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The bad news is time flies. The good news is you're the pilot.
~Michael Altshuler



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WRH JOINS E.M.S. TO CELEBRATE 3RD ANNUAL 'SURVIVOR'S DAY'

Dr. Paul Bradford, ER physician and trauma lead at Windsor Regional Hospital's Ouellette Campus was on hand to help congratulate the community's team-approach to critical care.

In 2013, 32 individuals were successfully resuscitated while on route to hospitals in Windsor and Essex County. For the last three years, many paramedics, nurses, firefighters, police and community members gather for 'Survivor's Day' held at the Essex Civic Centre to recognize the teamwork involved in treating the most critically ill patients.

"Today is really a celebration of the work that goes on every day," stated Dr. Bradford. "People are out there ready to do this at a moment's notice, within seconds, on our streets, 24-7 in order to give that patient a chance, and bring them into the hospital where we do what we do to get them home."

It is teamwork, from emergency dispatchers, to the paramedics, firefighters and police who are the first responders at a scene, to the doctors and nurses receiving them at Emergency Rooms at the Met and Ouellette Campuses as well as Leamington District Memorial Hospital.

"We see this teamwork each and everyday and, something we sometimes take for granted," stated Randy Mellow, Chief of EMS, Essex-Windsor. "But it's the way they serve this community that results in saving lives and relieving pain and suffering that I am most proud of!"

In attendance were, Christine Perryman, Lesley Borrelli and Sharra Hodgins from the Cath Lab team. They were on hand to be recognized for the team's efforts in helping heart attack patients brought in by ambulance and requiring life-saving treatment through the Cath Lab at the Ouellette Campus of Windsor Regional Hospital.



ROOM DEDICATION BRIGHTENS SPIRITS

Christmas was her favourite time of year. Five year old, Brynlea Mailloux fought an undisclosed disease that ultimately wore her little body out but left a spirit of sunshine for others.

A Paediatric Outpatient Clinic Room was dedicated in her name on December 23 recognizing the extraordinary spirit that Brynlea had at her age. One of her wishes was to create books for other children that would help them understand various medical treatments and face their challenge with courage and hope. Though her future became progressively challenging, she always remained a ray of sunshine with her positive attitude.

'In Honour of the Ones We Love' assisted with costs to redesign the patient room with things that Brynlea liked including artwork and her favorite colors, pink and purple.



INFLUENZA ALERT - FLU CASES SPIKE!

You may have seen or heard Windsor Regional Hospital alerting the community about a spike in local influenza cases, some fatal with a message to get the flu shot if you have not done so. Although not mandatory for healthcare employees, some of you may not have had to opportunity to obtain the flu shot when the clinics were available. Influenza and flu affects millions of Canadians each year and getting the flu shot can help the infection or reduce the severity of the illness.



THANK YOU LEAMINGTON DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

The Grade 9 Learning Strategies Class and Grade 12 Family Studies Course students wanted to support a number of charitable causes during the holidays including Windsor Regional Hospital.

Applying for grants from the United Way and partnering with regional businesses, the students jumped into the project and successfully raised enough funds to donate to the Unemployed Help Centre Food Bank and also provide several Build-A-Bears and other items to Paediatric Services at the Met Campus.

One of the students recently lost a family member to cancer and the students also engaged in the project in her memory. Teachers, Mrs. Couvillon and Mrs. Rossi stated that the students also benefitted by building on learning skills, communication skills, learning about community partnerships and demonstrating caring and compassion.



IN THE SPIRIT OF GIVING

Parker Drouillard is one of a kind! He and his brothers, Aiden and Matthew and a close friend have been fundraising for Windsor Regional Hospital over the last seven years.

They visited the Met Campus just before Christmas and donated \$1,300 to Paediatric Services. It is an annual visit by this young philanthropist who began projects at the young age of seven to see that kids in the hospital are helped. He and his brothers did many tasks to raise funds including raking leaves, selling products, collecting pennies and asking businesses to support their cause. Over the last seven years, Parker and the boys have raised approximately \$30,000 for Paediatric Services in both the inpatient and outpatient units.



(L to R) Heather Hardy, Child Life trainee, Aiden, Matthew and Parker Drouillard with Lisa Galbraith, Child Life specialist.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR OWN RALPH NICOLETTI AND DONOR, CHARLOTTE LOARING

Ralph Nicoletti, recently appointed to Vice President, Medicine Programs was recognized by Rotary Club of Windsor-Roseland with a Vocational Service Award recently. Nominated by Aruna Koushik, Mediation Officer for Windsor Regional Hospital and also a Rotarian, Ralph was recognized for being a strong and dedicated leader. He values each of his team members as solid leaders and celebrates their success for working with staff, encouraging them to work together to achieve even more. A great example was in the reduction of MRI wait times.

Charlotte Loaring was nominated by Rotarian, Elaine Snaden who is also Vice Chair of the Windsor Regional Hospital Foundation. Charlotte has been assisting the Windsor Regional Hospital Foundation for several years through the Annual Loaring Physiotherapy 'Run Under The Sun' event held in Tecumseh. Charlotte received a Vocational Service Award from the Rotary Club of Windsor-Roseland as a result of her mission to promote healthy living and lifestyle. Along with supporting WRH, she is recognized for Chairing the 2013 International Children's Games Medical Athlete Services Committee and supporting the Elena Loaring Memorial Scholarship Fund benefitting Breast Cancer Research.



TONY TURNS 94!

Tony Peters was surprised with a cake and balloons as Cancer Program staff and volunteers alike treated Tony with a resounding Happy Birthday, accompanied on the piano by Volunteer Coordinator Anita Schawillie. Tony's volunteer career began in 2008. He is a full time volunteer, 5 days/week, and has never missed a day of work over these past 5 years, except just a few while he was temporarily in hospital. Tony is seen here between his two daughters during his birthday celebration December 23 in the Cancer Centre lobby. Congratulations Tony and thank you for all you do!



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DID YOU KNOW?

Aurin Chang was Windsor and Essex County's Newborn baby in 2014 weighing 6 pounds.