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**Brockville & District  
Hospital Foundation**

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**LOOKING BACK AT 2024**

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## **A Message from Trish Buote, Executive Director of the Brockville & District Hospital Foundation**

Hello everyone. As the holiday lights brighten our community, I'm reminded of the countless lives we've touched together this year. As Executive Director of the Brockville & District Hospital Foundation, I want to share how your generosity has been a beacon of hope for so many in our community. This past year, our hospital has touched the lives of over 100,000 people across Leeds and Grenville and beyond. Imagine the 30,000 moments in our emergency room where urgent care made the difference between despair and hope. Each number represents a person, a family, a story of resilience, and our ER team is simply amazing.

We proudly unveiled our state of the art MRI and mammography suites enhancing our diagnostic capabilities. Our new emergency mental health and addiction care rooms provide critical support when it's needed most. This year, Brockville General has partnered with Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario (CHEO), allowing us to offer minor surgical services right here in Brockville. This ensures our children receive specialized care without having to travel far from home, and that's simply a game changer for parents in our community.

Our palliative care program remains a cornerstone of support, offering comfort and dignity to patients and their family during life's most challenging moments.

Thanks to your unwavering support, we've successfully raised \$12.5 million enabling remarkable advancements. Now we're on the brink of reaching our next milestone of \$1.3 million to purchase new beds for our hospital. These beds represent enhanced comfort and better patient outcomes, a testament to our commitment to providing the best care possible.

Our hospital is truly the heartbeat of Brockville, a sanctuary of healing, hope and unwavering support. Your generosity fuels our mission to deliver exceptional health care services right here in our own backyard, ensuring that every neighbour, friend and family member receives the care they rightfully deserve.

From all of us at the Brockville & District Hospital Foundation and Brockville General Hospital, we wish you a joyous and safe holiday season.

Your support is a gift that keeps on giving, making a profound difference in countless lives. Thank you for being the heart of our community. Together, let's continue to build a healthier future for all of us.

Happy holidays and be safe!  
Trish Buote  
Executive Director  
Brockville & District Hospital Foundation



Please be advised that our office will be closed for the holiday season from December 24 to January 2. During this time, our team will be unavailable to respond to inquiries, but we will resume normal operations on January 2, 2025. We appreciate your understanding and wish you a joyful and safe holiday season!



# JANUARY

**WE DID IT!**  
TOGETHER WE RAISED  
**\$12.5 MILLION**

**THANK YOU!**

EVERY DOLLAR SUPPORTS  
**YOUR HEALTH.**  
**YOUR HOSPITAL.**



The Brockville & District Hospital Foundation has successfully completed its fundraising campaign, surpassing the \$12.5 million goal to acquire essential medical equipment for Brockville General Hospital. The campaign, titled "Your Health Your Hospital," aimed to enhance patient care, diagnostics, and treatment outcomes by raising funds for state-of-the-art equipment.

Thanks to overwhelming community support, the campaign exceeded its target. Co-chairs Scott MacCrimmon and Dawn Tymianski expressed their gratitude, emphasizing the transformative impact of the campaign on the hospital's ability to provide better healthcare. Trish Buote, Executive Director of the Foundation, also thanked the community for their collective commitment to advancing local healthcare. The funds will be used to acquire key medical equipment, including an MRI Suite, a Mammography Machine, and other critical tools. Nick Vlacholias, President & CEO of Brockville General Hospital, highlighted the significant role this new equipment will play in improving patient care and advancing the hospital's mission. The Foundation extended its sincere thanks to all donors for their contributions to this important cause.

## FEBRUARY

**Parkedale Pharmacy Owners Celebrate  
25 Years with \$25K Donation**





In a heartfelt tribute to their 25th wedding anniversary, Harsh and Kanisha Patel, owners of Parkedale Pharmacy, have made a generous donation of \$25,000 to the Your Health Your Hospital MRI/Equipment Campaign. This meaningful contribution underscores their dedication to the health and well-being of the Brockville community.

