

## Our Valued Contributors

A reminder to all donors that an amalgamation of the Hôtel-Dieu Grace Hospital Foundation and Windsor Regional Hospital Foundation is now represented by the Windsor/Essex Hospitals Foundation. We thank all donors for their support and understanding through this transition effective last May.

Windsor/Essex Hospitals Foundation now assists to raise funds for Hôtel-Dieu Grace Healthcare on Prince Road and Windsor Regional Hospital, of the Ouellette Campus and Metropolitan Campus.

We thank all those who made a donation as a result of the Contributions Newsletter in June of this year where all medical equipment listed was supported, providing each healthcare organization with an opportunity to enhance programs and services on behalf of their patients and their families.

From the Board of Directors of the Windsor/Essex Hospitals Foundation, thank you again for your continued support!

## Cath Lab Moving Forward

The Hon. Dr. Eric Hoskins, Minister of Health and Long Term Care visited Windsor Regional Hospital and announced the government's commitment to moving forward with the Cath Lab project and the addition of a second cardiac catheterization table to provide 24/7 angioplasty. The Minister also confirmed funding to relocate Day Surgery to the 2nd floor to accommodate the Cath Lab locating to the 5th floor of the Ouellette Campus.

The \$18 million capital funding announcement sets in motion the planning and paving the way to improved service for Windsor and Essex County. "This new project will allow Windsor Regional Hospital to improve operational efficiency and meet the standards of care for regional cardiac programs identified by the Ontario Cardiac Care Network," stated Minister Hoskins. Noting the current limitations of one Cath Lab means hundreds of patients this year are sent to Detroit for the procedure and now, this will mean WRH will be able to provide more cardiac services right here in Windsor, closer to home.



*David Musy, President & CEO, Windsor Regional Hospital with the Hon. Eric Hoskins, Minister of Health and Long Term Care at Cath Lab announcement.*

## 28th Annual Tree Of Light Campaign Launched

Hôtel-Dieu Grace Healthcare lit the Christmas tree in the Ken Lewenza Sr. Lobby on November 18th, kicking off the 28th Annual Tree of Lights campaign. With the Salvation Army Band providing entertainment, HDGH staff from all departments lined up to place an ornament on the tree in memory or in honour of someone special in their life. The Tree of Lights campaign continues up to Christmas Day. For every ornament placed on the tree by a donor, they receive an additional one to place on their own tree at home. This year's campaign will assist the 2015 Ozad Institute Conference along with programs and services at Hôtel-Dieu Grace Healthcare.



*Kathleen Lawhead with Michele Berry placing an ornament in honour of Michele's husband, Bob Berry.*

## A Loved One Remembered Through Family Tournament

The Funkenhauser Family has raised funds in memory of their son, Trevor over the last five years through an annual golf tournament with funds supporting the ICU (Intensive Care Unit) at the Ouellette Campus.

Trevor lost his life in 2006 due to complications however, his vital organs were donated to save three lives through the Trillium Gift of Life Network. The family has since advocated on behalf of organ and tissue donations along with designing and furnishing the ICU Waiting Lounge in Trevor's name.



*The Funkenhauser Family proudly supporting Windsor Regional Hospital through the annual A Day For A Life V Honouring Trevor Louis Funkenhauser Golf Tournament.*

## Ciociaro Club International Women's Day Historic!

Since 2007, the International Women's Day Committee of the Ciociaro Club have dedicated their funds to the Breast Health Centre at Windsor Regional Hospital. The Centre is a one-stop service for women, providing an expedited breast assessment, a program affiliated with Cancer Care Ontario and meeting stringent quality standards. Timely biopsy and diagnosis of breast cancer is provided with rapid access to surgical consultation and treatment.

The International Women's Day is observed each year to recognize the oppression and inequality that occurred in the early 1900s when women advocated for equality, justice and the right to vote.

The Ciociaro Club International Women's Committee have pledged \$100,000 towards a Breast Health Ultrasound Imaging Suite.



