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**NORTHUMBERLAND HILLS
HOSPITAL FOUNDATION**

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OUR NEW LEADERSHIP TEAM

During our AGM Wednesday, June 23, 2021 we reflected on our past year, in which an impressive \$3 million was raised to help fund priority medical equipment and technology at Northumberland Hills Hospital!

We want to thank everyone who supported our hospital and generously gave what they could during what has been the most challenging year in our history.

We recently welcomed our new leadership team, who will continue to build on the strong legacy created by past Board volunteers.

Stepping into the role of Chair is long-time volunteer, Wendy Ito, who first joined the Board in 2013 and has devoted her time and expertise to a variety of roles. She succeeds Jeff Gilmer, who we can't thank enough for his calm and capable leadership through unprecedented times.

Rounding out the Board Executive is Gavin Ivory, who has served as Treasurer since joining the Board in 2017. He passes these reins on to our new Treasurer, Ian MacVicar, a newer resident to Northumberland County who has already demonstrated enthusiastic support for our hospital.



NHH Foundation 2021-22 Board Executive (from left):
Wendy Ito, Chair; Gavin Ivory, Vice-Chair; Jeff Gilmer, Past Chair; Ian MacVicar, Treasurer



Adrienne Burns

Wishing Adrienne Well

It is with mixed emotions we share that after 10 years as a valued member of the NHH Foundation team, our Leadership Gifts Officer, Adrienne Burns, has left to pursue a new opportunity with a hospital foundation in her home community. While we will miss her terribly, we wish her nothing but the best!

CHANGES AT NHH

Thank You, Linda

In January of this year, after more than seven years in the leadership role at NHH, President and Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Linda Davis, announced her intention to retire in the summer of 2021.

NHH Board Chair, Pam Went, noted, "Linda is concluding her career at NHH with achievements that stand us in very good stead for the future ahead: financial stability, enhanced services to better meet the needs of our growing and diverse population, strategic capital improvements, strong community collaboration through the Ontario Health Team of Northumberland—an innovative model of care delivery Linda has championed from the start—and a culture of teamwork that is inclusive of both health-care providers and the patients and families we serve."

We want to both thank and congratulate Linda on her many accomplishments at NHH during her time as CEO. She navigated



Linda Davis, NHH Outgoing President & CEO

extremely difficult situations that arose during her tenure, including the pandemic, and her tireless efforts have meant a great deal to the organization. NHH has come a long way under Linda's leadership and we wish her all the best in her retirement.

Welcome, Susan

In June, NHH announced the appointment of Susan Walsh as the Hospital's next President and CEO, effective August 3rd, 2021.



Susan Walsh, NHH Incoming President & CEO

Susan has been an integral member of NHH's Senior Management Team since November 2017, and her work as Vice President, Patient Services, Chief Nursing Executive and Chief Clinical Information Officer has built on her previous expertise which spans an acute academic hospital, a national community care organization and a leading social sector agency. She has proven to be a skilled senior healthcare leader committed to quality patient – and family – centred care, collaborative multi-disciplinary teams and organizational excellence grounded in evidence.

We congratulate Susan on this new role and look forward to working closely with her as together, we ensure our community continues to have access to high quality, modern care.

FACING OUR FUTURE

We are excited to have local business leader and long-time Northumberland County resident, Hank Vandermeer, serving as Chair for what is set to be the largest capital campaign in the history of Northumberland Hills Hospital (NHH) and in Northumberland County.

Our upcoming *Exceptional Community, Exceptional Care* campaign will support the funding of advanced technology at NHH to ensure residents across west Northumberland continue to have access to the best care possible, close to home.

I love this community, and recent times have really been a reminder of how lucky we are to live in Northumberland County. NHH plays a leading role in caring for our community and as our population continues to grow and age, we need our hospital to remain vibrant with advanced technologies and a talented clinical team.

I am honoured to be serving as Chair for NHH Foundation's upcoming Exceptional Community, Exceptional Care capital campaign, and am committed to giving my efforts until the last dollar is raised to ensure our hospital is well-equipped to meet the growing needs of west Northumberland.

I look forward to working over the next couple of months to get my volunteer team in place to support this campaign. When the time comes, I hope you will join me to ensure our exceptional community continues to have access to exceptional care.