Having called Canada home for nearly 20 years, the Patels have lived in Brockville for the past decade. Their decision to support the Brockville and District Hospital Foundation stems from a deep concern for ensuring accessible healthcare in their cherished community. During conversations at their dinner table, the couple recognized the urgent need for an MRI machine in Brockville, where residents often face long wait times or have to travel extensively for vital medical care.

In celebrating this significant milestone in their marriage, Harsh and Kanisha chose to forgo traditional anniversary gifts, instead directing their resources to improve local healthcare services. Their donation not only marks a milestone in their personal journey but also reflects their strong commitment to enhancing the health of their community.

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## Closer Than Ever to Accessible MRI Services



Brockville General Hospital's magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) project reached another



milestone on Wednesday, January 31 as concrete footings were poured on the site of the new suite. The next step is to pour the foundation wall when the footings have cured.

## We Couldn't Do It Without You!



In late 2023, the Brockville Theatre Guild's Calendar Girls production at the Brockville Art Centre raised funds for Palliative Care at Brockville General Hospital. They sold calendars featuring cast photos by local photographer Kaylee Villeneuve, aiming to raise \$6,000 to \$10,000. Thanks to the community's support, they surpassed their goal, raising \$13,537.85. This total included proceeds from a raffle for a painting by artist Margaret Ebdon. The initiative underscores the power of community involvement in supporting vital healthcare services.



The Brockville Area Photo Club (BAPC) has once again shown its commitment to giving back by donating a portion of their calendar sales to the Palliative Care program at Brockville General Hospital. From October to December, the club sold calendars featuring beautiful local photography to raise funds.

Yesterday, Catherine Starr and J.P. Lacasse presented a generous \$300 donation to the hospital, made in memory of a club member's spouse. This heartwarming gesture highlights the strong community support for the Palliative Care program.

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who contributed to the calendar and those who purchased it, helping make this donation possible.

## MARCH

## MRI Pods Arrive at Brockville General!



After 10 days, more than 1,700 kilometers, and the transportation of two 130-foot tractor-trailers, the two specially designed building units for the new Brockville General Hospital MRI arrived on March 23rd. Each unit, weighing approximately 110,000 pounds, was carefully lifted into place by crane throughout the day. With both units now on-site, the next phase of connecting electricity and plumbing to the hospital has begun.

## Game Changers



The Brockville Magedomas Old Timers Hockey Club hosted their 2nd annual hockey tournament on March 19th and 20th, 2024. As part of the event, they presented a generous \$3,000 cheque to the Brockville & District Hospital Foundation, which will support the "Time for Beds Campaign."



# APRIL

## New Mammography Machine Goes Online!



It's an exciting day in our Mammography department as we brought our new Hologic 3Dimension unit online. Valerie, pictured in the centre, was our first patient to receive a mammogram on our new machine.

The state-of-the-art machine, and the renovations to the entire department, were made possible by generous donations from the community!

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## MRI Scanner is Installed



On April 29, Brockville General Hospital successfully installed its new 4.2-ton Siemens MRI scanner, marking a significant milestone for the hospital and the community. The scanner, transported from Germany, was moved into the MRI suite through a specially designed hatch using a temporary bridge. Thanks to the efforts of the hospital staff, the Brockville and District Hospital Foundation, Siemens Canada, SDI Canada, and generous donors, the MRI is set to be operational by May, with local referrals beginning in July. Brockville General is the first hospital in



Ontario to use a medical-grade modular building for its MRI, a project completed in under eight months. This modular approach minimized disruption, with the installation proceeding smoothly and on schedule.



MAY



TOGETHER WE RAISED

**\$544,455.20!**

THANK YOU TO OUR RIDERS, VOLUNTEERS & SPONSORS!

The Brockville & District Hospital Foundation (BDHF) announced on Tuesday that their 4th annual Ride the River in support of the Brockville General Hospital raised a 'staggering' \$544,455.20 surpassing their goal.

The event was held on Sunday, May 26th starting out from Brown's Bay.

