

Thank you!

“Thank you for supporting healthcare in our community.”

From the moment he arrived at Windsor Regional Hospital, Louie Calsavara remembers every staff member going out of their way to calm his nerves.

“It’s unbelievable the compassion they can have. The relief of having a team who acts with compassion and professionalism – they’re just outstanding.”

Louie played many sports all his life, with a particular love for hockey.

He knew that the sports he



Louie Calsavara is grateful for the care he received.

played were having an impact on his knees. He tried many different treatments over a 10-year period, but ultimately understood that one day he’d need to have knee replacement surgery.

Louie was referred to Windsor Regional Hospital’s Dr. Stuart Bisland, and was reassured to learn about Dr. Bisland’s outstanding reputation.

Our teams are always mindful that what might be a routine surgery from the hospital’s point of view is actually a big procedure for our patient.

So from the time a patient arrives until the moment they leave, our focus is on providing compassionate, informed care – as well as world-class medical treatment.

“Dr. Bisland has a wonderful bedside manner. He was able to put me at ease as he talked through the surgery and explained everything. And when I woke up, the first thing I saw was him smiling at me. I knew I was OK.”

Three weeks after surgery Louie was back at work, and at the gym six weeks to the day after. Thanks to the rehabilitation plan, he can now do all that he could do before surgery, but without any of the pain.

Daily walks with his wife Tracy, their dog and keeping up with his grandkids is not a problem now! He’s even thinking of getting back to skiing and on the ice!

Louie and his family have a long tradition of supporting the hospital. His late mom, Danila, was a dedicated supporter, who instilled in him and his sister Beverly, from an early age, to always give back.

“I’d like to say thank you to every donor and volunteer for supporting the hospital. Nobody wants to spend time in a hospital, but it’s so important that it is here when we or our loved ones need it.

Thank you for supporting healthcare in our community. I can tell you from first-hand experience that your gifts are put to very good use.”

Interview with the Doctor

Dr. Sajit Augustine is Chief of Pediatrics and a Neonatologist. We asked him to provide an update on the “Whole Body Cooling System” that donors like you generously helped to fund for the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit.

Can you tell us about the Whole Body Cooling System and how it helps patients?

When a newborn experiences oxygen deprivation or problems with blood flow at or around birth, they can end up with a type of brain damage called birth asphyxia.

Currently, there is no true cure for birth asphyxia. But we do know that cooling down the newborn’s body can reduce the extent of permanent brain damage if it’s done shortly after birth or the oxygen-depriving incident. It’s called “hypothermia therapy.”

That’s where the Whole Body Cooling System comes in.

So the purchase of this equipment has been vital in caring for these newborns at risk?

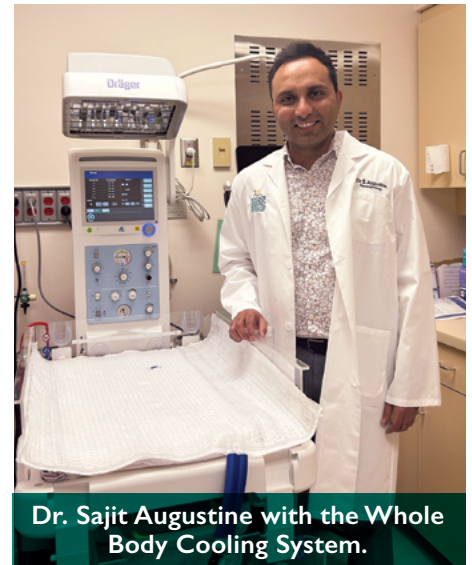
Yes. In the past, Windsor NICU was not equipped to provide therapeutic hypothermia, so the baby had to be transferred to Detroit or to London.

Cooling will decrease a baby’s chance of dying, or of having a major disability. It works by reducing the amount of damage to brain cells.

There’s a critical six-hour window. The sooner hypothermia therapy begins, the greater the chance that the baby’s potential disabilities will be minimized.

What message would you like to send to the donors who helped fund the Whole Body Cooling System?

I want to express my deepest gratitude for your generosity and support. Your contributions have made a significant impact in the lives of those in need, and your kindness has not gone unnoticed. Your donations will help us continue our mission of making a positive difference in our patients’ lives.



Dr. Sajit Augustine with the Whole Body Cooling System.

Thank you to all our donors for supporting the purchase of this machine.

A Tip of the Hat to You!

Thanks to our supporters, the 15th Annual Hats on for Healthcare was a huge success... beating our goal and raising over \$76,000 to help purchase essential equipment to diagnose and treat people with cancer at Windsor Regional Hospital.

Congratulations go to our top teams and individual fundraisers:

- »» **Top School Team:** Sandwich West – the Spartans
- »» **Top Team:** Rotary Club of Windsor-Roseland
- »» **Top Individual:** Sandra Bauer
- »» **And our Early Bird WestJet Prize Winner:** Melissa Lot

As ever, Hats on for Healthcare is truly a team effort. We are so grateful to our community of generous sponsors for making this event so memorable.

