

# GIVING NEWS

## Saving Lives:

### Every Second Makes a Difference!



A grateful Dr. Daren Lin stands beside one of the seven specialized monitor/defibrillator units that arrived in August.

#### Monitor/Defibrillator Units and Portable X-ray Machines Update

Dr. Lin is thankful for the incredible difference that donors make to care givers and, more importantly, to every patient at the Hospital. The loss of a patient is devastating for a family. And it weighs heavily on a physician. It matters to have the right piece of equipment at the right time.

Our community has demonstrated its generosity and commitment to exceptional patient care time and again. This year is no exception as we saw the caring response to help fund emergency and critical patient care equipment including new monitor/defibrillator units for all of Guelph General as well as two portable X-ray machines.

Participation in events such as **Black Tie Bingo** and **Fore Our Hospital**, along with the response to our mailings, email and other appeals helped raise needed funds for these vital pieces of equipment.

Already we are seeing the impact the funds are having at GGH. Seven specialized monitor/defibrillators arrived in August.

Back in May we told you a startling story about Gavin, a man in his early fifties who woke up one spring morning with an odd feeling in his chest. Thinking it was just heartburn, he went to work. Over the day his discomfort intensified. After work, he decided to go to the Emergency Department where he collapsed and died right in front of the attending emergency physician, Dr. Lin. Promptly, a monitor/defibrillator was used to deliver an electrical shock to Gavin's heart and then he was given cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR).

Gavin survived!

Situations like this play out all the time at Guelph General Hospital. Almost every day in our Hospital, doctors provide emergency treatment to patients like Gavin who are in cardiac arrest or acute respiratory distress.

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## Lasting Memories

Cole Sanders was only 14-hours-old when the reporters started arriving at Guelph General Hospital on Saturday, July 1. He had a good cry at one point, but mom, Christina Sanders, quieted him under a most spectacular quilt designed and hand-stitched by Guelph quilter, Cheryl MacDonald.

Cheryl created the beautiful, one-of-kind, Canada-themed quilt and donated it to The Foundation of Guelph General Hospital. Her only request was that it be presented to the first baby born on Canada's 150th birthday. Cole was born one hour after midnight.

Cole's parents said they would treasure and take special care of the quilt. The two-sided quilt is alive with iconic Canadian images including a map, native animals, and maple leaves. The border includes the signatures of living past and present Canadian prime ministers.

Suzanne Bone, CEO of The Foundation of Guelph General Hospital, called MacDonald's gesture extraordinary. "It is simply amazing that someone would spend this many hours to create a gift for



Baby Cole and his parents show off the beautiful quilt created by Cheryl MacDonald.

someone they didn't know," she said. Suzanne had the honour of presenting the quilt to the family and reflected, "When I'm retired and looking back, this will be one of those lasting memories."



**1 of every 2 dollars spent on equipment at Guelph General Hospital comes from caring support from our community!**

## 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](http://www.gghfoundation.ca).

## 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](mailto:foundation@gghorg.ca)
- ☀ Visit our website [gghfoundation.ca](http://gghfoundation.ca)



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# Foundation Events



## Tour de Guelph

Pictured here are just a few of the many riders who stopped at one of the rest stops to fuel up and have fun on June 25. Because of the commitment of 705 riders along with the incredible support of so many who pledged, sponsored and volunteered, the results were stunning – close to \$100,000 (net) was raised at the Scotiabank Tour de Guelph for GGH and our partners, Rotary Clubs of Guelph South and Guelph Trillium. We used our portion of the funds to purchase two non-invasive respiratory ventilators.



Golfers gathered, on June 5, at the annual Fore Our Hospital golf tournament held at Cutten Fields. Through the collective efforts of the golfers, sponsors and prize donors, \$20,000 (net) was raised. The funds will go toward the purchase of a state-of-the-art monitor/defibrillator unit and a portable x-ray machine – two pieces of equipment that are vital throughout the Hospital every day.

# Community Supporters *Helping to Save Lives and Improve Health*

Thank you to all those community members who take the time to organize fundraising events to support our Hospital. They are significant undertakings that make patient care better by funding essential patient care equipment.

We extend our gratitude to the Lago family who hosted the sell-out, **2nd Annual Peter Lago Memorial Golf Classic** in September. And thank you to the Guelph Firefighters who organized the **3rd Annual Co-ed 3 Pitch**; the auto dealers who participated in the **Guelph Auto Mall Civic Holiday Sale**; and the students in **Centennial CVI's Business Leadership class** who organized their annual charity golf tournament. If you're interested in organizing your own event, please visit [gghfoundation.ca/lead-your-own-fundraising-event](http://gghfoundation.ca/lead-your-own-fundraising-event)



**Bangla Garage Sale** – An enthusiastic group representing about 125 families from Guelph's Bangladesh and Bangla speaking community dropped by to present \$1,000 to the Foundation. The proceeds were raised through their Charity Sale which took place in August. "It was an easy decision for us to select Guelph General Hospital as the beneficiary," said Shibabrata Nandi, at whose home the sale took place. Many members of the community have had personal experience receiving excellent care at the Hospital.



**Stone Road Mall** – Chelsea Smit, Tony Stapley and Christina Magee (L-R), from Stone Road Mall, present the proceeds from their 5th Annual Children's Charity Golf Tournament. This was their most successful year yet, raising \$10,632! Over its five years, the Tournament has raised a total of \$44,154 and has funded many pieces of equipment essential in the care of our paediatric patients. Thank you.

