Workhorse, lynchpin, gateway into hospital, lifesaver all words used to describe an essential piece of technology that impacts close to 12,000 people and their families each and every year. The CT Scanner is essential in diagnosing stroke and even more important now with Stratford’s expanded role as a designated stroke centre. It’s also vital in battling cancer, helping to determine whether treatments are working or if the disease has spread.

The Volunteers of SGH’s Matching Gift Challenge will match every donation to the Foundation’s CT Scanner Fund up to a total of $150,000, doubling the impact of each dollar donated. The Volunteers have partnered with the Foundation on a matching campaign with a goal of reaching $300,000 towards replacing a decade old CT Scanner.

New CT Scanners are faster, more accurate and safer than scanners from just 10 years ago, with 40-70% less radiation – an important feature for patients who require multiple CT Scans.

“A CT Scanner is a standard – we couldn’t function without it. If it is down we go on stroke bypass – to London. There is a narrow window of 4-5 hours to find the clot causing the stroke. I think our most important piece of equipment is the CT since it solves the most problems...it is our workhorse and our best diagnostic tool,” says Dr. Keith Sparrow, Radiologist & SGH Foundation Board Member.

“We see patients of every age and with many issues. While the CT’s impact is most obvious in the case of head injury and stroke, it’s also indispensable for other patients: a youngster following an automobile accident … a middle aged patient with chest pain … a senior with possible pneumonia or a pulmonary embolism. But the largest percentage of scans we perform are on cancer patients, determining whether their treatments have halted the disease or if it has spread. These are often complex scans throughout the body, and a critical part of the battle on cancer”, says Dr. Sparrow.

At a cost of $1.3 million, a new CT Scanner is our Hospital’s top priority item and with no government funding, every dollar that’s raised is precious says Andrea Page, Executive Director, Stratford General Hospital Foundation. “Every donation can tip the scales when lives hang in the balance”.

Tip the Balance towards Life with Matching Gift Challenge

Please let our commitment to this vital cause move and inspire you to act. A New CT Scanner is at the top of the list – We had to get involved.

Volunteers are a dedicated, motivated and caring group of people. Please support the Matching Gift Challenge and together we can do more for our patients.

Our volunteers are a dedicated, talented and committed team that always have the best interests of our hospital, patients and the community in mind. They all are focused on giving and helping in every way they can.

Joan Maloney
Co-chair Volunteer Council, Volunteers of Stratford General Hospital

Cheryl Elgie
Co-chair Volunteer Council, Volunteers of Stratford General Hospital

Cheryl Hunt
HPHA Corporate Lead, Volunteer Services
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 & Staff Experience: A new location will help ensure privacy for patients along with a more comfortable and accessible environment. Staff will benefit from a more accessible environment that will allow for improved communication and workflow.
- Improved Patient & Staff Safety: The new location will allow upgrades in the Pharmacy medication preparation rooms to ensure the ideal environment for medication preparation and the best protection for staff. We will also be looking to improve the safety of the workspace in the chemotherapy 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.

Stay tuned for the next issue of the Monitor Newsletter in which chemo patients, their families and the staff and doctors who care for them share stories of their journey to fight and win the battle against cancer. The new and expanded space including, the installation of 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.

Your Donation COUNTS! Your Gift = Medical Equipment

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- Retention & recruitment of physicians and other healthcare professionals
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100% of all medical equipment must be raised locally.
You can help give our doctors, nurses and staff the tools they need to care for those who walk through our doors.
From wheelchairs to pain pumps from surgical equipment to cardiac monitors, x-ray machines, scopes and anaesthetic machines – our equipment pieces range from $300 - $1.3 million each.
Making A Real Impact . . . A Salute to Our Community’s Generosity!

Each donation is precious, and every donor is priceless … individuals, groups, and businesses building a brighter future for healthcare throughout our region.

Investing in Care
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 Loralee McNaughton; Andrea Page, ED SGH Foundation; Robert Bryan, VP Branch & Portfolio Manager, RBC Wealth Management, RBC Dominion Securities.

Donnalene Tuer-Hodes Retirement - Presentation of the Tuer-Hodes Family Nursing Recognition Bursary for Exceptional Care
Donnalene’s commitment to care, and the support and encouragement of nurses to always continue their education and expand their knowledge, doesn’t end with her retirement but continues on with her family’s generous yearly bursary.
L-R: SGHF ED Andrea Page, HPHA CEO Andrew Williams, Donnalene Tuer-Hodes, VP Partnerships & Patient Experience Chief Nursing Executive Anne Campbell, Dr. Peter Hodes, and VP Quality & Clinical Services Mary Cardinal.