Cheque presentation include Giulo Malandruculo, Board President of the Ciociaro Club; Rita Petrilli; Ilde Mariani; Anna Vitti; Anna Voza; and, Ilias Kiritsis, President of the Windsor/Essex Hospitals Foundation.

## T2B Concierge Program A Blessing For Patients

Waiting in an Emergency Department at the Met Campus of Windsor Regional Hospital has become more comfortable thanks to a partnership with Transition to Betterness (T2B).

Since September, the T2B Concierge Program consists of dedicated individuals offering the service. Concierge services include providing those attending the ER with blankets, pillows, refreshments, newspapers, magazines and other comfort items while waiting.

"This wonderful program ensures that the comfort and needs of patients are fulfilled in the Met ER as they wait for care, which can be frustrating at times," stated Karen McCullough, Chief Operating Officer and Chief Nursing Executive.

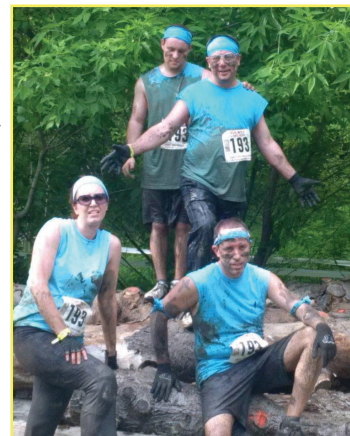


Susanna Chan, T2B Concierge employee at entrance of Met Emergency Department.

## Heart Breaker Challenge A Huge Success!

More than 1150 individuals participated in the 2nd Annual Heart Breaker Challenge last May in support of the Cardiac Wellness and Pulmonary Rehab Program at Hôtel-Dieu Grace Healthcare.

The Heart Breaker Challenge is the first of its kind in the Windsor/Essex region. According to Jason Petro, one of the organizers, the main goal is to raise funds for the Cardiac Wellness and Pulmonary Rehab Centre. "Both programs support hundreds of local patients each year with their recovery and management of their cardiac or pulmonary condition," stated Jason. "The Heart Breaker challenges participants to walk, jog or run an approximate 5 to 7 kilometer course with a number of obstacles throughout. The Heart Breaker Challenge raised over \$72,000 as a result of the May 2014 event.



One of 4 Fowler Financial teams working the challenge together. They are (top left to right) Tim and Barry Fowler; (bottom left to right) Talia Zacerkowny and Bill Marra.

## Bladder Scanner Enhances Care In Emergency Department

Thanks to a generous donation from local fundraising group, In Honour of the Ones We Love, the Emergency Department at the Met Campus has a new Bladder Scanner.

The new piece of medical equipment means fewer infection rates, reduced wait times and less discomfort for patients. Previously, when this kind of procedure is required, it means the insertion of a urinary catheter to drain the bladder which could be painful to the patient.

The Bladder Scanner is much less intrusive, using ultrasound waves to create an image of the bladder's interior as well as the readout of how much urine it is holding. It is available to children and older males with prostate issues and patients afflicted with cancer.

In Honour of the Ones We Love has supported many projects to improve the experience in hospital for the patient and their families.



Anita Imperioli, President, In Honour of the Ones We Love with Jeff Theriault, Clinical Practice Manager, Met ER.

# Current Needs

Windsor/Essex Hospitals Foundation represents needs from both Hôtel-Dieu Grace Healthcare, located at 1453 Prince Road and Windsor Regional Hospital, Met Campus at 1995 Lens Avenue and Ouellette Campus, 1030 Ouellette Avenue.

Please review the capital equipment requested by both organizations. Respond by using the enclosed donor card and return the self-addressed stamped envelope. If you have any questions, please contact Ron Foster, Executive Director, Windsor/Essex Hospitals Foundation at 519-995-2482 or email [ron.foster@wrh.on.ca](mailto:ron.foster@wrh.on.ca)

## Nu Steps, Treadmills and Stationery Bikes (Cardiac Wellness Centre)

To assist post-heart attack and stroke patients with physio exercise.



