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#### Dear Donor,

Because of **you**, we are in a better place! Windsor Regional Hospital Foundation and its Board of Directors thank you for **your** continued and ongoing faith in us through your donation to enhance patient care.



We cannot do it without **you!** Over the last few years, donors like yourself have helped to raise hundreds of thousands of dollars for new medical equipment that assists the patient directly, comforts their families and help the staff with their care of your loved one.

On the horizon is the plan for a new, state-of-the-art hospital and hospital/health system for Windsor and Essex County. It means that **you**, **your** family, their children and the next generation can expect the best health care possible. The plan is to improve from what we have today. Old, antiquated facilities that are caring for patients; however, need to be replaced due to many issues including the spread of infections which is difficult to control under existing infrastructure. In the future our plans are for up to 80% single patient rooms including an area for family members to stay with their loved one. There are many other positive plans for the new hospital that will bring hospital care into the future.

Soon, approval to move forward will occur and the region is behind the plan with approvals of funding for the brick and mortar component. Planning is underway to seek funding for new medical equipment for the future hospital and health system. We know you will want to be part of this health care future! It is an investment made by you, for you and your family!

On behalf of the Board of Directors, **thank you** for your continued and dedicated support!

Ron Foster, Executive Director Windsor Regional Hospital Foundation

#### Ronald McDonald House Windsor A First Of Its Kind

The opening of the first, 'house within a hospital', made history when the latest Ronald McDonald House (RMH) was officially dedicated on May 6th. Every year, 540 children receive paediatric care and up to 50 or more come from over 50 miles away for services. That was the reason Ronald McDonald House Charities of Southwestern Ontario decided to facilitate a house in Windsor inside of Windsor Regional Hospital.



Photo above: Officials from Ronald McDonald House Charities Canada along with Margaret Anderson, Executive Director, RMHC Southwest Ontario; Bob Renaud, Board Chair, Windsor Regional Hospital and, Ronald McDonald himself participate in an exciting ribbon cutting ceremony.

The new RMH Windsor offers 7 bedrooms, 5 with en suite bathrooms and 2 short stay rooms; full kitchen with dining, laundry, living space with television, books and computer room, along with accompanying sunroom/lanai to bring in sunlight and fresh air.

"This is a great and proud day for families in Windsor and Essex County, as the new area provides comfort and a home away from home for families in need to be close to their ill child," stated Bob Renaud, Chair of the Board of Directors, Windsor Regional Hospital.

#### Shriner's Shine

Members of the Moramos Shrine Club of Windsor donate \$5000 to the Windsor Regional Hospital Foundation in support of Paediatric Services. The Shriners are an international fraternity established in 1870, focused on raising funds for sick children. "We raise money from our annual holiday fruitcake sales, keno and circus," stated Noble President, George Minto.



Not necessarily in order, members of the Moramos Shrine Club of Windsor visiting Windsor Regional Hospital to present their donation included: Nobles, Bill Lynd, Morton Brodsky, Jim McDonald, Jerry McGuarry, Maurice Howles, Randy MacNevin, Eddie Carey, Jim Chambers, David Kerr, Don Warner and George Minto.

#### Tip Of Our Hat To All!

The fundraising event that just keeps growing achieved a great milestone this year. Hats On For Healthcare, a trademark event for Windsor Regional Hospital Foundation raised over \$40,000 as a result of the community and staff getting behind the campaign.



Held on March 2, the event drew interest from several organizations. businesses. financial institutions. educational facilities, sports teams and individuals. The concept is simple. We ask individuals or groups to each donate a toonie for the privilege of wearing a fashionable or wild hat, with all proceeds this year supportina the Mental Health Program Windsor Regional Hospital. t o Gο www.hatsonforhealthcare.com for more information.

# Local Equipment & Supply Firm "Pays It Forward"

Advance Business Systems and President, Jack Jorgensen celebrate the Annual Detroit Lions Thanksgiving Classic with a customer appreciation day and donating proceeds from that event.



President of Advance Business Systems, Jack Jorgensen donating \$11,000 to Paediatric Services joined by Lucia St. Aubin, Interim Program Manager; Ilias Kiritsis, President, Windsor Regional Hospital Foundation; and Jake Jorgensen.

#### Important To Support Critical Care

Seeing a need to provide a Critical Care Quiet Room for physicians to meet with families about ICU Critical Care issues, thanks goes to "In Honour of the Ones We Love" for stepping forward and donating \$15,000 for construction and furnishing of the new area. In Honour is a grassroots charitable organization assisting patients and their families affected by life-threatening illnesses.



