

Celebrating 15 Years Of Cancer Care Closer To Home

November 1, 2002 marked the official Ribbon Cutting Ceremony of HPHA's Chemotherapy Unit, located at the Stratford General Hospital. Attendees were reminded why access to local care would make a difference - it was the first snow storm of the year making travel dangerous.

Fifteen years and thousands of patient visits later, the Chemo Unit is an integral part of cancer care for patients in Stratford and area, providing top-notch care closer to home, thereby eliminating the anxiety of receiving treatment in an unfamiliar setting, reducing the time and expense of travel, and providing the opportunity to develop close relationships and a support system with other local residents.

Initial plans are in the works for a new and expanded Chemotherapy Unit and co-located Pharmacy Department to help meet the increased demands for cancer treatment. Relocation and enhancement of our Chemotherapy and Pharmacy facilities will provide many benefits including:

• Improved Patient Experience:

A new location will help ensure privacy for patients along with a more comfortable and accessible environment.

• Improved Patient & Staff Safety:

The new location will allow upgrades in the Pharmacy medication preparation rooms to ensure the ideal environment for medication preparation. We will improve workspace in the chemo unit for patients and family members, volunteers and staff.

• Improved Patient Access:

The Chemotherapy program has experienced

steady growth in patient volumes and these trends are expected to continue. Our new location will allow us to grow and provide more care close to home.

• Improved Efficiency:

Co-location of the Chemotherapy and Pharmacy programs will help ensure efficient use of resources, specifically in sterile preparation locations and delivery

of chemotherapy medications.

The new and expanded space including new technology is projected to be completed in 2020 at the cost of approximately \$2.6 million. The project will be one of the important components in the Stratford General Hospital Foundation's capital campaign which will have a tremendous impact on patient care.



Special Dedication of a Chemo Room in memory of Kimberley Ann Russell. Family, friends and chemo staff shared memories and celebrated Kimberley Ann Russell's life and legacy at a special naming of a chemo room in her memory. Stratford-- the place where she was born, grew up, went to school and began the most important aspect of her life...her nursing career. She was known as the "fluff & puff nurse" since she always took the time to fluff pillows and talk to patients. L - R: Andrea Page, ED SGH Foundation; Reanne Fryfogel Admin Support; Fr. Bester; Elisha Coleman RN; Hugh McDonald, Board Chair SGH Foundation; Alyson Reinders RN, Ryan Itterman, Director, Regional Pharmacy Services and Chemotherapy; Sandy and Doug Oneschuk; Kathy Blake RN; Shirley and Bill Russell; Karen and John O'Bireck; Betty and Paul McCreadie. Photo: Kimberley Ann Russell.

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Thank you to the Stratford Branch of RBC Dominion Securities for their gift of \$1,500 in support of the Teddy Bear & Friends campaign for Special Care Nursery equipment and \$1,000 to the CT Scanner Matching Gift Campaign.

L - R: Josef Frank, Investment Advisor RBC Wealth Management, RBC Dominion Securities; RN Lorelee McNaughton; Andrea Page, ED SGH Foundation; Robert Bryan, VP Branch & Portfolio Manager, RBC Wealth Management, RBC Dominion Securities.

Help Us Stamp Out Stigma



Mental Health Fundraiser raises \$1,120 in support of mental health initiatives at SGH. A salute to the organizers, vendors, sponsors and volunteers for their efforts.

L-R: Mental Health Fundraiser organizers Chris Gowland, Dorothy Lease and SGHF ED Andrea Page.

Bowling for Teddy Bear & Friends for special care nursery equipment raised \$6,800! This brings the Teddy Bear & Friends campaign total to \$58,268! Cardiac monitors for our Special Care Nursery total \$15,000-22,000 each with a total of 9 needed for the nursery and 24 needed for all of Maternal Child. Thanks to all the donors and especially Lorelee McNaughton RN who is dedicated to raising funds to benefit our tiniest patients.



L to R: Carla Johnston, Kylie De Martines, Ali Van Straaten, Katie Bauld, Crystal Turner, Linsey Van Kooten.

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