We couldn’t do this without all of you!





Join Dr. David Paterson in supporting Windsor Regional Hospital

Dr. Paterson's commitment to Windsor Regional Hospital began in the Emergency Room...

"I remember the day so clearly. It was July 1, 1975. And at 8 AM I started my career as an Emergency Room physician.

My first shift was terrifying and intense, like jumping into an abyss. But also life-changing. I survived my first shift, which led to me working in Emergency full- or part-time for three decades. Working in the Emergency Room was a wonderful experience, thanks to the support and camaraderie of the staff. Over time, I gradually switched to family practice.

I have spent the last 49 years caring for patients in the Windsor area and will celebrate 50 years of practice on July 1, 2025. I feel both privileged and honoured to have cared for many patients throughout my career.

I know how important good healthcare is for both individuals and communities. Donating to the hospital initially was a "no brainer" for me as well as my colleagues. The donations are used efficiently and greatly help the hospital provide outstanding care. That's why I decided years ago to become a monthly donor to the Windsor Regional Hospital Foundation. I invite you to join me. This will make you feel good as well (guaranteed).

It's a great way to help every day of the year. And it's a simple, rewarding, painless and affordable way to give. You choose a monthly gift that you are comfortable with. And the Foundation can take it from there. **Just fill in the section on your reply form and become a special monthly donor today.** And let me remind you that you can change or cancel your monthly gift at any time.

It's a great way to support your hospital and to ensure you get the best healthcare possible, should you ever need it."

Your Gifts Support Essential Equipment!

Your gift to the Windsor Regional Hospital Foundation helps your hospital to provide the best possible care for our patients.

Broselow Cart

This colour-coded system helps provide quick and accurate medication dosing by using a baby's length to categorize infants by colour zone. It also offers immediate access to crucial Paediatric-sized emergency equipment.

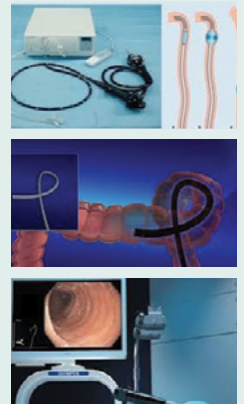


Ouellette ER

Cost: \$8,000

Endoscope Positioning System: Scope Guide UPD-3

Provides real-time 3D representation of the shape and position of the colonoscope inside the body. ScopeGuide is designed to improve procedural efficiency and increase patient comfort during a colonoscopy.



Surgery/Endoscopy

Cost: \$24,000

Fluid/Blood Rapid Infuser

Rapid infusion systems are designed to warm and actively administer large fluid volumes quickly and may be lifesaving in the patient with rapid and uncontrolled hemorrhage.



Critical Care

Cost: \$100,000

If you'd like to support lifesaving equipment like this, please fill out the reply form enclosed or visit wrhfoundation.ca

“If you ever need new gowns, call me.”

Supporting Windsor Regional Hospital is a family tradition for Ornella Bertoni Liburdi.

Over a decade ago, her father, Italo Bertoni, made a donation to help purchase a da Vinci Robot as part of the Windsor Cancer Centre Foundation’s ‘It’s In Your Jeans’ campaign for prostate cancer treatment.



Ornella Bertoni Liburdi (top left) with her sister Giuliana (Bertoni) Hinchliffe (right), mom Anna Bertoni and sister Linda (Bertoni) Liburdi.

Sadly, many of Ornella’s mother’s family members have died of cancer over the years, including her aunt. Then in October 2022, her father was diagnosed with glioblastoma – a cancerous tumour in his brain. He received exceptional care at Windsor Regional Hospital.

So the entire family cares passionately about early detection, treatment, research and support programs for people facing a battle with cancer.

Ornella herself is part of the high-risk breast screening program. Two years ago, when she visited the mammography suite to have her breast screening done, she realized that the gowns were old and badly needed replacing.

Thinking back to the donation her dad had made 10 years before, Ornella and her mom and sisters decided to match the gift



he’d given in order to purchase new gowns for women attending screening.

Their company, Bertoni Chairs and Things, made a corporate donation of \$5,000, and the family matched it.

“We’ve been in business for 38 years, and we’ve hired mostly women. I figured it was time to give back and help do something for women.

Screening is a difficult process to go through, but none of the therapies can help if you don’t get that mammogram.

If the new gowns make women feel a little better when you’re going to have your mammogram, that makes me happy.”

Thank you for supporting Men’s Health

The Annual Windsor Regional Hospital Golf Tournament was held on May 22nd at Essex Golf & Country Club. This year’s sold-out tournament was a resounding success – raising \$65,795.33 to support the Dr. Richard Boyd Men’s Health Program and the Urology Department. Funds will be directed to help with the purchase of a new da Vinci Robot.

Thank you to all of our golfers and sponsors for their generous and continued support.



Rob Corlett, Dina Corlett, Dr. Ryan McLarty & Dr. Vanessa DeMelo



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