



# BETTER CARE FOR OUR COMMUNITY.

NHH FOUNDATION NEWSLETTER  
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**NORTHUMBERLAND HILLS  
HOSPITAL FOUNDATION**  
Better Care for Our Community

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## GRATITUDE UNMASKED

The COVID-19 pandemic has opened our eyes in many ways. It has reminded us how much, together, we rely on our local hospital, as well as how our local hospital relies on support from all of us. A strong hospital is truly the cornerstone of a strong community.

Your support has helped Northumberland Hills Hospital (NHH) offer exceptional care to our community and continues to do so today. We pride ourselves on having a well-equipped, advanced facility, offering a wide variety of services for Northumberland County. It is because of the community's support – of your support – that our hospital was prepared to tackle times of crisis today as efficiently as they've cared for us in the past.

We understand that not everyone is able to give financially right now. This has not stopped our community from rallying behind our hospital in countless other ways to express gratitude to those who are working to care for our neighbours, friends, and families.

When we called for help, you answered. Our community did not hesitate to support NHH during these times of uncertainty, much like the NHH team would not hesitate to help and respond to your health needs no matter what they may be, 365 days a year.

We are honoured to have you on our team – in whatever capacity you are able to show your support right now. We will get through this together and we will continue to support exceptional care in our community now and into the future.

In this newsletter, we "unmask" the gratitude people, businesses, and partners across Northumberland County have expressed for NHH during this time. We also share how much this has meant to those on the frontlines at NHH, with messages from staff woven throughout.

We hope you'll sit back and enjoy reading about just some of the moments of brightness that have shone during these difficult times.

Keep well,



**Rhonda Cunningham**  
Executive Director, NHH Foundation



**Jeff Gilmer**  
Board Chair, NHH Foundation



Cover Photo - NHH Chief of Surgery, Dr. Andrew Stratford & Chief of Staff, Dr. Mukesh Bhargava pose with donor, Lilyanna, who recently donated money from her piggy bank to help our community

## GOING THE EXTRA MILE

"I have not yet had the opportunity to meet Amy, but there will come a day this will be possible."- Betty, grateful community member

For the past 10 years, Amy Ludolph has served as the Recreation Therapist at NHH. Before the COVID-19 pandemic, her days were filled with therapeutic recreation, facilitating group programs, supporting patients with one on one sessions, and organizing community integration outings. She also worked closely with Auxiliary volunteers as the staff lead of the Hospital Elder Life Program (HELP), striving to help minimize the risk for delirium and functional decline in elderly patients.

As with so many people's realities, Amy's role at NHH shifted dramatically when the pandemic was declared – specifically in response to the necessary visitor restrictions and the pausing of onsite volunteer services.

"I saw this incredible need to connect our patients with their families and loved ones," says Amy. "I could see how much patients were missing out by not having the emotional connection with their family supports, and was able to free up my time to devote to helping make these connections possible."

It was at this time Betty's husband of 64 years was admitted to Hospital.

"Being separated from each another was extremely difficult," shares Betty, "but my



Amy Ludolph, Recreational Therapist

daughter and I were so grateful to Amy who took the time to call us several times each day to update us on his condition."

"My daughter provided Amy with dozens of family photos and she took the time to reminisce with my husband and comfort him. Sadly, after a 10-day stay in Hospital, he passed away. I have not yet had the opportunity to meet Amy, but there will come a day this will be possible. I look forward to introducing myself and thanking her for helping our family feel connected during this very difficult time."

Throughout this pandemic, we have continued to hear stories like Betty's – stories of incredible care; of staff rising to meet challenges head on, making a difference in the lives they touch, and going the extra mile. Each of these serve as a reminder that this team is here for you now, and always.

*"I feel so privileged to live in our community; the support that has been shown from people has been noticed and appreciated during this stressful time. Thank you for all of the hand sewn scrub caps, mask buddies, scrub bags – and a big thank you for all of the donated PPE including masks, gloves, gowns, face shields and PAPRs that have been brought in to NHH. In addition to all of this – donations have allowed for the purchase of needed equipment such as ventilators, which during this time is so important. There are so many more thoughtful gifts, donations and support – too many to name, that I will just say one huge thank you to the people of Northumberland!!!" - Angie*

## CREATIVE CELEBRATIONS

Around the world, we've seen neighbourhoods and communities rally together to cheer for healthcare workers in unique ways. This trend has been picked up with gusto in Northumberland County and though we may be a small community, our strength has been demonstrated by the many loud cheers, supportive messages, and creative approaches taken for thanking the team at NHH.

