Stratford General Hospital
Foundation Monitor

Every Story Matters: Christie Morrow-Wolfe

A Milestone Birthday. A Meaningful Gift.

When Christie turned 50 this past June, she knew she wanted to celebrate a little differently. Rather than receiving gifts, she invited family and friends to join her in giving back to the community she calls home.

For Christie, a wife, mother, daughter, sister and friend, generosity has always been an important part of life. Raised in a family that valued caring for others, she saw her milestone birthday as an opportunity to put those values into action.

Christie and her husband moved to Stratford with their two daughters in 2017. With family connections to the area and her own history of studying and working nearby, the move felt like a homecoming.

"At 50, I have a whole house full of 'stuff.' I really don't need anything," she shared. "Hosting a wee birthday fundraiser seemed like the most logical, effective and meaningful way to celebrate my birthday."

Giving Back Through Personal Experience

Christie's decision to support the Stratford General Hospital Foundation was deeply personal.

Through her own experience, she came to appreciate the importance of having access to breast screening, diagnostic testing and care close to home. She also understands the uncertainty that comes with waiting for appointments and results.



Christie , pictured with her family, marked her 50th birthday by inviting friends and loved ones to support the Stratford General Hospital Foundation

"The waiting is often the hardest part of the journey," she explained. "By raising funds to support the Huron Perth Healthcare Alliance's (HPHA) Breast Assessment Centre at the Stratford General Hospital, I hoped to do my own small part to help care for others navigating their own breast health journeys."

Receiving much of her care locally allowed Christie to remain close to family and maintain her daily routines as a wife, mother and active member of the community.

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Committed to Care: Get to Know Our Board

Our Board of Directors brings together community members with diverse backgrounds, experiences and perspectives, united by a shared commitment to supporting exceptional healthcare close to home. In this issue, we invite you to get to know two of the people helping guide the Stratford General Hospital Foundation.

Barb Hiller Thibeault



Born and raised in Stratford, Barb Hiller Thibeault has spent her career helping people put down roots in the community she proudly calls home. A local business owner and realtor, Barb joined the Foundation Board in 2017, continuing a family tradition of involvement with the Foundation.

Through her work and her years on the Board, Barb has seen firsthand how important access to exceptional healthcare is to the people who choose to call Stratford home. She is continually inspired by the generosity of the community and what can be accomplished when people come together in support of their hospital.

Scan the QR code to the right to read Barb's full profile and discover what inspires her commitment to local healthcare.

Barb & Fritz's profiles can also be found at www.sghfoundation.org/news

Fritz Steigmeier



Born and raised in Stratford, Fritz Steigmeier brings more than 40 years of financial planning experience and a long history of community involvement to the Foundation. After spending part of his career in other communities, Fritz returned to Stratford more than 20 years ago. He joined the Foundation Board in 2022 and became Chair in 2026.

Fritz believes strongly in thoughtful stewardship, accountability to donors and ensuring our hospital has access to the equipment and technology healthcare professionals need. As Chair, he looks forward to helping the Foundation build on the generosity of the community while preparing for the healthcare needs of the future.

Scan the QR Code below to read Fritz's full profile and learn more about the perspective he brings to his role as Board Chair.

Barb's Story

Fritz's Story

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Donor Spotlight: Together, We Make a Difference!



Desjardins Insurance

A generous donation of notebooks, colouring supplies, stickers and fidget toys will provide comfort and distraction for kids visiting the Emergency Department. These items can help ease anxiety and give young patients something to focus on, creating a more positive care experience.

May '26



Tim Hortons

An incredible $51,082.87 was raised during Smile Cookie Week in support of the Cancer & Medical Care Clinic. From purchasing cookies and making donations to volunteering and organizing workplace orders, our community came together to support local cancer care.

May '26



Rotary Club of Festival City

A $10,000 donation raised through the popular Wine Survivor fundraiser will purchase a stretcher for the Critical Care Unit, with the remainder supporting urgent equipment and patient care priorities through our Greatest Needs Fund.

May '26



Stratford Men's Masters Soccer Club

The John Buca Stratford CT Memorial Masters Tournament raised $2,400 for Surgical Services, supporting staff amenities and equipment needs. Thank you to Darren Flood, RPN, for organizing this meaningful fundraiser.

May '26



Samm Simon

Over seven days, Samm Simon ran an incredible 251 kilometres from Stratford to Tobermory, raising more than $33,000 for healthcare and cancer support. His Epic Run for Cancer resulted in an $11,300 gift to the Emergency Department.

June '26



Perth County Flying Club

This year's Fly-In, Drive-In Breakfast raised $6,225 for our Greatest Needs Fund. Since its inception, this popular community event has raised more than $49,000 in support of patient care. Thank you to the volunteers, sponsors and attendees who make it possible.

June '26

Donor Spotlight: Together, We Make a Difference!



RE/MAX a-b Realty

The 2026 Golf Tournament raised a record-breaking $36,305! Proceeds will support a remarkable $200,000 pledge toward the Cancer & Medical Care Clinic, helping provide exceptional care close to home. Thank you to the golfers, sponsors, volunteers and supporters who made it possible.

June '26



Michael Welsh

After experiencing a difficult ring removal in the Emergency Department, Michael Welsh was inspired to fund a Ring Rescue device. Now available, this specialized equipment helps care teams remove rings more quickly and comfortably, turning Michael's personal experience into better care for future patients.

June '26



MD Financial Mangement & Scotiabank

More than 200 toys, games and creative activities were donated to the Maternal Child Unit as part of a region-wide toy drive. These gifts will provide opportunities for play, creativity and distraction, helping create brighter moments for children receiving care.

