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### A sincere thank you!

The funds raised will be used to purchase new surgical lights to help shine a light on surgery

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### NEWSLETTER OF THE BROCKVILLE AND DISTRICT HOSPITAL FOUNDATION

# FOUNDATION FOCUS

#### **Building on Success: Putting our Donors First**

As we begin 2023, it is appropriate to take time to reflect upon our important shared goal – supporting Brockville General Hospital and all staff providing care for patients each and every day.

Over many years, the support of our donors, supporters, partners, and our greater community has been unwavering.

Foundation donors provided the \$20-million local share needed to unlock government funds for our new \$200-million Donald B. Green Tower. Donors have also been very

generous in their support of the Palliative Care Program, the BGH Cardiac Rehabilitation Program, as well as providing stateof-the-art equipment to address urgent needs hospital wide.

With the announcement of the approval of an MRI for Brockville General Hospital and recognizing the priority to replace equipment that is nearing the end of life, the Foundation looks ahead to the next critical step in our hospital's journey.

At this unique moment in time, we have an opportunity to do so much more than simply replace outdated equipment. We can bring state of the art – "smart" equipment to BGH. Having MRI capability in Brockville would bring superior diagnostics and upto-the-minute technology right here, where we live.

**Provincial governments don't fund equipment.** We recognize that our incredible donors have been the catalyst to address the many urgent needs of our hospital – and it will be our donors who will take BGH to the next level.

That is why a primary focus of the Foundation is to **put our donors first**. It is essential that our relationship with donors is built upon trust, respect, and transparency. In doing so, the BDHF Board has adopted **The Donor Bill of Rights** which epitomizes what we strive to achieve and maintain with each and every donor.

We are most grateful to all our donors and supporters who have stepped forward over many years supporting Brockville General Hospital. We are humbled by your generosity. It has had such a profound and enduring impact on our hospital and our greater community.

Linda Hansen, Board Chair, Brockville and District Hospital Foundation

### **VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT**

### Brockville General Volunteer Association – Always Ready to Help ...

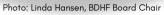
Thanks to the many Brockville General Volunteer Association(BGVA) members for all you do to help patients, families, and visitors to Brockville General Hospital.
 In addition to providing a valuable service to all who come into our hospital, the BGVA also raises funds and supports fund raising campaigns.

Next time you come to the hospital, take a moment to thank a volunteer for their service, and support their cause by purchasing a coffee at the café or picking up something special in the Gift Shop.

Pictured on the right is Sherry Martucci, a BGVA member ready to assist a patient in a stryker transport chair that was purchased with the support of our many generous donors







## FOUNDATION NEWS ANNUAL APPEAL SURPASSES ITS FUNDRAISING GOAL BY RAISING OVER \$137,000!

During the months of November and December, the Foundation's Annual Appeal goal was to raise \$105,000 to purchase operating room lights for Brockville General Hospital. The Foundation surpassed its goal by raising over \$137,000, with donations still coming in! BGH's operating rooms will have the best fundamental pieces of equipment to provide better patient care.



Dr. Michael Fuoco, Chief of Surgery, Brockville General Hospital

"Once again, we at the Foundation, are appreciative of the unwavering generosity of this community! As part of the Your Health Your Hospital MRI/Equipment Campaign, your contributions have ensured that BGH staff have access to much needed equipment such as these new surgical lights which ultimately enhance the level of care provided to everyone in our community. On behalf of the Board of Directors, and staff, we are extremely grateful to all of you for your continued support."

Linda Hansen, Board Chair BDHF

# YOUR HEALTH YOUR HOSPITAL Together, we can do this!



MRI capability is the cornerstone of faster and better patient care. Today, Brockville residents must join regional wait lists and travel to Kingston, Ottawa and Montreal for services.

Over the past 18 months, many generous donors have already contributed to the first \$2 million needed to purchase the MRI. An additional \$5.5 million needs to be raised to create a special room to house it.

Help us bring state-of-the-art MRI capabilities closer to home, to increase speed and accuracy of diagnosis and improve treatment.