Outside the Emergency Department doors, Paul Sinclair parked his car night after night, cranked his stereo, opened the doors, and danced for the team. From these doors, we've also witnessed several others pay tribute with a full salute from emergency response teams across Northumberland County, and an agricultural parade with over 100 people from farming families filling tractors, trucks, and other farm vehicles to show their appreciation. These displays have been on top of the many celebrations that have taken place across the community – with neighbourhoods banging pots and pans together, signs posted on lawns and windows, people like Ross McKie playing bagpipes outside his home, chalk drawings on sidewalks and driveways, and supportive messages flooding social media.



**Brenda Heenan, RN with Paul Sinclair, aka 'The Music Man'**



**Ross McKie plays bagpipes outside his home to thank essential workers**

## PROVIDING PPE

At the beginning of the pandemic, a shortage of personal protective equipment (PPE) and concerns on supply levels dominated the news cycle and was on the minds of many, not just in our community, or even our province or country, but across the world. Businesses across our community stepped up to do all they could to help protect the NHH team from this virus, offering their own supplies as in-kind donations. We want to thank everyone who contributed what they could.

*"I truly am thankful for the overwhelming response from our extremely generous community during these most unusual times. The donations of handmade surgical caps, scrub bags and mask buddies were all deeply appreciated. I use mine daily. Businesses buying us coffees and lunches, a gentleman parking in the emergency parking lot every evening and playing music for us, the emergency services and the tractor parades brought me to tears of gratitude to them! I am proud to work at Northumberland Hills Hospital; I am even prouder to be part of this community!" - Valerie*

## SUITING UP STAFF

In addition to more standard PPE like gloves, goggles, and masks, NHH has been able to acquire Powered Air Purifying Respirators (PAPRs) thanks to the support of two local businesses: Weir ESCO in Port Hope and Spoolon Manufacturing Ltd. in Cobourg.

Early during the pandemic timeline, Weir ESCO in Port Hope realized they were in a unique position to help protect frontline workers and stepped up to temporarily loan the hospital 20 PAPRs. These PAPRs are essentially a full head covering with a clear visor at the front, which fit snugly over the neck, sitting on the shoulders. A battery-operated fan blows filtered air into the helmet-like portion, and the battery pack can be worn around the hips or as a backpack. With filtered circulating air, and the fit of the head covering, PAPRs provide a higher level of comfort to the wearer than other forms of PPE especially when PPE is needed to be worn over a long period of time.



Training on proper use of PAPRs

In learning of this loan and of the benefits of PAPRs, Spoolon Manufacturing Ltd. stepped forward to support NHH in purchasing 10 of their own PAPRs. Thanks to Spoolon's generosity, the hospital will maintain a supply in-house to continue to protect staff into the future after the loaned PAPRs are returned.

"Thank you doesn't even come close to what needs to be said. All the support from this amazing community has forever touched the hearts of myself and colleagues here at Northumberland Hills Hospital! Everyone's generosity has made coming into work easier and that will never be forgotten!

THANK YOU SO MUCH!!!!" - Stephanie



Dr. Roger Woodward

We want to thank Weir ESCO for the speed at which they made these available to the hospital during a rapidly evolving time of unpredictability, and to thank Spoolon for ensuring these important pieces of protective equipment remain available as needs continue to develop.

## DIGITAL DONATIONS

With restrictions in place preventing us from gathering, we are grateful for the technology that has allowed us all to stay connected during these times. Rather than sitting back or losing touch, our community – people like you – took to their computers and other devices to support NHH and help us advance our critical mission with 218 gifts made online totalling \$44,500 over just three months.

**NORTHUMBERLAND HILLS HOSPITAL FOUNDATION  
FINANCIAL REPORT - APRIL 1, 2019 - MARCH 31, 2020  
SUMMARY STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION**

**Assets**

Cash and receivables	\$ 41,974
Prepaid expenses	1,682
Investments	12,636,235
	\$ 12,679,891

**Liabilities and Net Assets**

**Liabilities**

Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 499,683
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**Net Assets**

Restricted (Equipped to Care Program & Endowment)	8,596,924
Internally Restricted and Unrestricted	3,583,284
	12,180,208
	\$ 12,679,891