"A heartfelt THANK YOU to all the participants, volunteers, donors, and our dedicated planning committee. Special shoutout to our amazing anonymous donor who pledged to donate \$2,000 per registered rider!" said the BDHF in a post on their Facebook page.

This year's goal was \$500,000 and every donation will directly support the purchase of new beds, for the hospital ensuring comfort and care for patients in need.



## JUNE

Celebrating Our Donors





The Brockville & District Hospital Foundation unveiled the Donor Wall in recognition of contributors to the 'Your Health, Your Hospital' MRI/Equipment Campaign. We're blessed to live in one of the most generous communities and the success of the Foundation's \$12.5-million campaign demonstrates once again how our residents will rise to any challenge. Thank you to everyone who dug deep and gave what they could to support the campaign. I want to commend the Brockville & District Hospital Foundation for everything they do to support our hospital and ensure the amazing staff have the equipment they need to provide world-class care close to home.

## New MRI: First 4 Scans Complete!





Yesterday was a landmark day for healthcare delivery in our region as the first four patients received scans on our new MRI. Brooke Buell, one of the first patients, said she was excited to be part of the historic day at the hospital.

The patients who received their scans had been waiting between 2 & 2.5 years on other hospital waitlists. That's why our team is so excited to have the MRI in service less than 10 months after breaking ground on the project last fall.

We're supporting our regional partners and patients as we ramp up service to begin accepting community referrals and scanning our inpatients later this summer.

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## Flexing for a Cause



A big thank you to 4 Life Fitness for their generous donation of \$660.00 raised through their fundraiser to support mental health resources for the staff at Brockville General Hospital! We are incredibly grateful to 4 Life Fitness and everyone who participated, donated, and contributed their time, effort, and enthusiasm to make this event a success!

# Hot Chocolate, Warm Hearts



On July 15, the Brockville General Hospital Foundation hosted a heartwarming cheque presentation from a group of third-year Beavers from the White Tails pack. The Beavers presented a \$349 donation, raised through the sale of hot chocolate mixes as part of their North Star Award project. The funds were directed toward the 31st Annual Palliative Care Golf Tournament, which supports palliative care services at the hospital. This cause was especially meaningful to the Beavers, as they had recently lost a beloved Beaver Scouter who received exceptional care from the palliative team. The donation will help ensure that other patients and families continue to receive compassionate care. The Beavers' efforts, along with the support of their community, are making a significant impact.

# Farewell, Joan!



As Joan prepares to retire from the Brockville & District Hospital Foundation, we want to express our deep gratitude for her 15+ years of exceptional service and leadership. Her dedication, vision, and tireless efforts have been key to the Foundation's success, leaving a lasting impact on the Brockville community. Joan's passion for supporting Brockville General Hospital and her ability to overcome challenges with grace have inspired all. A mentor and valued colleague, she fostered a strong, cohesive team. We thank her for her remarkable contributions and wish her a joyful retirement.



