Feel Better program** was started 22 years ago by the Canadian Cosmetic, Toiletry and Fragrance Association (CCTFA). The goal is to improve self-esteem and the quality of life for women undergoing cancer treatments by offering free workshops that teach beauty techniques to help manage the appearance-related side effects of cancer treatments. The CCTFA believe that "if a woman with cancer can be helped to look good, chances are she'll feel better, her spirits will be lifted and she'll be empowered to face her illness with greater confidence."

Six times a year at GGH, **Lana Lamb**, a trained beautician, guides eight to 10 women through a light-hearted, non-threatening step-by step process on how to apply make-up, how to choose a wig and tie a turban or scarf. "Often at the beginning the women are quiet and somewhat anxious but by the end of the morning workshop they are relaxed, laughing and chatting away knowing they are not alone on this journey," says Lana.

For **Odette Titone**, local resident, mother of two daughters, happily married for 28 years and recent *Look Good Feel Better* participant, the workshop exceeded her expectations. She felt it was one of the best days she had since the cancer diagnosis, the ensuing surgery, radiation and chemotherapy resulting in unsettling side effects such as hair loss and fatigue.



Odette (2nd from left) takes a moment with her daughters, Alessandra and Stefania, and her husband, Piero.

When asked to describe the program in one word Odette smiled because it's obviously not a program that can be summed up in one word! "When you have cancer, there are so many things over which you feel you do not have control. What I learned from *Look Good Feel Better* was that in some small way I gained back some control. This was something tangible that I could do for myself. Little steps in the journey, but it's important to keep self-esteem nurtured in the time when you feel most fragile."

At GGH, the program has been supported by local Shoppers Drug Mart "Tree of Life" proceeds.

"Welcome to Marianne Walker" continued from front

In addition, for the past 11 years Marianne has been an accreditation surveyor with Accreditation Canada and has surveyed hospitals across Canada and in other countries.

"I'd say my most interesting surveys have been in Brazil and as well as at Corrections Canada in Kingston."

It's only been since September 8 that she's been at GGH but already Marianne is getting a sense of the Hospital's culture and its commitment to providing quality care.



I have felt very welcomed and sense that there is a great deal of cohesiveness or "family" feeling at GGH. GGH has a reputation as being a high performing, values-based organization with great staff, physicians and volunteers.

I have had the opportunity to speak with several patients over the past weeks and it is amazing how many positive comments I have heard about staff and the excellent care.



Marianne looks forward to working with the Foundation and our wonderful donors (like you), recognizing how important they are to Guelph General Hospital and the care provided to each and every patient.

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Suzanne Bone, Foundation CEO, accepts the Better Planet Award on behalf of Guelph General Hospital.

Make Space in the Trophy Case

money on utility costs (more than \$330,000 each year!). This means more funds available for patient care, and, improved comfort conditions for patients, visitors and staff.

We're proud of our efforts to help make a better planet, and look forward to doing more good work in this area. Because we don't just care for people – we also acknowledge the importance of caring for our environment.

And, we care for our employees. GGH received two recent awards that highlight our efforts to provide a positive working environment, from the **Guelph and District Human Resources Professionals Association** and the **Ontario Hospital Association**. These wonderful awards are supported by results from our recent staff survey, which clearly show our staff think GGH is a great place to work.

After winning three recent awards, three things are certain: GGH is a great place to work; GGH strives to be environmentally friendly; and we're going to need more space in our trophy case!

In June, GGH was honoured with the **Better Planet Award** from the Guelph Chamber of Commerce, recognizing our efforts to contribute to a better planet.

We are in the final stages of an Energy and Facility Renewal Program that identified ways to conserve energy, reducing our greenhouse gas emissions while saving



Members of GGH's Human Resources team accept the Human Resources Professionals Association award for a job well done.

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