

GIVING NEWS

Suzanne Bone, Foundation CEO, Tracey Damaren, GGH Team Lead, and Mike Lindsay, GGH Director Diagnostic Imaging, with one of the new mobile X-ray units (R to L).



New mobile X-ray machines provide a

whole new level of imaging

Dr. Samir Patel, Chief of Diagnostic Imaging. “Our ability to obtain clear images on some of the sickest patients in the hospital has greatly improved patient care and safety.”

Not only have better quality images resulted in better care, but also the quick turnaround time has resulted in increased efficiencies. For example, the units are used in the Operating Rooms during hip revisions and replacements. Orthopaedic Surgeon, Dr. Steve Hoey, notes that, “With the new machines, we can see right away whether the joint is in the right spot.” This saves about five minutes each procedure.

The mobile units are specially designed to allow easy positioning in cramped spaces. At the same time, they can collapse down so the techs have great visibility while driving them down hallways. The units even came with small-sized, digital detectors that fit in a bassinette. That way, babies can stay comfortably in their bassinette while having their x-ray taken.

Before the units were selected, various models were considered. The decision involved a variety of staff which resulted in a well-received choice. “The units were designed with tremendous consultation with technologists so there are also simple things like ample onboard storage

Not long ago, the Hospital took delivery of the latest in mobile x-ray technology and the response has been enthusiastic.

“Clinicians love this!” exclaims Mike Lindsay, Director Diagnostic Imaging. “The image is captured digitally and appears on the screen right away. There is no running back to the department to process a cassette. The image is available right at the bedside in about three seconds.”

This is a giant leap from the machines’ 15-year-old predecessors. They required the image to be captured on a cassette which had to be taken to another department for processing. Then, the image had to be reviewed by a technologist to ensure it was the one that the physician needed. In addition to shortened turn-around time, the image quality is vastly improved.

“The images are crisp and detailed, allowing for more accurate diagnoses,” says

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GENERAL HOSPITAL

New Mobile X-ray Machines

Black Tie Bingo

Patient and Family Advisory Council

Main Lobby Greeter Program

Black Tie Bingo Experience Africa Raises \$266,000

Despite a large hurdle in the planning of this year’s gala, the 22nd Annual Black Tie Bingo set another fundraising record, raising \$266,000 for Guelph General Hospital.

“After this year, we have an ever-deeper appreciation and understanding of the commitment and generosity of our Black Tie Bingo Committee members, our sponsors, volunteers and guests who return year after year to support this event,” said Suzanne Bone, Foundation CEO.

When the Foundation staff learned about a flood at the Village by the Arboretum just 10 weeks out from the event date that would force them to find a new location, they sprang into action to find a new venue – Stone Road Mall in the former Sears space. In the weeks following, they were met with a generous outpouring of support from many people and organizations to ensure the event’s success.

At the event, Kevin Malinski of Platters Catering & Events, Palmer Audio, and Stone Road Mall and Primaris Management Inc. were honoured as ‘Black Tie Bingo Heroes’ for their contributions.

Following the event, David Halls, BTB Committee Chair, commented, “What an incredible journey we all just went through. Not only did we once again put on the premiere event of the year, we did so at a brand new venue and

with several new staff. Everyone stepped up and went above and beyond. We just keep raising the bar. I can’t wait to see what we pull off next year.”

Funds raised through this year’s event will purchase three new laparoscopic surgical equipment towers with advanced 4K imaging and ultra high definition video. They will help Guelph General’s surgeons perform minimally-invasive surgeries more quickly and with higher precision for better patient outcomes.

A record-breaking \$52,300 was raised during the live auction and yet another record broken this year was in sponsorships, with over \$115,000 in cash sponsorships and over \$150,000 in in-kind product, service and prize donations.

The larger venue allowed for more guests, and the team at the University of Guelph Hospitality Services and Special Events proved their ability to adapt and once again created a masterful culinary experience for 449 guests.

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1 of every 2 dollars spent on equipment at Guelph General Hospital comes from donations 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.

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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Kevin Malinski, painting, as the venue gets set up.

Black Tie Bingo Experience Africa may very well go down in BTB history as one of the most memorable and successful events. But then again, the BTB Committee is devoted to creating new ways to heighten their guests' experience each and every year.

Black Tie Bingo sells out every year and the Foundation is advising that the best way to get tickets is to join their new Black Tie Bingo email list in order to be among the first notified when tickets for next year's event are on sale.



Hosted by In Support of

Registration open!

Monday, June 4, 2018

Format: Scramble
 Cost: \$250 per golfer
 Lunch, dinner, lifeline* and golf cart included!

Registration: 11 a.m.
 Dinner: 6:30 p.m.

Registration now open!

For registration, sponsorship and all other inquiries contact:
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*This year we're switching it up! Register early and stay tuned to learn about what's in store.

New X-Ray Machines: *Continued from cover*

and leg room to allow for natural walking with the unit," says Mike. "Infection prevention and control considerations are well thought out too."

While the machines are technical marvels directly improving the care provided, they also have a feature designed simply to raise everyone's spirits. One unit has a decal making it look like a race car and the other looks like a cartoon car being driven by a dog with its head out the window.

Portable x-ray units travel throughout the Hospital to help care for our most ill patients. In the Special Care Nursery, tiny babies have x-rays to monitor conditions such as respiratory distress or cardiac issues, or to check placement of a tube. Most patients in our Bob Ireland Family Intensive Care Unit will have a daily x-ray to check things like the placement of tubes or the functioning of the lungs.

