

GIVING NEWS



In Our Laboratory *Each and Every Day* Donors Help Provide the Safest and Highest-Quality Care

The Hospital's Laboratory receives 50 new patient specimen cases each day.

Many are from patients who are having colonoscopies. Others come from patients who undergo a biopsy to rule-in or out disease, perhaps breast or prostate cancer. Still other samples come from patients in our ORs.

Each sample goes through a complex process that ends with the pathologist analyzing a slide or multiple slides and coming up with a diagnosis that is reported back to the patient's physician. Many people are involved – a pathology sample changes hands often.

Thankfully, a brand new donor-funded Anatomical Pathology Tracking System is now in place, automating this intricate, manual process.

This computerized system generates a 2D barcode on cassettes, glass slides and specimen labels. At each point of handling, new computer hardware is used by technologists to scan the

2D barcode on the sample, ensuring proper patient identification.

Karen Scales, the Hospital's Charge Technologist in the Anatomical Pathology Department says, "This tracking system helps protect patients from the serious risk associated with sample misidentification."

Do you know what goes on in the GHH lab?

We are so grateful for our Circle of Life members who helped fund this important technological solution. The Circle of Life program recognizes, involves and celebrates individuals who are committed to helping our community have access to exceptional patient care.

Visit gghfoundation.ca/circle-of-life.

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New Monitors/Defibrillators Help Caregivers Provide Best Patient Outcomes

Critically ill patients are sometimes at risk of a heart attack due to the stress of their illness.

A crucial piece of equipment to keep these patients safe while at Guelph General Hospital is the monitor/defibrillator. This can be rapidly accessed in the event of a sudden heart failure and is an integral component of crash carts within areas such as the Bob Ireland Family Intensive Care Unit, Linamar Emergency Department and Operating Rooms.

For patients whose heart stops beating, the monitor/defibrillator is a critical piece of equipment. It is used in tandem with CPR to provide the best outcome. It can save a life.

Guelph General has a "Rapid Response" protocol where dedicated staff intervene early when a patient is not doing well. Matching this up with the latest resuscitation technology could quite literally be the difference between life and death for our most critically ill patients.



Monitor/Defibrillator

New monitor/defibrillators offer many benefits that drastically improve resuscitation success rates. One new feature is that they give instant feedback to the person(s) performing CPR, which ensures CPR is being performed optimally.

The Hospital needs to replace a total of 16 monitor/defibrillator units. Thankfully we are a little over halfway to meeting our \$240,000 goal due to partial funding from this year's Black Tie Bingo.

Online gifts towards this project can be made by visiting www.gghfoundation.ca/current-projects.

Our Spring mailing appeal for the monitor/defibrillator units and a portable X-ray machine is due to hit mailboxes shortly. WATCH FOR YOURS!

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

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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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Black Tie Bingo

O Canada! Oh Wow!

Because of so much amazing support from so many, Black Tie Bingo raised an incredible \$259,000 (net) to replace a portable X-ray machine and a number of defibrillators/monitors. These pieces of equipment will have a direct impact on patient care. What a way to celebrate Canada's 150th birthday! Check out www.blacktiebingo.com for more photos.



Supporting Your Community Is as Easy as Riding a Bike

Raise money for your hospital by being part of Tour de Guelph, which takes place on Sunday, June 25. Tour de Guelph is a

community bicycling event for all ages and abilities.

Register and start fundraising today! You'll make a difference in the lives of others in our community. The first 500 registrants will receive a t-shirt as part of their registration fees. For more information, please go to www.tourdeguelph.ca.



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Stone Road Mall's 5th Annual Children's Charity Golf Tournament

On Thursday, July 13, this annual charity golf tournament takes place at Springfield Golf & Country Club. All golfers receive a goodie bag full of wonderful gifts!

Over its first four years, the Tournament has raised an impressive \$33,522 for our Hospital and has funded many important pieces of equipment for the Paediatric Department.

For more details or to register please email CSMIT@primarisreit.com.



2nd Annual Peter Lago Memorial Golf Classic

On Monday, September 11, the family and friends of Peter Lago are proud to present the 2nd Annual Peter Lago Memorial Golf Classic at Cutten Fields. Registration includes golf, cart, lunch, reception, sit-down dinner, and prizes.

The mission of the Peter Lago Memorial Golf Classic is to support Guelph General Hospital in providing comfort to patients and their loved ones, and to help provide the best and safest care possible. This year, the goal is to raise funds for four patient lifts at a cost of \$9,000 each for the medical and surgical units. These lifts will provide a safer and more comfortable environment for patients, many of whom are elderly and medically frail, and for care providers.

Space is limited to 124 golfers. Register now. For more information: www.peterlago.ca.

Hospital Happenings

Seeing More Clearly

Cataracts are the most common cause of vision loss in people over age 40 and are the principal cause of blindness in the world. Guelph General Hospital performs over 1,600 cataract surgeries a year. With the addition of a new state-of-the-art microscope, thanks to a donation from the Lions Club of Guelph, ophthalmologists now have the best possible clarity while they operate on a patient's eyes.

