

# Stratford General Hospital

# Foundation Monitor

## Community Comes Together to Raise Over \$30 Million!

The Stratford General Hospital Foundation is proud to announce that our most ambitious fundraising effort to date, the In Our Hands Capital Campaign, has officially surpassed its \$30 million goal, thanks to the remarkable generosity of our community.

Launched in the quiet phase in 2015 and publicly announced in 2022, the campaign has raised a total of \$31,428,674.40 in cash and pledges.

This milestone marks a transformative moment in local healthcare, with funds raised supporting a wide range of critical priorities—from the creation of a new Cancer and Medical Care Clinic with a co-located Pharmacy, to the purchase of essential medical equipment and investments in staff training.

“The Foundation launched this campaign with a vision to build a healthier future—one where the latest tools, technologies, and spaces are available right here at home,” says Cheryl Hunt, Executive Director of the Stratford General Hospital

Foundation. “Surpassing our \$30 million goal is a testament to what our community can achieve together.”

### The Role of Philanthropy in Healthcare

The Stratford General Hospital site of the Huron Perth Healthcare Alliance (HPHA) is fortunate to receive strong operational support from the Province of Ontario. However, provincial funding does not cover the cost of new and replacement medical equipment, vital infrastructure upgrades, or many of the innovations that enhance patient care.

That’s where community support becomes essential. The In Our Hands Capital Campaign was launched to bridge this funding gap, ensuring that care teams have the tools, spaces, and training they need to continue delivering exceptional care.

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# Message From Our Board Chair & Executive Director

As winter settles in and the year winds down, we find ourselves reflecting with profound gratitude on a season of growth, generosity, and shared purpose.

Thanks to your generous support, our In Our Hands Capital Campaign has been a remarkable success. Together, we've achieved milestones that will shape the future of care in our community. We've expanded access, improved patient experiences and redesigned spaces like the Cancer and Medical Care Clinic and Pharmacy to reflect the excellence of the care we provide. This was only possible because of you!

This season also brings a moment of heartfelt appreciation for several long-serving Board Members who have recently retired: Rick Orr, Phil Buxton and Matt Rees. We are deeply grateful for their years of leadership and unwavering dedication. Their vision and commitment have helped shape the strong foundation we stand on today.

As we look ahead, we are filled with hope and excitement, not just for what's next at the Huron Perth Healthcare Alliance (HPHA) - Stratford General Hospital, but for the continued strength and spirit of our community. Every day, we are inspired by the compassion, resilience, and generosity of the people we serve. It is the shared commitment to exceptional healthcare that moves us forward.

Your support reminds us that when we come together, we create something greater than ourselves - a thriving, healthy community for all. As we continue

this vital work, we invite you to stay with us. Every act of kindness, whether it's your time, expertise or financial support, helps us meet today's high-priority needs, while building a healthier tomorrow.

Thank you for being part of the journey. We are honoured to do this work with you, and because of you!

Wishing you a healthy and joyful winter season.



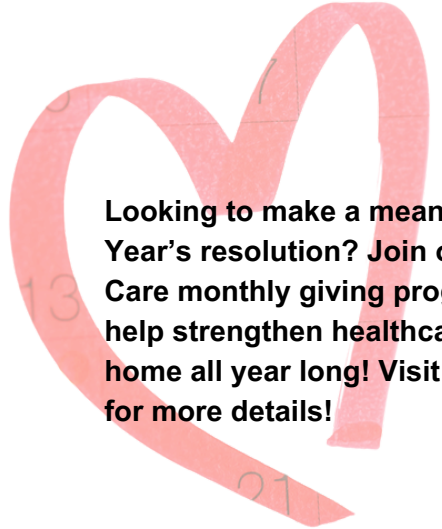
With heartfelt appreciation,

Josef Frank  
Board Chair

Cheryl Hunt, CVA  
Executive Director

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**Looking to make a meaningful New Year's resolution? Join our Circle of Care monthly giving program and help strengthen healthcare close to home all year long! Visit our website for more details!**

# Committed to Care: Get to Know Our Board

Behind every successful Foundation Board of Directors is a team of passionate community members who give their time, expertise, and heart. This year, we're thrilled to welcome three new directors to our Board, each with their own story of why healthcare close to home is so important.