# Planned Giving

## Annual Heritage Society Lunch Celebrates Legacy Donors, Friendship and GGH Progress

Our Heritage Society is a group of dedicated individuals helping Guelph General Hospital meet today's and tomorrow's healthcare needs by including a gift to the Hospital in their will or estate plans. Legacy gifts like these allow GGH to continue our healing mission well into the future by ensuring funds will be available to purchase needed equipment.



The gang's all here! Everyone at our Heritage Society luncheon in June enjoyed good food, company and GGH news.

In June, 44 Heritage Society members, Hospital executives and Foundation staff enjoyed a delicious lunch together while hearing about Hospital updates and some very practical advice about visiting the Emergency Department.

Our own Suzanne Bone, Heritage Society member and Foundation CEO, hosted the luncheon and was delighted to highlight a recent, remarkable estate gift that helped fund the purchase of 300 wireless IV pumps. Kim Towes, GGH's Clinical Director Inpatient Surgery, told us how these pumps help nurses provide better care for patients throughout the Hospital and shared staff's appreciation.

Dr. Ian Digby, GGH's Chief of Emergency Medicine, engaged the crowd with a lively talk about the Emergency Department – when to go, what to expect, what to bring and what's next in our plans to serve the community. The good news is our Emergency Department is well staffed and considered a model of success. However, the large increase in visits coupled with more complex patient needs has put additional pressure on our Emergency Department and wait times. To help, we're planning for an Emergency Department expansion that will provide more space to help us manage 63,000 visits per year.

Are you interested in attending our next Heritage Society lunch? Perhaps you have already included Guelph General Hospital in your will or estate? Feel free to confidentially speak with us so we are aware of your wishes. There is no obligation to join.

To find out more about the Heritage Society visit our website at [www.gghfoundation.ca/giving-in-wills](http://www.gghfoundation.ca/giving-in-wills)



## 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 AMEX, Visa or MasterCard:

Card #: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiry Date: \_\_\_\_\_ CSC #: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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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



# Hospital Happenings

**Accreditation:** It's one thing to believe we are providing safe and high quality care, but it's another thing when judged by highly-rated healthcare professionals from outside the organization. Our viewpoint was validated when we received "Accreditation with Exemplary Status" from Accreditation Canada – an independent, not-for-profit organization that sets standards for quality and safety in health care. Only one in five healthcare providers that go through the accreditation process receives this top award, which is given to "organizations that go beyond the requirements of Accreditation Canada and demonstrate excellence in quality improvement."

A three-member accrediting team spent three days at GGH in May, visiting almost every area of the hospital and interviewing staff, patients, families and community healthcare partners. In the end, we are proud to say GGH met or exceeded 98.3% of the 2,233 standards that were assessed.

## Hospital joins with local association to provide hope to new stroke patients

*Linking Survivors With Survivors* is a March of Dimes Canada program. It's a peer support program that provides hope and encouragement to stroke survivors and their families. The program's specially-trained volunteers are now coming into hospital settings and GGH is the first in our area. Before, those meetings usually happened only after a patient had been discharged from hospital.



Dan (left) and Sue (middle) are volunteer mentors. They're with three nurses from our Stroke Unit and Barbara Moore (right).

So far, it's been a great success, says Barbara Moore from March of Dimes Canada. She credits the great teamwork they've experienced with the Hospital. She also has nothing but praise for her volunteers who go through a lengthy training process before becoming a peer-to-peer mentor.

It's been very well received by Hospital staff and a huge benefit to stroke patients, says Deb Hastings, Director of the Stroke Unit. "It is helpful for the patients to hear from someone who has been there and shared the same story. It is very supportive and provides that light at the end of the tunnel for patients and families as they adjust to their new normal in stroke recovery."



## 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  AMEX  Visa  MasterCard

Card #: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiry Date: \_\_\_\_\_ CSC #: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



# Hospital Happenings

## Meet Layla the Therapy Dog



Last June, our Elder Life Specialist, Rebekah Larter, was thrilled to bring a Therapy Dog Program to GGH. Therapy dog Layla and her human mom Charlotte volunteer on Thursday evenings, bringing smiles to the faces of everyone they meet. Layla is a welcome distraction from the hospital environment for patients, families and staff, while bringing unconditional affection and comfort to everyone she meets.

Rebekah stresses that “therapy dogs have a huge impact on patient care. You don’t have to do anything specific to feel the love from a dog. Patients who do not usually initiate interaction will reach out to Layla and say hello. It is a great opportunity to provide a positive interaction and something fun for patients during their stay.” It is a unique program that adds an additional element of care for patients and their families while at the Hospital.

A second dog, Bella, and her mom, Beth, have now joined Layla and Charlotte, bringing more *pawsitivity* to our Hospital.



Keep your eye out for our Seasonal Appeal for a new CT Scanner. The mailing will be hitting mailboxes in November.

## Saving Lives:

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“The doctors and nurses at Guelph General now have the most cutting edge equipment available to manage cardiac arrest because of your generous donations,” says a grateful Dr. Lin.

The Foundation is continuing to secure funds for the remaining defibrillator units and the two X-ray machines. Gifts of Gratitude, Monthly Giving, Tribute Gifts, and other gifts that were made without designation will also be allocated to this need until the full goal is reached.

The sooner the fundraising goal is reached, the sooner the Hospital can purchase the remaining pieces of equipment so, as Dr. Lin says “the physicians at our Hospital can do the very best possible job at saving lives.”

**gghfoundation.ca** Check out our new and improved website!