Anita Imperioli and Teresa Silvestri of In Honour of the Ones We Love; Janet Johnson-Reddam, Director; Marianne Westlake, Manager and Cathy Dwyer, Clinical Practice Coordinator, all with the Critical Care Program at Windsor Regional Hospital.

"It was necessary at the Met Campus to provide a private and confidential space to meet with families whose loved one was in ICU," said Director, Janet Johnson-Reddam.



#### Our Greatest Needs At This Time

Thank you for supporting patient care through the Windsor Regional Hospital Foundation. Please review the items displayed below. When responding, complete the donor card sent to you and return it in the envelope provided. A tax receipt will be issued for tax year 2016.

If you have any questions, contact Ron Foster, Executive Director, Windsor Regional Hospital Foundation at 519-995-2482 or email ron.foster@wrh.on.ca.

Thank you again for your consideration!

□ Bariatric Medical Recliner (Renal Dialysis Program) Cost: \$3,500



☐ Digital Monitoring System
(Sleep Lab)

Cost: \$21,000

37.6

☐ Warming Blanket Cabinet (Operating Room)

Cost: \$8,000



☐ Bladder Scanner (PACU Recovery)

Cost: \$16,495



☐ Vital Signs Monitor (Medicine Program)

Cost: \$2,000



Ultrasound Machine (Renal Dialysis Program)

Cost: \$22,500



☐ Future State-Of-The-Art Acute Care Hospital and Health System

(supporting new medical equipment)

The future construction of a new 1.6 million sq. ft., 10-storey, single-site acute care hospital that will include up to 80% single patient rooms and the latest technology for complex regional trauma and emergency services, regional cardiac and cancer care, neurosurgery, neonatal intensive care, obstetrics and pediatrics along with surgical units and acute care specialty clinics.



#### **High School Heroes!**

General Amherst High School in Amherstburg displayed student leadership once again when, under the guidance of Felicia Varacalli, Grade 12 student, held their annual Teddy Bear Drive for Windsor Regional Hospital's Paediatric Services, donating 150 bears and other assorted stuffed animals for children in the hospital.

The entire student body at General Amherst got involved through draws, winning gift cards to spend on a stuffed animal of their choice, donating it to the cause. Subway Restaurant in Amherstburg was a big help as well.

**PHOTO (right):** Grade 12 Student, Felicia Varacalli; Teacher, Kary Coulson and School Custodian, Jim Craig with some of the many stuffed animals donated.





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#### Thank You To Nancy Allen!

The Renal Dialysis Program is a growing and in need of modern medical equipment as it prepares to relocate to a new area within the Bell Building, adjacent to the Ouellette Campus of Windsor Regional Hospital.

Donor, Nancy Allen saw the need and stepped forward when she heard the department required a replacement ultrasound machine used for daily care of patients requiring dialysis. Without hesitation, she provided the \$22,500 to purchase the new vascular-access ultrasound machine.



Nancy Allen, with staff, Evelyn Chappus, Manuel Alfaro, Andrea Palaccia, Colleen Nasello, Charmaine Foresto and Renal Dialysis Director, Jonathan Foster.

## **DONATE TODAY!**







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## Caesars Windsor & T2B Partner On Behalf of Patient Care

The spotlight was on Caesars Windsor when they donated \$25,000 to Transition to Betterness (T2B) through their 'Concerts for a Cure' Annual Campaign. T2B then supported Windsor Regional Hospital by donating that funding to refurbish an Inpatient Oncology (Cancer) Room on 4West, Met Campus as part of their mandate to provide comfort and compassion to cancer patients.

Kevin Laforet, President, Caesars Entertainment praised T2B as a homegrown charitable organization aiding thousands by providing simple, yet essential comforts for patients and families during difficult times. Caesars Windsor 'Concerts for a Cure' donated \$1 for every Colosseum ticket sold last October and November.



Proud staff of Caesars Windsor presenting the \$25,000 donation whom include: Jhoan Balyyot, Manager, Public Relations; Scott Jenkins, Director of Advertising; Glen Sawhill, Senior Vice-President at Caesars Windsor; Carolyn Marcotte, Vice-President, Legal and Compliance and Erica Dufour, Digital Media for Caesars Windsor. Amber Hunter, Executive Director of T2B is holding the recognition plaque.