July '26



Lange Bros. Tree Service

A $12,500 pledge will help bring a Portable Nitrous Oxide Unit to the Maternal Child Unit, providing a flexible pain management option during labour. Supported through proceeds from an annual summer BBQ, $6,025 has been received to date.

July '26



Shakespeare Presbyterian Church

Proceeds from the March production of *The Table: Bread. Wine. Betrayal.* resulted in a $4,200.80 donation to our Greatest Needs Fund. The production brought church members and the wider community together.

Sep '26



D&S Downham Equipmnent

Celebrating 65 years in business, an Anniversary Party raised funds through ticket sales, auction bids and donations. From the proceeds, $9,000 was donated to our Greatest Needs Fund, with an additional $9,000 supporting Woodstock Hospital.

Sep '26

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"It gives me peace of mind to know that we have access to healthcare and certain diagnostic testing right here in our own community," she said.

A Celebration of Generosity

With her birthday approaching, Christie created an online fundraising page in support of medical equipment for the hospital's Breast Assessment Centre.

She shared the link on social media and included it with invitations to her birthday celebration, inviting family and friends to join her in giving back.

The response was immediate and exceeded her expectations.

"I was extremely humbled by people's generosity. And also extremely grateful," Christie shared. "People have been so supportive of me throughout my life, especially through my own breast health journey, and so their donation to this fundraiser was like a continuation of this ongoing support."

For Christie, the experience became about much more than celebrating a birthday. It was a reminder of the kindness and generosity of the people around her.

Small Acts. Meaningful Impact.

Funds raised through Christie's birthday fundraiser will support the purchase of medical equipment for the Breast Assessment Centre, helping strengthen the care available to patients in our community.

And for anyone considering turning a birthday, anniversary or other milestone into an opportunity to give back, Christie has some simple advice.

"Just do it. It's so easy to set up a fundraising page and there are great people there to help you."

Her 50th birthday may have been the reason to celebrate, but the generosity it inspired will reach well beyond that special day.

"If we all contribute in every small way we can, together our individual efforts can make a big impact."

Every story matters.
Every donation makes a difference.

Celebrate. Honour. Give Back.

From birthdays and anniversaries to personal challenges and special tributes, every occasion can be an opportunity to support healthcare close to home.

Our **Fundraise Online** program makes it easy to create a personalized fundraising page, share your story and invite family and friends to support medical equipment and technology at the HPHA - Stratford General Hospital. **Every fundraiser matters, no matter the size!**

Get started at sghfoundation.org/fundraise-online or scan the QR code.



Impact in Action

Safer Spaces. Stronger Mental Health Care.

Thanks to the generous support of the Rotary Club of Stratford, important improvements are helping create a safer, more supportive environment for patients receiving care on the Mental Health Unit at the HPHA - Stratford General Hospital.

Through their ongoing pledge, the Rotary Club of Stratford has helped fund new SPIRIT beds, designed specifically with patient safety in mind. These specialized beds include features that help reduce the risk of self-harm while supporting patient comfort and dignity.

Rotary's support has also helped fund an upgraded patient call bell system, strengthening an important connection between patients and their care teams. The system provides patients with a way to request assistance or reassurance when they need it, helping them feel safer and more supported throughout their stay.

Together, these improvements are making a meaningful difference for patients and staff, providing equipment and technology designed to meet the unique needs of mental health care.

Thank you to the Rotary Club of Stratford for helping strengthen mental health care, close to home.





A Commitment to Excellence: Imagine Canada Accreditation

The Stratford General Hospital Foundation is proud to have achieved Imagine Canada Standards Accreditation, joining a network of charitable organizations committed to excellence, transparency and accountability.

This national accreditation recognizes organizations that meet 73 rigorous standards in areas including financial accountability, fundraising, board governance and volunteer engagement.

Every donation represents an act of trust. This achievement reflects our ongoing commitment to honouring that trust through responsible stewardship, strong governance and ethical fundraising practices.

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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, 2026 to September 30, 2026.

In Honour of

Dr. Asham
Al Brodie
Ed & Julie Danen
Hugh & Doris Dietz
Michael Dunn
Dale Field
Rebecca Gonser
Robert Gould
Patricia Million
Christie Morrow-Wolfe
James Preston
Scarlet Rose
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John Snowden
Sylvia Wright

In Memory of

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Percy Lauwaert
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Gerald Joseph Leger
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Andrew Mailhot
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Michael McCullough
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George Penner
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Noelle Elizabeth Saville
Freda Schwartzentruber
Harold Schwartzentruber
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Paul Staight
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Arnold Vanden Boomen
Johanna (Joanne) Vanden Heuvel
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Shirley Wagler
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**Board of Directors listing and titles are current as of September 30, 2026*

Mission

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

Values

Integrity
Accountability
Leadership
Partnership
Innovation

Charitable Number: 11920 0004 RR0001

STRATFORD GENERAL HOSPITAL Foundation

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Memberships Now Available!

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Proceeds support the purchase of medical equipment.
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Art With a Purpose!

The Volunteers of Stratford General Hospital are bringing art and generosity together through their Art Wall fundraiser! Featuring artwork donated by local artists, this initiative turns creativity into support for healthcare close to home. 100% of proceeds go toward the purchase of medical equipment. Each piece is individually priced and available for purchase at the Volunteers' Gift Shop in the Main Lobby of the hospital.

Are you a local artist interested in contributing? Contact Christina Fischer at christina.fischer@hpha.ca to learn more.



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