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TOUR de GUELPH

SUNDAY JUNE 24

Tour de Guelph Five

A cycling event for all ages and abilities with routes starting at 5k and all the way up to 160k! For information, to register or sign up to volunteer, visit tourdeguelph.ca.

Proceeds from Black Tie Bingo 2017 and from the 2017 seasonal mailings helped fund these new X-ray units. We are grateful for all those who supported these initiatives and helped bring this essential patient care technology to our Hospital.

Community support helps make patient care better at Guelph General Hospital.

Donor Spotlight

In loving memory of Marie Wardrope. We're forever grateful for her generosity.

Marie Wardrope came to Guelph with her husband Bill in 1965. They were involved in many activities in our community, including the Guelph Spring Festival, and were among the first residents of the Village by the Arboretum. Bill and Marie were also long-time supporters of Guelph General Hospital, and were very grateful for the care Bill was provided, especially by one of our vascular surgeons, Dr. Hamid Nasser. Sadly, Bill died in 2008, after 48 years of marriage.



Marie and Suzanne at a donor appreciation event.

Marie always understood the importance of having a strong and vibrant local hospital to care for the residents of Guelph and Wellington County. We were honoured when she let us know that she had left a future gift to support the Hospital in her will.

“I looked forward to visits with Marie over Tim Hortons’ French Vanilla and a cookie,” commented Foundation CEO Suzanne Bone. “She was always interested in hearing the latest about Guelph General Hospital, and the difference her giving made to our patients.”

While we mourn the loss of Marie, who passed away over a year ago, we also celebrate her life well lived and remembered through the legacy gift she left in her will. Marie’s gift went towards a new Bone Mineral Densitometer and an X-ray unit, helping our team of caregivers diagnose illness and injury in the best way possible.

Marie’s love of her community and her hospital will live on through her kindness and foresight.

If you would like information on ways to support Guelph General Hospital through a planned gift like Marie’s, please contact Matt Peltomaki, Senior Development Officer, Campaign, Major & Planned Giving at 519-837-6440 ext. 2569 or email mpeltomaki@ghorg.ca

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:

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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.

- I'd like more information about Tribute Gifts
- I have included The Foundation in my will
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Hospital Happenings

Guelph General Initiates Patient and Family Advisory Council

It is the goal of Guelph General’s new Patient and Family Advisory Council (PFAC) to improve our Hospital’s patient experience by advising its leadership team on matters that impact the patient and family experience, and patient-centred care.

“Patients and their families are valuable members of our healthcare team and are experts in patient and family experience within health care,” says Marianne Walker, GGH’s President and CEO. “By listening to patients and families, we gain unique and valuable perspectives on our current and future practices.”

Preparation for the Hospital’s first-ever PFAC is moving along quickly with the help of two community members. They have researched different practices, and community members have been integral in ensuring that the patient and family voice has been imbedded into the draft structure and format of the Council. The Council members will include patients, families, hospital staff and clinicians.

The Council recently held its first meeting. It will meet regularly to provide input to hospital staff, management, physicians and the Board on a variety of hospital activities, projects and committees.

We’re excited about this new council, as are the members. As one of them said, “I am forever thankful for the extraordinary, compassionate care and guidance we received in GGH’s ICU.

It is my deepest pleasure to now be involved in the development of the new ‘Patient and Family Advisory Council’ as the Hospital continues to strive for excellence in patient-centred care.”

GGH Volunteer Services Launches Main Lobby Greeter Program

Volunteer Services recently announced the introduction of a new, Main Lobby Greeter program. Started the week of March 19, the greeters are friendly faces welcoming patients and visitors coming through the main entrance. Prominently located between Ambulatory Care and Information, the greeters are helping with wayfinding, using the parking pay station and answering general questions.

When fully up and running, the program’s goal is to have two volunteers in place weekday mornings from 8 a.m. to noon.



Volunteer Isha Bhavsar is one of GGH’s first greeters.



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/CVV #: _____ Signature: _____



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

You make a difference in the lives of patients at GGH

Do you know what the common thread is across all these patients?

- Someone who can't breathe and needs to be intubated immediately.
- Healthy, newborn babies.
- A newborn baby who needs to be quickly transported to a tertiary hospital for specialized care.
- A woman in labour.
- A man who has fallen and broken his hip.
- A woman who has suffered severe blood loss due to a car crash.
- A young man who comes to our Emergency Department in mental health crisis.
- An older woman at risk for osteoporosis.
- The family of any patient in our Intensive Care Unit.
- Patients who suffer cardiac arrest, anywhere in our Hospital.
- Any patient who has a test to identify what infection they have.

It is you. You have touched the lives of these patients.

You have improved their care and experience through your generosity. Because of you and our Hospital's community of supporters, \$1.7 million of patient care equipment was funded in 2017/2018. Those funds purchased close to 60 pieces of equipment. You put these tools into the hands of our healthcare team. You helped patients receive better care at Guelph General Hospital – thank you!

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."

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

"We are blessed by the support of our community" noted the Foundation's CEO, Suzanne Bone. "One in two dollars we spend on equipment comes from a donor...truly, donors are part of our healthcare team."

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.



Keep an eye out for our Spring Appeal as we continue to fundraise for a new CT Scanner. The mailing will hit mailboxes in May.

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