**Summary Statement of Revenues and Expenses**

**Revenue**

Caring for Generations Society/Business Partners Program	\$ 180,947
Special events	1,072,550
Endowment donations/bequests	288,138
In memoriam donations/commemorative giving	103,397
Other donations	2,000,426
	3,645,458

Investment Income	258,867
Gain (loss) on sale of investments and foreign exchange	177,418
Increase (decrease) in unrealized gain on investments	(292,975)
	\$ 3,788,768

**Expenses**

Special events	\$ 184,922
Salaries and benefits	404,311
Other	163,386
	\$ 752,619

<b>Excess of Revenues over Expenses before Distributions</b>	<b>\$ 3,036,149</b>
<b>Distributions to Northumberland Hills Hospital</b>	<b>1,976,654</b>
<b>Excess of Revenue Over Expenses and Distributions</b>	<b>\$ 1,059,495</b>

The condensed financial highlights are taken from the 2020 audited financial statements dated May 27, 2020.

The audit was performed by BDO Canada LLP

Copies of the financial statements are available upon request.

## A LOOK AT WHAT YOU'VE HELPED US ACHIEVE

In the past year the NHH Foundation contributed **\$1,976,654** to purchase lifesaving medical equipment to help keep quality patient care close to home. We were able to do this as a result of an outpouring of financial support from our County. Thank you for believing in our hospital!

Below is a summary of some of your gifts in action (April 1, 2019 to March 31, 2020):

Infant Harness for Transport Incubator	\$1,544	Glidescope	\$14,259
V680 Bipap Ventilator	\$29,274	Gamma Probe	\$52,125
BladderScan Prime Plus Noninvasive	\$16,760	RAZ tilt shower commode 18"	\$2,396
Polycom for Telemedicine	\$5,306	Olympus scopes	\$100,000
Sysmex CA-660 Coagulation	\$27,452	Omnicell	\$250,000
LifePak 5	\$34,452	Floor machine	\$10,016
Rapid Fluid Infuser	\$20,827	IT Projects	\$442,311
Telemetry Paks	\$32,668	Computer on Wheels	\$5,219
Stryker S3 EX Beds (17)	\$113,645	Diagnostic Imaging computer investments	\$51,921
Trauma Cart	\$3,551	Pharmacy Security Cameras	\$9,485
Grab and Go Cooler and Freezer	\$10,202	Dual & Auxiliary Display Upgrade	\$13,857
Nurse Call System	\$67,851	PACS 3000 Exam	\$23,580
Replacement Pump	\$6,721	Facility Investments	\$36,761
Scope Buddy	\$2,653	Beamer Mate-FIT Colonoscopy	\$23,944
Laser technology for TURP procedures	\$40,756	Pediatric Digital Neonatal Scale	\$2,960
Prime Big Wheel Stretcher 30"	\$7,300	Endoeye	\$19,417
Highflow Insufflation Unit	\$7,234	Chiller upgrade	\$20,724
Clinitek Advantus Analyzer	\$7,642		
Smoke Detectors	\$64,227		

## HOW YOU CAN HELP OUR COMMUNITY THIS YEAR

Your donations ensure the latest medical equipment is available to staff and physicians. With donor support, patients have better access to updated technology and enhanced clinical programs. This year, we hope to purchase the following with donor support:

CT Console	\$50,000
Sara Lift	\$6,842
Hematology Backup Analyzer	\$65,000
Dental Instruments	\$10,000
Digital X-ray Unit (2)	\$700,000
Stretchers (Hospital wide)	\$34,000
ECG Lead	\$26,000

### RECENTLY FUNDED

- Ventilator \$65,000 **PURCHASED**



## 2020/21 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Board Directors commit their time and energy on a volunteer basis to help ensure the effective governance of the organization. We would like to welcome our newest Board Director, Ian MacVicar, who officially joined the Board during the Foundation's Annual General Meeting held virtually in June. All Board biographies can be found on our website – [NHHFoundation.ca](http://NHHFoundation.ca)



Ian MacVicar, our newest Board Director

## WANT TO HEAR MORE?

In addition to our bi-annual print newsletters, NHH Foundation shares news and information such as donor profiles, grateful patient stories, staff features, key news, and upcoming events digitally throughout the year. If you'd like to sign up to receive this in your email inbox, visit [NHHFoundation.ca](http://NHHFoundation.ca) to subscribe, or contact [jgilmer@nhh.ca](mailto:jgilmer@nhh.ca) or (905) 372-6811 ext. 3075.

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THANK YOU FOR STANDING WITH US.**

