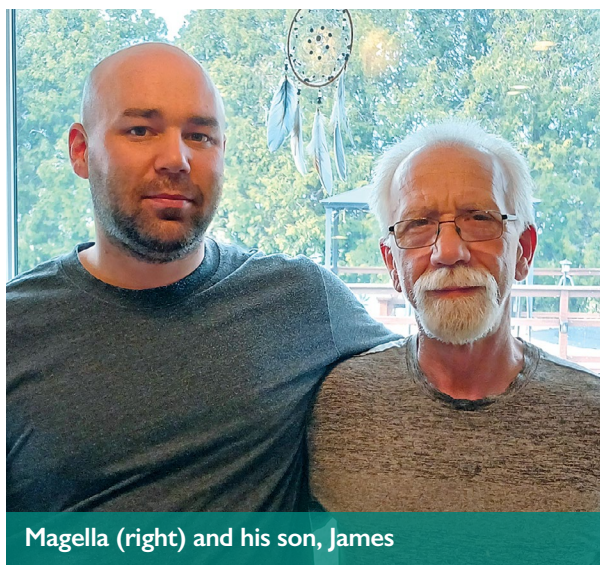




“I was so lucky.”



Magella (right) and his son, James

“I can’t believe this happened to you.”

These are the words Magella Bluteau has been hearing from friends and family in the months since he had a stroke.

Magella is an active, healthy father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. He sees many of his 22 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren often.

But last November, as he was getting ready to go to the gym, he began to feel off. Then he fell. Unable to move or even speak, his

son carried him to the car and his wife raced him off to the hospital.

From Leamington, Magella was quickly transferred to Windsor Regional Hospital. There, our doctors discovered and removed a blood clot on the left side of his brain which was causing paralysis down his right side.

Magella was in the hospital for 5 days... and right back in the gym a week later!

“I was so lucky, all the way around. I was at home, not out driving. And my son was home because we were about to go to the gym together. Mostly, I was lucky because of the quality of care at the hospital. It was great. Everyone was professional and so kind. As a person who doesn’t usually like hospitals — I was very glad to be there.”

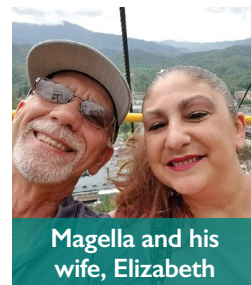
Magella is sharing his story to raise awareness that strokes can

happen to anyone. And to reassure anyone going through what he did, that a full recovery is possible. Especially for people who are living a healthy lifestyle.

“Luckily, I’ve been going to the gym since I was 37. I’ve been staying fit ever since. After my blood clot was removed, I didn’t stop. I went back to the gym a week after. First, I’d get tired pretty easily, but I just took my time, and now I can do what I want.”

And Magella has one final message to our supporters about how important their donations are...

“Supporting the hospital is pretty important — because if it happens to you or someone you care about, you’ll be really happy that you



Magella and his wife, Elizabeth

got the same excellent treatment that I got. My wife’s really happy with it, too — she doesn’t want to get rid of me just yet!”

A Note of Thanks from a Doctor

Dear Supporters,

I was thrilled to learn of our donors' outpouring of support for new cryoablation technology at the Windsor Regional Hospital.

Thank you for supporting our appeals last fall and on Giving Tuesday to make this treatment a reality for people in Windsor-Essex County.

I am incredibly thankful to you, and I know the patients who benefit from it are even more grateful.

I am a Diagnostic and Interventional Radiologist. My role involves interpreting images from X-Ray, Ultrasound, CT, and MRI and performing image-guided procedures.

I can tell you that cryoablation is the most effective technology for treating larger kidney cancers, particularly when those tumours are located near sensitive structures in the middle or inner aspect of the kidney.

Cryoablation is primarily used to treat kidney cancer. It can also be applied to other cancers, including lung and liver.

It freezes and destroys cancerous cells — similar to how water expands as it freezes — without the need for major surgery.



Dr. Matthew Rochon with the cryoablation technology

That means that healthy kidney tissue is better preserved. The procedure is done on an outpatient basis, without general anesthesia or a multi-day stay in the hospital.

Thanks to your help, patients who are candidates can avoid major surgery — or a long trip to another hospital.

Here's what one of our patients, Kenneth Borman, had to say about cryoablation:

"Receiving cryoablation close to home was very important to me. There is an obvious benefit to being treated locally instead of driving to London — that's essential for all treatment and follow-up! Thank you for contributing to the well-being of people in our region."

Thank you on behalf of patients like Kenneth,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Matthew Rochon'.

Dr. Matthew Rochon,
Diagnostic and Interventional Radiologist

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

The Heart of Our Community

Our 16th Annual Hats On For Healthcare fundraiser, presented by Greg Monforton & Partners, raised crucial funds for the Cardiology Program at Windsor Regional Hospital.