### Be part of bringing an MRI to BGH

### Now is our moment

Contact us at <u>foundation@brockvillegeneralhospital.ca</u> 613-345-4478 or <u>www.bdhfoundation.com</u> Donors, like the ones we have featured in this season's *Caring Times Newsletter,* are making a difference every day. Without their support, our work wouldn't be possible.

Ponor Spotlight

**Robert Millar** is a long time benefactor of the Foundation, in support of Brockville General Hospital. In June, 2018, Robert Millar donated \$10,000 to Brockville General Hospital's Emergency Room Upgrade Project. The donation was made in recognition of retiring physician, Dr. Steve McMurray's dedication to the community, Brockville General Hospital and to his many patients. When Robert Millar heard of the **Your Health Your Hospital MRI/Equipment Campaign** he made the selfless decision to donate \$100,000, in support of the MRI.

Uttamlal (AI) Morriswala and his wife, Vanita recently made a generous donation of over \$100,000 towards the Your Health Your Hospital MRI/Equipment Campaign in support of an MRI for BGH. Al was the Administrator of Brockville General Hospital in the 80s for many years, during which time he and Vanita raised their four children. Their generous donation was their way of thanking the community they called home while raising their family for 32 years. Mr. Morriswala and his wife have nothing but praise for Brockville and the hospital. We are very humbled by their generous support!





Janet Eaton and Ray Wheeler generously donated \$25,000 towards the Your Health
Your Hospital MRI/Equipment Campaign in support of an MRI for BGH. In October, Re/Max Hometown Realty celebrated their 25th anniversary and, in honour of the community they love, donated \$25,000 towards the purchase of an MRI for BGH.
"As realtors, we are fully aware of what a community should be equipped with in order to be vibrant and attractive and the most obvious attraction is that of a hospital, a hospital that is able to meet the needs of its population." Stated Eaton and Wheeler. We are grateful for this donation and wish Janet Eaton, Ray Wheeler and the entire Re/Max Hometown Realty team a happy 25th anniversary!

Mario Pereira donates \$2,000 towards the Your Health Your Hospital MRI/Equipment Campaign in support of an MRI for BGH. Mario has been donating to the Foundation in a unique way for the past couple years! After retirement, Mario took up golfing and soon realized a lot of balls would be lost during the game. He would then find these lost balls and return them to his golf partners. They would reward him with a drink. It didn't take long for Mario to realize it would be best to take a small donation for the return of lost golf balls. Over time the donation fund grew as more golfers were interested in buying slightly used golf balls. Mario has decided to donate this year's profits from the sale of golf balls towards the MRI. Mario, as well as people he knows, have needed to travel outside of Brockville and would love to have access locally.



# LOCAL COMPANIES GIVING BACK

In this new section of our *Caring Times Newsletter*, we will be highlighting, one or more, local companies that support the Brockville and District Hospital Foundation in its efforts to raise funds for Brockville General Hospital. Whether the company provides monetary support, or gift-in-kind support such as supplies, prizes, or swag, the Foundation remains forever grateful.

If you are in interested in supporting the Foundation, like these highlighted companies, please reach out to us at <u>foundationebrockvillegeneralhospital.ca</u>, or call us at 613–345–4478.

Since 1957, G. Tackaberry and Sons Construction Company Ltd. has been serving Eastern Ontario and the Counties of Leeds and Grenville.

With the head office near Athens, and other locations in Perth and Seeley's Bay, Tackaberry covers a lot of territory.

Tackaberry Construction has always given back to the communities they serve. Athens is particularly near and dear to the family, but their giving back is area wide.



Kevin Tackaberry and the late June Knapp arrive in style to the Heart and Solstice event in 2015

Healthcare is important to the family. Tackaberry Construction has been supporting Brockville General Hospital for decades. They have supported the Campaign for Care, 1 & 2 East Revitalization Project, Palliative Care, and most recently, the Under One Roof Redevelopment Campaign.

A more recent donation made by the Tackaberry family was a much-needed ice machine for Brockville General's Hospital Ambulatory Care Unit. A year ago, the Tackaberry family lost a daughter, granddaughter, and sister, June Knapp (nee Tackaberry). June oversaw the Tackaberry head office and is deeply missed. June, like her mother Joan, was a wonderful example of kindness and giving, with a passion for her community and meeting the many needs. June's family thought the best way to honour June's memory was by making the ice machine donation.