Meet our newest Board members: Wendy Anderson, Jane Feltz, and Fred Lehmann, and discover what motivates them to support our community and its health.

## Wendy Anderson

A lifelong Perth County resident, Wendy brings a wealth of experience in education, municipal leadership, and community service to the Foundation Board. Deeply rooted in rural life and family traditions, she's passionate about ensuring high-quality, local healthcare close to home. When she's not quilting award-winning creations or cheering on her grandchildren at 4-H and curling events, Wendy is proud to help strengthen the future of care at the HPHA - Stratford General Hospital.



## Jane Feltz

A retired registered nurse with nearly four decades of experience, Jane brings a deep understanding of healthcare and a lifelong connection to Stratford General Hospital. From her early days in the ICU to caring for her parents and now serving as a Foundation Board Director, Jane's commitment to compassionate, close-to-home care runs through every stage of her life. An active cyclist, cross-country skier, and proud Nana of six, she looks forward to helping support future hospital priorities.



## Fred Lehmann

After a 20-year career in radio broadcasting followed by decades in public relations and communications, Fred brought his passion for storytelling and community engagement to the Stratford General Hospital Foundation Board. Since moving to Stratford in 2018, he's been inspired by the community's generosity and the Foundation's impact, particularly during the In Our Hands Capital Campaign. Fred believes in the power of strategic communication to strengthen connections and inspire giving, and he's especially interested in advancing local mental health care. When he's not volunteering, you'll likely find him on the golf course, curling rink, or behind a camera lens, with his loyal lab Orly never far away.



## Get to Know Them Better!

There's more to discover about Wendy, Jane and Fred! Scan the QR code, or [visit our website](#), to read their full interviews. Learn what inspires them, and hear about their journey to joining the Board and supporting local healthcare.



# Donor Spotlight: Together, We Make a Difference!



## Stratford Makers Market

A heartfelt thank you to the Stratford Makers Market, their sponsors, vendors, and everyone who joined the fun at this year's Easter Market! Thanks to your generosity, \$5,190.90 was raised for our Special Care Nursery. Since 2022, the Market has donated over \$20,000!

Apr '25



## Royal Canadian Legion Branch 532

Thanks to the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 532 New Hamburg for their generous \$4,000 Poppy Fund donation! This gift will help purchase a vital signs monitor for our Medicine Unit, supporting timely, accurate care for patients and veterans alike.

Apr '25



## Rotary Club of Festival City Stratford

We're so grateful to the Rotary Club of Festival City Stratford for their generous donation of \$10,835! Their gift will provide five specialized recliner chairs for our Special Care Nursery, helping parents enjoy safe, comforting skin-to-skin time with their newborns.

May '25



## Royal Canadian Legion Branch 128

Thank you to the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 128 Mitchell for their generous \$5,000 donation in support of our hospital's greatest needs. Your ongoing commitment helps ensure patients and families receive care close to home.

May '25



## Kinsmen Club of Stratford

At their 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary the Kinsmen Club of Stratford generously donated \$10,000 to support our hospital. Thank you for your ongoing commitment to community care. 80 years strong and still making a difference!

May '25



## Mabel, Aria & Ivey

A big shoutout to Mabel, Aria and Ivey! These three friends love to dance and spread kindness too. They canvassed their neighbourhood to raise donations for local healthcare, showing you are never too young to make an impact!

Aug '25

## Tim Hortons Stratford Locations

Thanks to your incredible support during Tim Hortons Smile Cookie Week, a grand total of \$49,774.93 was raised in support of the Cancer & Medical Care Clinic.

From cookie lovers to community champions, decorating volunteers to our tireless Tim Hortons teams, this sweet success belongs to you.