Top Fundraising Team — University of Windsor Odette School of Business

Hats off to every one of our donors, fundraisers, and sponsors who made this year's event a success. Your support goes right back into our community, helping friends and neighbours in need of timely heart healthcare. THANK YOU!





Dr. Tony and Mary Pattinson celebrated their \$1.5 million gift to the Windsor Regional Hospital Foundation alongside their daughters Lily and Grace.

“We are still there for you.”

Thirty years ago, Dr. Tony and Mary Pattinson arrived in Windsor with the vision of opening a clinic that would support families in Windsor struggling with infertility.

“When we got here, it quickly became apparent that the needs of the community were much greater. So, we added what I expected would be a small general obstetrics and gynecology practice to our plans. That grew!”

Together, the Pattinsons spent the next thirty years helping couples become families — from conception through pregnancy to birth and on.

“Perhaps the best part of the practice was being able to see the results of our efforts come back to the office bundled up in mama’s arms. And now we have been here long enough to see some of our babies come back to have their own babies — full circle.”

Dr. Pattinson retired last year, and now the couple have donated a generous \$1.5 million gift to fund an Operative Birthing Suite at the New Windsor/Essex Acute Care Hospital.

This suite will be a dedicated space for surgeries like C-sections as well as care during other high-risk births.

“Pregnancy labour and delivery do not always go the way we would hope. Any operating room is scary, with unknown outcomes, but for a C-section, there are two patients, along with the dad or significant other. They often feel hopeful but helpless.

This is our way of saying “we are still there for you” — just as we have been for 30 years.”

The Pattinsons are sharing their story in the hopes it will inspire others to support the New Windsor/Essex Acute Care Hospital.

“Our hope in announcing this donation is that it will encourage others to offer financial support to the most important healthcare project ever in this region.”

We are deeply grateful to the Pattinsons for their lifetime of care and for this generous donation to ensure that care continues.

For more information on the campaign and new hospital project, please contact Ashley Weeres at 519.254.5577 ext. 52151 or by email at wrhfoundation@wrh.on.ca

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.

Angio/dye Injector

This precisely controls the dye injected during a patient’s angiography, letting doctors see the patient’s blood flow and identify any blockages or abnormalities.



Diagnostic Imaging/Angioplasty
Cost: \$60,000

Echocardiography Machine

Uses ultrasound to create images of the heart and blood vessels. This helps our doctors diagnose and monitor various heart conditions, like heart failure, valve disease, or congenital heart disease. It can help them determine the best treatment, including surgery.



Echocardiography
Cost: \$30,000

Centrifuge

Centrifuges separate blood cells and plasma when blood has been taken for laboratory tests or therapeutic procedures.



Laboratory
Cost: \$6,500

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

Honouring One of Our Own Healthcare Heroes

Dr. Gordon Vail was the Medical Director of the Emergency Department at Windsor Regional Hospital.

Originally from Oshawa, Dr. Vail's first placement after getting his medical license was at Windsor Regional Hospital. Over the years, he decided to stay in Windsor so he could keep up his dedicated work in the Emergency Room.

For 16 years, Dr. Vail worked saving lives. He was an ER physician, eventually becoming Chief of Staff at Hôtel-Dieu Grace Healthcare and Medical Director of the Emergency Department.

Dr. Vail lived his life with a strong sense of community and a deep commitment to the people



L to R: Karen Ridell, Jonathan Foster, Kristen Scott, Terry Vail, Kuljeet Kalsi, Connie Vail, Dr. Paul Bradford, and Dr. David Ng

of Windsor. He greatly valued the teamwork and camaraderie that he found with his ER colleagues.

Sadly, after a two-year fight against cancer, Dr. Vail passed away in 2019 at the age of 49.

"Gord felt a strong sense of community with Windsor and Windsor Regional Hospital. We felt that sense of community ourselves when he fell ill.

Gord received excellent care at Windsor Regional Hospital. He wanted the ER team

at Ouellette to receive recognition for the important and excellent work it does. He believed the hospital was very important to the wider Windsor community. We learned of the need for monitors in the ER and knew that supporting their purchase was something that Gord would like."

Dr. Vail is deeply missed by his patients and friends at the hospital. We are honoured that his family has chosen to honour his memory and his legacy of care in this generous way.

Share Your Story



Have you or your loved one been cared for at Windsor Regional Hospital? We are always looking for stories from patients and families to share with our donors, so they can see the impact their donations have. Sharing your experience will allow you to spread the word about the life changing work being done at Windsor Regional Hospital — and acknowledge any members of your medical team whose care and support really made

a difference. Every story helps us show supporters and prospective supporters how important it is that we all pull together to raise money for essential equipment and patient support programs. That way we can all help care for our loved ones and people in our community.

If you are interested in sharing your story of care, please email wrhfoundation@wrh.on.ca or call (519) 985-2656.



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