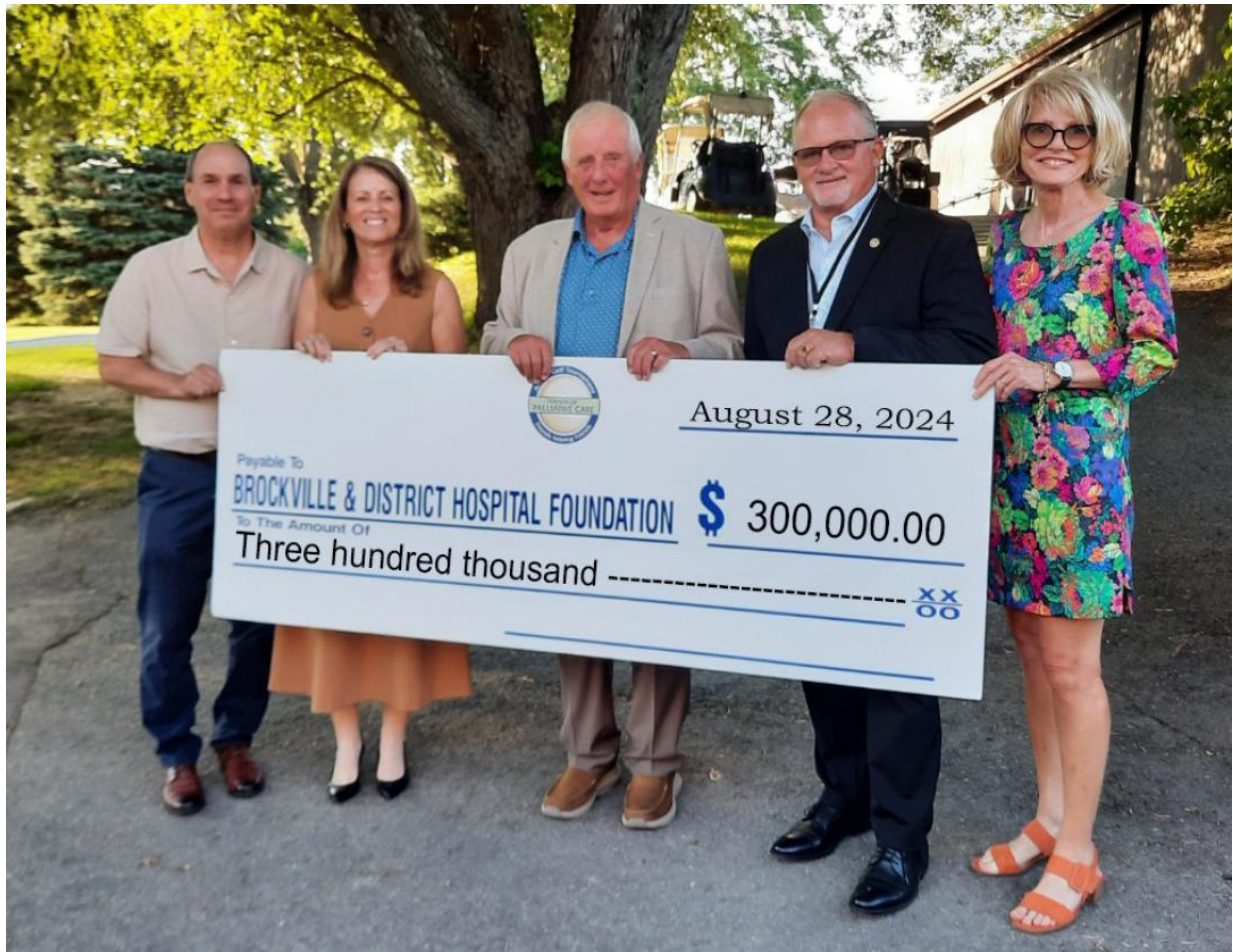
# AUGUST



## THANK YOU FRIENDS!

YOUR AMAZING SUPPORT & CONTRIBUTIONS HAVE HELPED US TO RAISE

# \$300,000!



### **A sincere Thanks to all businesses, donors, volunteers, golfers and our great community in supporting our Palliative Care Outreach Program!**

We get together every year because "It Matters".

It Matters that we look after each other, it Matters that we care for each other, and it Matters that the outreach program for Palliative Care continues in our community!

To date, your support has helped to raise over \$4,893,400.00 through this signature event, in efforts to support the Brockville General Hospital Palliative Care Program. This program costs \$800,000 on an annual basis and leans almost entirely on the funds raised by you and our community. By supporting this event you are making certain that this service continues to provide the best quality of life for the critically or terminally ill, by ensuring their comfort and dignity during their final days, adding life to days,



when days cannot be added to life.

See you next year on Wednesday, August 27, 2025!



## Sweet Sips!

# Lemonade Stand



25 Jessie St, Brockville





Aubree and Grady Spicer are on a mission to raise over \$330 in memory of their grandpa, Jeffrey Spicer. Every glass of ice-cold lemonade they sell today will go directly to the Palliative Care program at Brockville General Hospital

## SEPTEMBER

### Ontario's First Modular MRI Cassette® Launches at Brockville General Hospital



Brockville General Hospital and SDI Canada are proud to unveil Ontario's first Prefabricated Modular MRI Cassette® at a ribbon-cutting ceremony. The new modular building houses a Siemens MRI Scanner and supporting spaces, expanding the hospital's diagnostic imaging services.