## Urology Table (Operating Room)

Surgical procedure table to assist men's health program. (cost \$36,000 each)



## Bariatric Recliners (Surgical)

Required for patients who weight barring exceeds conventional recliners. (cost \$3,147 each)



## Recliners (Medicine)

To assist patients convalescing/recovering from illness. (cost \$1,995 each)

## Hi Low Beds (Surgical Programs/Medical)

Types of beds that assist with preventing patient falls. (cost \$6,500 each)



## Bassinets (Family Birthing Centre)

Upgraded bassinets required in the Maternal/Newborn Program where 3,800 births occur annually. (cost \$2,235 each)

## First Birthday Give Back!

Anka and Roberto DeSantis celebrated the first birthday of their son, Nicholas Joseph by visiting Met Campus and donating \$1,000 to the NICU.



Nicholas was born on September 19th, exactly a year to the day of their visit. The parents wanted to give back to the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit for the great care their son received having spent 71 days in the NICU and who is now, a very healthy boy.

*Giola Levesque, Social Worker with Anka, Roberto and Nicholas along with Lucia St. Aubin, Manager of the NICU.*

## Halloween Comes To The Hospital

As a gesture of good will on Halloween, representatives from the Conseil Scolaire Catholique Providence (French Catholic School Board) visited Windsor Regional Hospital and donated an array of toys, games and activities for children who could not celebrate Halloween in the traditional sense.

Child Life specialist, Jennifer Burton Liang explained that the activities helped with easing anxiety and fear that children often experience when in the hospital.



*(l to r) are Joel Beaudoin, School Principal; Jennifer Burton Liang, Child Life Services and, Joseph Picard, Director of Education.*

## A Girls Night Out A Diva Delight!

They've done it again! Thanks to the Do Good Divas, their recent and very successful 'A Girls Night Out In Handbag Heaven' assisted Windsor Regional Hospital to refurbish additional family patient rooms on the Medicine and Surgical Units at the Met Campus.

Since 2007, Do Good Divas under their President, Gale Simko-Hatfield is a not-for-profit service club raising funds in Windsor/Essex on behalf of health-related causes.

Their next major initiative is a pledge commitment of \$100,000 to W.E. Care For Kids to support the Family Learning Place of the Regional Children's Centre of Hôtel-Dieu Grace Healthcare.



(l to r) Lindsay Lovecky, Vicki Granger, Gail Simko-Hatfield and Lucy Fanson, of Do Good Divas.

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Give the Gift that Brightens this Holiday Season by Supporting

**28<sup>th</sup> Annual Tree of Lights Campaign**

Hôtel-Dieu Grace Healthcare

For every *Tree of Lights* donation you make, we will hang a special ornament in memory or in honour of your loved one on our Christmas tree and provide an ornament for you to hang on your tree at home.

All proceeds from this year's campaign will benefit programs and services at Hôtel-Dieu Grace Healthcare and the 2015 Ozad Institute Conference.

For more information on the *Tree of Lights Campaign*, or to make a donation, please call 519-257-5234.

## Dragon Boats Partner With Shoppers Drug Mart

The local branch of the International Dragon Boats for the Cure have partnered with Shoppers Drug Mart Associate-owners to raise awareness and funding in support of the Breast Health Centre at Windsor Regional Hospital.

The Shoppers Drug Mart WOMEN initiative is one of the many ways they show their commitment to advancing women's health in body, mind and spirit through its community investment program.

Shoppers Drug Mart recent donation of \$177,146 to the International Dragon Boat Festival for the Cure will assist with their pledge in providing a state of the art Fluoroscopy Unit in Diagnostic Imaging and an advanced X-Ray machine in the Emergency Department at the Met Campus.



Shoppers Drug Mart representatives present a cheque to Gerry Orum and Beth Noakes of the International Dragon Boats for the Cure.