In recognition of June, the family has facilitated a plaque in her memory on the Palliative Care floor.

Highlighting Tackaberry Construction made perfect sense to the Foundation to be the first local company we wanted to feature in this new section "Local Companies Giving Back", as the entire Tackaberry family's support over the many years to Brockville General Hospital has been immeasurable.



# UPCOMING EVENT



THIRD PARTY

### ARE YOU INTERESTED IN MAKING A DONATION TO THE BROCKVILLE AND DISTRICT HOSPITAL FOUNDATION BY ORGANIZING AN EVENT?

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Third Party Events are any fundraising initiative brought forward by a group external to the Brockville and District Hospital Foundation who wishes to raise money in support of Brockville General Hospital. They are a great way to have fun and rally support for healthcare.

Third Party Events can come in all shapes and sizes and can be a number of things such as a sporting event, a fashion show, a dinner with friends, a ride, or even a bake sale. No matter how big or small the event, every dollar raised counts.

> We would be pleased to be the charity of choice for your next fundraising event. We know first hand how much time and hard-work goes into planning even the smallest event, so we are here to help.

Please contact the Foundation Office at 613-345-4478 or email foundation@brockvillegeneralhospital.ca to let us know you are interested in hosting an event.

# WAYS TO GIVE

The Foundation is rooted in our community and is dedicated to ensuring that BGH has the best equipment and resources so that you and your loved ones have the necessary care when it is needed the most.

### The Foundation wants to make giving easy.

#### **ESTATE PLANNING**

### LEAVING A LEGACY WILL BENEFIT THE HEALTH CARE OF OUR COMMUNITY HOSPITAL NOW AND FOR GENERATIONS TO COME.

Consider leaving a gift to the Brockville and District Hospital Foundation in your estate. A charitable bequest leaves you in full control of your assets and can also be used to reduce taxes owed by your estate.

#### How to make gifts through your estate:

<u>Charitable Bequest:</u> A bequest of cash, property, and mutual funds, RRSP's, RRIF's, stocks or bonds can be bequeathed or transferred to the Foundation. <u>Life Insurance Policy:</u> Designating the Foundation as the beneficiary of your life insurance policy can provide a substantial gift in the future.

If you have an interest in leaving a Charitable Bequest or Life Insurance Policy to us, we recommend you discuss the idea with your financial or legal advisors.

If you would like discuss or learn more about any of these methods of giving, please contact the Foundation Office at foundation@brockvillegeneralhospital.ca or 613-345-4478.

MONTHLY GIVING

With monthly giving, your monthly gifts come straight off your credit card. You will receive one consolidated tax receipt for all your monthly gifts made in the previous calendar year. You can also change or cancel your gift at any time.

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### SECURITIES

The simplest way to make your gift of securities is to have them electronically transferred from your brokerage account to the Brockville and District Hospital Foundation's brokerage account. You will receive a receipt for income tax purposes for the full appreciated value of your donation of publicly traded stock or securities—similar to when you donate cash gifts.



**Donate Your Car to** Brockville and District Hospital Foundation



1. Tell us your vehicle info

2. We pick up your car

3. You get a tax receipt

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For more information visit our website at www.bdhfoundation.com/donate-your-car



### Marking its 40th year of raising funds for Palliative Care

For Palliative Care Services

### Saturday, February 25th and Sunday, February 26th

Visit <u>www.30hourtelethon.ca</u> for all the details. Please contribute if you are able to this longstanding fundraiser in support of Palliative Care at BGH!

#### PRIVACY STATEMENT

**Connect with us!** 

The Brockville and District Hospital Foundation respects your privacy. We protect your personal information and adhere to all legislative requirements with respect to protecting privacy. We do not rent, sell or trade our mailing lists. The information you provide will be used to deliver services and to keep you informed and up-to-date on the fundraising activities of the Foundation. If at any time you would like to be removed from our mailing list, simply contact us by phone at 613-345-4478 or by email at foundation@brockvillegeneralhospital.ca and we will gladly accommodate your request.

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