"Brockville General is dedicated to expanding our services to meet community needs," said Nick Vlacholias, President and CEO. "In the first three months, over 400 patients from MRI waitlists have been scanned. We are grateful to our community and the Brockville and District Hospital Foundation for their generous support."

"We celebrate this milestone thanks to the support of our donors," said Trish Buote, Executive Director of the Foundation. "Your contributions have advanced our healthcare capabilities and helped bring cutting-edge technology to Brockville and the region. Thank you for making this possible."

## OCTOBER

### Shedding a Light on Mental Health

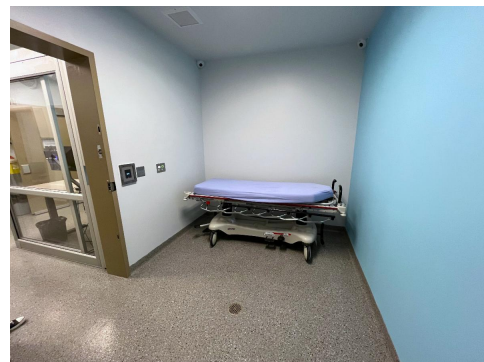


On October 1, the Brockville community celebrated the opening of the new Emergency Mental Health and Addiction Care (EMAC) Rooms, a major milestone in enhancing local mental health services. The initiative was made possible by the collaboration of Brockville Hyundai, Brockville General, generous sponsors, and community support.

The EMAC rooms are designed to provide specialized care for patients experiencing mental health or addiction crises. Developed with input from emergency and mental health teams, as well as patient advisors, the space focuses on both the physical and emotional needs of individuals in distress.

Dane Fellows, a sponsor, expressed gratitude for the collective efforts, acknowledging the profound impact of mental health and addiction challenges on families. Jessica Matysiewicz, Mental Health Program Manager, highlighted the rooms as a transformative step in the community's approach to care, emphasizing compassion, dignity, and safety for patients in need.

The initiative reflects a commitment to offering empathetic support, marking a hopeful new chapter in mental health and addiction care for the Brockville community.



## NOVEMBER

On Wednesday, October 30th, the Brockville & District Hospital Foundation celebrated the unveiling of our new brand, solidifying a renewed and unified partnership with Brockville General Hospital. Our new brand and **WEBSITE** embodies the theme "Stronger Together with Brockville General," reflecting a shared commitment to enhancing healthcare



and supporting our community. This exciting rebranding represents not just a fresh visual identity but also a renewed focus on collaboration and collective goals for the future of healthcare in our community!



# Brockville & District Hospital Foundation

Our hospital, our health.



# Brockville & District Hospital Foundation



# Care Local. Fund Local.

**Together, we care, we innovate,  
we act.**

Supporting Brockville General Hospital is vital to advancing our shared mission of providing exceptional healthcare right here, where it matters most.

**DONATE** 

**LEARN MORE**



[www.bdhfoundation.com](https://www.bdhfoundation.com)

# DECEMBER





The Brockville Rotary Club has brightened up the Palliative Care terrace at Brockville General Hospital with festive outdoor animal displays, which were originally used in Santa Claus parades during the COVID-19 lockdown. After being stored, these decorations now bring joy and warmth to patients, families, and staff. This generous donation serves as a heartwarming reminder of the holiday spirit and the power of community kindness. The Rotary's gesture highlights how small acts of generosity can make a big difference!

## Care Local. Fund Local.



Next time you're at the hospital, don't forget to check out the new signage!  
Brockville General and the Brockville & District Hospital Foundation are stronger together as we focus on making sure support stays right where it's needed most.