Your generosity and enthusiasm help ensure patients in our region continue to receive the compassionate care they need, close to home.

From all of us at the Stratford General Hospital Foundation: Thank you for making Smile Cookie Week so meaningful and so delicious!



May '25



## Perth County Flying Club

Planes, pancakes and plenty of community spirit! The Perth County Flying Club's annual Fly-in, Drive-in Breakfast served 670 meals and raised \$7,700 for local healthcare. Thank you to the pilots, volunteers, sponsors and everyone who came out to support!



June '25



## RE/MAX a-b Realty Ltd.

Despite the humidity and early thunderstorms, spirits were high at the RE/MAX a-b Realty 2025 Golf Tournament. The most successful to date, the event raised \$34,717 in support of RE/MAX's \$200,000 pledge to support the new Cancer and Medical Care Clinic. Thank you to sponsors, golfers, volunteers and the Stratford Country Club team for making it such a memorable day!

June '25

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Campaign investment priorities included:

- Cancer and Medical Care Clinic with co-located Pharmacy
- New and replacement medical equipment
- Laboratory improvements
- Transformation initiatives for Mental Health/Dementia Care
- Staff training

“These investments are already making a tangible difference for patients and care teams across the hospital,” says Andrew Williams, President & CEO, HPHA. “From state-of-the-art equipment to thoughtfully designed spaces, this campaign has enhanced access and helped us continue to deliver safe, efficient, and compassionate care.”

## A Community-Wide Effort

Support poured in from across the region, with thousands of individuals, families, businesses, service clubs, HPHA team members, and local municipalities stepping forward to give. In total, more than 27,000 gifts were made by over 7,500 donors.

Among the many highlights of the campaign were two transformational gifts of \$5 million—the largest of the campaign—from the Van Nes family, in memory of Jack and Teresa Van Nes, and from the City of Stratford. These extraordinary contributions reflect a

shared commitment to strengthening local healthcare for the benefit of the entire community.

“This campaign was about more than just hitting a target—it was about investing in our future,” says Rick Orr, Campaign Co-Chair. “We’re incredibly grateful to everyone who donated, shared their story, or encouraged others to support our hospital.”

With construction of the new Cancer and Medical Care Clinic complete, and improvements underway across multiple departments, patients are already feeling the lasting impact of this historic campaign.

## Looking Ahead

While the \$30 million goal has been exceeded, the Foundation emphasizes that continued community support will always be essential as healthcare needs evolve.

“We are celebrating today—but we’re also looking forward,” adds Paul Roulston, Campaign Co-Chair. “Because of this community’s generosity, we’ve built something incredible together. And with your continued support, we’ll keep moving healthcare forward.”

The Foundation extends its heartfelt thanks to every donor who made this milestone possible. This success belongs to the entire community—because when healthcare is In Our Hands, anything is possible.

## In Our Hands Capital Campaign Donor Wall

Together, we built something remarkable. Visit our In Our Hands Donor Wall in the June Blanch Lobby, or [explore it online](#) by scanning the QR code or visiting our website to view the list of campaign supporters.



# In Honour and In Memory

The Stratford General Hospital Foundation is grateful to the family members and friends who have made In Honour and In Memory donations from April 1, 2025 to September 30, 2025.

## *In Honour of*

Richard Gateman  
Rebecca Gonser  
Andy & Trudy Groenestege  
Janice Hannon  
David Hicks  
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Carole & John Macaulay  
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Gail Smith  
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Derek Baker  
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Joan Thomson  
Chris & Sara Wood

## *In Memory of*

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## Mission


We are committed to giving to life and to a lifetime of giving.

## Values

Integrity  
Accountability  
Leadership  
Partnership  
Innovation

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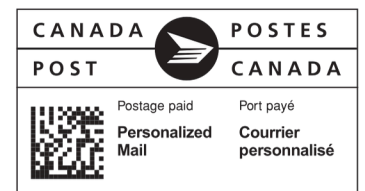
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