Donors Always Welcome!
The Foundation has moved to the repurposed former Ambulance Garage by the Hospital’s West Building Entrance at the corner of John St. S. & West Gore St. Our phone numbers and email addresses are the same. The Foundation offices were flooded in the summer and we thank hospital Housekeeping, Building Services, IT and everyone who pitched in to move us safely, quickly and with minimum damage to our temporary location and then to our final destination. Everyone was wonderful! There is free parking by the Foundation to give donors easy access.

A Class Gift
Stratford General Hospital School of Nursing “Class of 1967” recently celebrated their 50th Reunion. In memory of their deceased classmates a donation was made to the Foundation towards a CT Scanner. Remembering: Carolyn Dodd, Donna Rennick, Margaret Springle, Marcia Ellis, Margaret Chislett, John Jenkins, Margaret Malcho and Wilhelmina Megens.
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A Million Thanks!

Volunteers of Stratford General Hospital pledge a total of $1 million over 10 years towards the Foundation’s campaign for essential medical equipment. The first $150,000 is part of a matching gift challenge raising monies towards a $1.3 million CT Scanner. Pledge monies will be directed to purchase several pieces of equipment over the years. This year marks the volunteers 125th Anniversary.

L-R: HPHA Volunteer Services Cheryl Hunt, SGHF ED Andrea Page, Volunteers of SGH Council Co-chairs Joan Maloney and Cheryl Elgie, SGHF Board Chair Hugh McDonald, HPHA CEO Andrew Williams and HPHA Board Chair John Wolfe.

Honouring a Friend

Henri Golbeck and his mom dropped by to share gifts with the children on the Maternal Child Unit. The toys were in honour of his friend Callum’s 8th birthday!

L-R: Henri Golbeck and Liz Morelli RPN

Going for the Gold Celebration and 2017 AGM

“Love yourself for who you are” and “put your own oxygen mask on first so you can then help others” are two key messages speaker Silken Laumann emphasized at the SGH Foundation’s AGM. Silken shared her story of pain and triumph with over 220 people at the event that highlighted donor and Foundation achievements and impact. In the last few years the Foundation has disbursed over $19 million to the redevelopment project which helped built the North Wing, renovated ICU/Telemetry, Mat Child and Mental Health. This year we completely paid for the MRI project through the $3.8 million Make a Real Impact campaign. It is only through donor generosity and continued support that all these improvements to patient care have been possible. This year’s gift from generous donor dollars from the Foundation to the hospital totalled $1,299,739 towards anesthetic machines and other essential equipment. Visit our website for a complete list at www.sghfoundation.org

L-R: SGHF Board Members; Andrew Williams, Howard Famme, SGHF ED Andrea Page, Lori Ripley, Bob Gulliford, SGHF Treasurer Phil Buxton, Josef Frank, Lisa Hyde, Speaker Silken Laumann, Matt Rees, SGHF Vice-chair Hugh McDonald, Paul Roulston, SGHF Board Chair Rick Orr and Dr. Keith Sparrow.

Iron Annie And A Long Journey, author and SGH Volunteer Lisa M. Hutchison’s book launch will have an impact on patient care raising $1,200. “It’s an honour to be able to support our hospital’s fundraising challenges with a work that’s so personal and close to my heart – a story that traces my family’s own challenges and triumphs”, she says. One hundred percent of launch proceeds and hospital Gift Shop book sales support the Volunteers of Stratford General Hospital Matching Gift Challenge towards a CT Scanner.

Celebrating the Volunteer’s of Stratford General Hospital’s Commitment to the Community...

Lab Equipment pledge PAID IN FULL! A total of $150,000 was raised by donors whose gifts were then matched as part of the first Matching Gift Challenge. Two specialized pieces of lab equipment which battle bacteria and wage war at the microscopic level are being purchased to help save lives.

L-R: Cheryl Elgie, VSGH Volunteer Council Co-Chair; Rick Orr, SGH Foundation Chair, Joan Maloney, VSGH Volunteer Council Co-Chair.
Donations in Honour of and in Memory of...
The Stratford General Hospital Foundation is grateful to the family members and friends who have made Honour and Memorial donations from April 22, 2017 to October 19, 2017.

**In Honour of**
Winifred Doerr
ER Staff
Ron & Shirley Higgins
Rev. Bryan Lapier
Jack McDonald
Helen Pinder
Lorne & Linda Reis
Ed & Betty Roth
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YOUR DONATION COUNTS! Please take a moment and reflect on what our community would be like without our hospital. Our health care team has one main focus - YOU - the patient. In the last year the health care team has touched the lives of countless people and their families with their compassion, skill and expertise. Every gift you give impacts the care we are able to provide. Your support purchases essential medical equipment - equipment we can’t afford to be without. We count on you to help us provide quality and patient-focused care. Thank you!

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