## Events & Happenings





## Your Emergency Department

# KNOW BEFORE YOU GO!

### DATE

Tuesday,  
January 21  
2025

### TIME

6:00pm  
-  
7:30pm

### LOCATION

Aquarium  
at Tall Ships Landing  
8 Broad Street, Brockville



[REGISTER HERE](#)



## Your Emergency Department Know Before You Go!

The Brockville & District Hospital Foundation is excited to host our first MEDtalks session on January 21, 2025, from 6:00 to 7:30 PM at the Aquarium at Tall Ships Landing.

Hear from a panel of healthcare professionals, including a doctor, pharmacist and an emergency nurse, as they discuss what to expect when visiting the Emergency Department. Topics will include wait times, alternative care options, and the roles of both Brockville General Hospital and the Brockville & District Hospital Foundation.

Book your tickets [HERE](#).

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**A PRIZE PACKAGE WORTH OVER \$4,000!**

SPECIAL THANKS TO  SPECIAL THANKS TO 

**Ultimate SNOW N' GO ON-LINE RAFFLE**

ONLINE TICKET SALES OPEN FROM NOV 27 TO DEC 23  
4,200 TICKETS AVAILABLE

**\$5 EACH - 3 FOR \$10 - 10 FOR \$30**

ALL FUNDS RAISED FROM TICKET SALES GO TO SUPPORT BROCKVILLE GENERAL HOSPITAL TIME FOR BEDS ANNUAL APPEAL. Lottery license# RA2143772. Must be 18 years or older to purchase. Raffle closes on December 22 @ 11:59pm. Draw will take place December 23 @ 12:00PM at the Foundation office. Prizes are awarded as listed, no substitutions.



**Creating a ripple effect of gratitude!**

Expressing your thanks for exceptional care.



We are excited to present the **Ultimate Snow n Go Raffle**, featuring over \$4,000 in amazing prizes!

Tickets are limited, so be sure to grab yours today at [www.bdhfracffle.ca](http://www.bdhfracffle.ca).

All funds raised from ticket sales will go to support Brockville General Hospital's Time for Beds Campaign. A special Thank you to Brockville Home Hardware Building Centre and River West Co. for their continuous support of Brockville General Hospital!

Brockville General Hospital cares for thousands of patients each year - patients like you who have experienced the exceptional care provided by our physicians, nurses, health care providers, support staff and volunteers.

If one of our staff members or team has made a real difference for you or a loved one, please show how much you appreciate their extraordinary care by making a donation to the Brockville & District Hospital Foundation in their honour.

Learn more about the Wave of Gratitude Program and send a wave of appreciation [HERE](#)



**Palliative Care Telethon**

The Telethon for Palliative Care Services is returning! While still



**NOTICE POTENTIAL MAIL DELAYS**

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November, 2024

With the Canada Post strike, there may be



supporting the same incredible cause, we've got some exciting updates in store. We're thrilled to bring this community favourite back. Keep an eye out for more information in the New Year!

some delays in deliveries. To ensure your gift arrives on time, we've made it easy for you to send it our way without any hassle! For immediate processing, donate online at [www.bdhfoundation.com](http://www.bdhfoundation.com) stop by our office Monday to Friday from 8:00 am - 4:00 pm, or give us a call at (613) 345-4478!

## Minor Equipment Needs

Donate and Make a Difference Today!



### CASE CARTS

12 needed @ \$7,500 each



### OVERHEAD TABLES

18 needed @ \$900



### MAYO STANDS

2 needed @ \$1,300 each



### SHOULDER ARTHROSCOPY INSTRUMENTATION

\$2,000 each

### LAPROSCOPIC INSTRUMENTS

(Laparoscopic DeBakey's x2  
Laparoscopic prestige graspers x4  
laparoscopic Metzenbaum scissors X4). All are approx. \$2,000. x10 requests.  
L-Hooks x 4 approx. \$450.



Laparoscopic light cables and attachments x4  
- \$550



**Your donations are important to us; they buy vital equipment that support programs and services and give our Healthcare Professionals the tools they need to provide the best possible care to every patient at Brockville General Hospital.**



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