

You hold their hearts, In your hands...

For moms and caregivers alike, birthing a baby is a time of joy, happiness...and a little worry. At Stratford General Hospital Site of the Huron Perth Healthcare Alliance, our Maternal Child Unit—which includes both Labour and Delivery and our Special Care Nursery—is here to reduce that worry and to ensure that each baby is born into a warm, welcoming, safe environment.

While childbirth will never be risk free, we want to minimize the risk for the 1200 newborns and their moms from throughout our region who arrive at SGH site each year. But that's becoming a bit more challenging lately. While at first glance our Maternal Child Unit still looks new, much of the equipment we're using dates back years—some to the opening of the unit in 1998.

In some instances, we've also been pushed to our limit in our Special Care Nursery, the place where our most vulnerable babies are kept. Recently we had five babies in Special Care who required cardiac monitors, and only four monitors—two of them old.

While we managed that situation successfully, such occurrences put added stress on our babies, moms and caregivers. That's why we asked SGH Foundation to help raise funds for new Cardiac Monitors which continually



monitor the baby's heartbeat, blood pressure, oxygen saturation levels and respiratory rate.

This is critical equipment in our Special Care Nursery, telling us in a "heartbeat" if something is wrong with these vulnerable newborns. In addition to the 8 monitors we need for our Special Care Nursery, 8 more are needed in our busy Labour and Delivery Unit.

Here, they are an essential tool to have at our fingertips, especially during the resuscitation of a baby—something that occurs more frequently than you might expect. The monitor gives us instant feedback on a baby who is struggling to breathe, helping us know whether our efforts and interventions are effective and adapting our strategy if required. It can be a real lifesaver.

At HPHA, we have a strong reputation for patient centred care—for responding to our patients' needs with care that's effective, compassionate and of the highest quality. Modernizing our equipment is a key to providing that top notch care and welcoming our most precious and sometimes most fragile patients into a warm, caring and safe environment.

Kerri Hannon, Manager, Maternal Child, EMG and Allergy Clinics

Hear Well Be Well Open House



A special thanks to the Hear Well Be Well team, for hosting an open house in Mitchell in support of the new CT Scanner at SGH site! Book your free hearing test today in Mitchell, New Hamburg or Exeter Hear Well Be Well locations and Hear Well Be Well will support the new CT Scanner at SGH site with a \$50 donation. Their goal is \$2,500. L-R: The Hear Well Be Well Team, Sarah Grimsshaw, Melissa Brighton, Justin Chun, Carol-Ann Plastina and HPHA CEO Andrew Williams.

All Fore One



The 2017 Cooper Standard Employee Charity Golf Tournament supported the new CT Scanner at SGH with Cooper Standard corporate matching the proceeds from the tournament. A special thanks to the organizing committee of Amy White, Charlene Ross, Derek Van Der Linden and Brian Magoffin. The CT Scanner will impact 12,000 patients a year!

Alastair MacLeod Family CADD Pump Donation



When Alastair MacLeod was being cared in the medicine unit at SGH during his final days, his family promised the staff they would donate the funds, through the SGH Foundation, for a much needed new CADD pain pump. And true to their word, the family presented members of the medicine unit with the new pump on March 14th. L-R: Mr. MacLeod's three daughters and grandson – Sally McCrea, Nancy Folk, Quinn Rieck, Kirsten MacLeod and medicine unit representatives – Laurie Schalk-Manager Medicine/ISU and Dialysis, Brandi Yungblut RPN and Dr. Paul Lussier.

Save the date!



Sunday June 3rd from 8:00 am to 12 noon
Perth County Flying Club COPA flight 69
Annual Fly-In / Drive-In Breakfast
Stratford Municipal Airport / CYSA
Satisfying breakfast plus lots to see and do! By donation.



Tuesday June 12th at 5:15 pm
SGHF Going for a Touchdown Celebration
Featuring speaker Michael "Pinball" Clemons
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Tickets \$10 | 519.272.8210 ext. 2626



Monday June 18th Shotgun start 9:00 am
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