"This new microscope offers our ophthalmic surgeons the optimal visualization so they can operate with the highest precision during surgery," says Guelph ophthalmologist, Dr. Robert Johnson. "It drastically improves our visual field, optics and illumination, providing outstanding image quality throughout each step of the procedure."

The donation was a natural fit for the local Lions Club according to President Jim Sanders. "In 1925 Helen Keller challenged Lions to become "knights of the blind". Since then, we have done just that," he says. "The Lions Club of Guelph as its centenary project is proud to once again support the Guelph General Hospital's ongoing provision of medical eye care to residents of Guelph and surrounding area."

The new microscope is a great example of how community support can improve the high quality care the Hospital is able to provide explains Suzanne Bone, CEO of The Foundation of Guelph General Hospital. "Thousands of local community members will benefit thanks to the vision of the Lions Club of Guelph. Their generosity is so very much appreciated."



Dr. Robert Johnson (left) with members of the Lions Club of Guelph.

It's a Wrap!

Last summer we received almost \$4.3 million from the provincial Health Infrastructure Renewal Fund (HIRF) to be used to keep our facilities in a state of good repair. That work has just been completed. Topping a very long list of needed repairs were: replacing numerous roof surfaces on four buildings, replacing crumbling bricks on exterior walls, recaulking many windows, and excavating and waterproofing a portion of the tunnel that joins the Hospital to 73 Delhi.



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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Tax receipts will be issued for gifts of \$10 and above unless otherwise requested.

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- I'd like more information about making a Planned Gift

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Planned Giving

**Have You Included GGH in Your Estate Plans?
Consider Joining Our Heritage Society and Come to our
Heritage Society Lunch in June**



Your will is your opportunity to acknowledge individuals and charities near and dear to your heart. Gifts from estates can recognize those who provided help to you or a beloved family member during your lifetime, or reflect your values, such as compassion for others. Often a significant gift to your favourite charity is not possible in life, but a gift in your will could allow you to make a major contribution. Perhaps you have already named The Foundation of Guelph General Hospital as beneficiary in your will or in another planned gift such as a life insurance policy, annuity or RRSP/RRIF?

The Foundation of Guelph General Hospital has been privileged to be named in the estate plans of many caring individuals. Choosing to let us know your plans ensures we are aware of an anticipated gift and can utilize it in the way you wish. It also provides us with the opportunity to thank our legacy donors during their life time and invite them to join our Heritage Society.

“The Heritage Society is a select group of donors who have remembered GGH in their estate and have advised the Foundation of their plans,” says Lori Muzak McComb, Senior Development Officer.

She adds, “Each year, we offer a special luncheon for our Heritage Society members where they enjoy updates about their Hospital and share in the camaraderie of like-minded individuals. We’re busy planning this year’s lunch for June and we’ll be notifying our Heritage Society members soon. We’d love to welcome new faces, but we need to know who you are to send along an invitation.”

Members receive a special Heritage Society pin and are offered the opportunity to add their name to our Heritage Society section of our Donor Wall. From time to time, Society Members are also provided with special in-person opportunities to learn more about the work of the Hospital and receive invitations to Foundation events and happenings.

Of course we adhere to our donors wishes for anonymity should you wish not to be recognized but want to advise us of your plans.

Please consider joining our Heritage Society. For more information or ways to remember Guelph General Hospital in your estate plans, please contact Lori Muzak McComb at 519-837-6440 ext. 2569 or LMuzakMcComb@gghorg.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: _____



Reporting To You

What a Difference You Have Made

In our last fiscal year, which ended on March 31, thanks to donors like you, Guelph General Hospital was able to purchase more than \$2 million in urgently-needed equipment it would not otherwise have been able to afford. In fact, more than one of every two dollars spent by the Hospital on equipment last year came from a donor.

The Hospital's President and CEO, Marianne Walker, says, "Each day at Guelph General Hospital, lives are changed and often the equipment purchased through the generosity of our donors plays a role. Donors have a direct, positive impact on the care we're able to provide."

We transferred a total of \$2,023,283, which funded well over 100 items. Some of the larger items included the Hospital's three new ultrasound machines, specialized surgical equipment used for joint and hip surgeries, and new technology that connects vital signs monitors directly to patient records.

Some small yet important purchases included a nitrous oxide system for the Family Birthing Unit so that women giving birth now have another pain management option available to them. And, for a very small price tag of \$91.70, the Hospital was able to purchase storybooks that help children understand death.



(left) Lynda Murray, Board Chair, signing the cheque that transferred \$1,953,282.79 to the Hospital. (right) Suzanne Bone, Foundation CEO, presents the cheque to GGH Board Chair Bob Carter.

Funds were raised through generous donations for specific projects, 13 bequests, mailings, memorials and events like Black Tie Bingo and Tour de Guelph.

The Foundation's CEO, Suzanne Bone, sums it up: "We are so grateful for our most generous community. Donations large and small combine to have an incredible impact on our patients and the care we are able to provide. We are blessed by their support."

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.



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