-Hank Vandermeer

The Campaign

Funds raised through the *Exceptional Community, Exceptional Care* campaign will support three critical priorities:

1. Provide Faster, Smarter, Safer Care

- Ensure our community benefits from access to the latest diagnostic technology by replacing our CT and MRI, both of which are currently more than 12 years old

2. Transform the Patient, Caregiver, and Provider Experience

- Support the introduction of a new clinical information system, which will fundamentally change the delivery of healthcare and link us with other key area hospitals

3. Replace Life-Saving Equipment and Prepare for Growth

- Continue to invest in necessary equipment and technology each year, to take our hospital from good to great and prioritize equity in healthcare for our community

Together, we will keep pace with advances in medical technology, embrace the importance of interconnectivity and efficient partnerships between care providers, put patient safety first, and prepare for the anticipated increase on demands for hospital services.



Exceptional Community, Exceptional Care Campaign Chair, Hank Vandermeer

REMEMBERING BEV AND PAT HOWARD

“We’ve received so many messages from people who knew our parents – former CDCI West students my dad taught, colleagues of my mom’s, friends, neighbours, and more – letting us know how they made a positive impact on their lives,” remarks Cathy Howard. “If this donation can do the same, it’s almost like their caring spirit lives on.”

Following the passing of Richard Bevan Howard (Bev) in April 2021, Cathy and her sisters, Judy and Jo, reached out to Northumberland Hills Hospital (NHH) Foundation to coordinate a gift in memory of their parents. Their mom, Patricia (Pat), had passed away in 2000 after a battle with cancer, and the sisters wanted to honour both of their parents with a gift that would make a difference – that would better people’s lives the way their parents had.

Along with donations from friends and family, the three chose to purchase a fume hood for the pharmacy at NHH to prepare chemotherapy medications for patients of the Cancer and Supportive Care Clinic at NHH. This ventilation hood is imperative for preparing chemotherapy drugs to be administered as it helps protect the clinicians from exposure to these powerful and often toxic drugs and helps create a sterile space to prevent any particulates from mixing with these medications.



Bev and Pat Howard

With Pat working as an Occupational Therapist at Cobourg General Hospital during her life, the importance of local healthcare was something the Howard sisters grew up understanding. Though she sadly never got to see NHH, the vision of one hospital, a state-of-the-art facility easily accessible by the residents of west Northumberland, was one Pat supported.

The sisters further understood the importance of timely quality care through the wellness journey of their fourth sister, Sue, who passed away in 2013. After a brain tumour was discovered during a visit to NHH, the hospital team quickly connected her with a hospital in the Toronto area to begin treatment. Throughout her journey, NHH was the first port of call for Sue, and her family remembers how the team was always there to help – whether that meant treating her themselves or getting her the treatment she needed.

“Our parents always stressed the importance of family,” remembers Cathy. “They raised us to be strong women and they encouraged us to chase our dreams knowing our family was always there, no matter how far those dreams might take us – and this has trickled down to the next generation too.”

Losing a loved one is never easy, and a global pandemic adds a whole other layer to this loss. Earlier this year, with the support of his family and the NHH team, Bev was able to “see” his family members – whether they were in Germany, the UK, Hamilton, or local – virtually to say goodbye before he passed at NHH.

The family appreciated the care and respect Bev received in his final days and the support the team gave them along this journey; they demonstrated a spirit that reflects the community Bev and Pat loved so much. The sisters hope the gift will honour their memory while also playing a positive role in protecting clinicians and benefitting the healthcare journey of many patients.

**NORTHUMBERLAND HILLS HOSPITAL FOUNDATION
FINANCIAL REPORT - APRIL 1, 2020 - MARCH 31, 2021
SUMMARY STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION**

Assets

Cash and receivables	\$	49,547
Prepaid expenses		1,682
Investments		14,980,866
	\$	15,032,095

Liabilities and Net Assets

Liabilities

Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$	1,558,382
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Net Assets

Restricted (Exceptional Community Exceptional Care & Endowment)		10,365,773
Internally Restricted and Unrestricted		3,107,940
		13,473,713
	\$	15,032,095

Summary Statement of Revenues and Expenses

Revenue

Caring for Generations Society/Business Partners Program	\$	170,135
Special events		648,577
Endowment donations/bequests		748,728
In memoriam donations/commemorative giving		127,893
Other donations		1,376,826
		3,072,159
Investment Income		149,853
Gain (loss) on sale of investments and foreign exchange		310,490
Increase (decrease) in unrealized gain on investments		628,215
	\$	4,160,717

Expenses

Special events	\$	126,239
Salaries and benefits		432,621
Other		141,726
	\$	700,586

Excess of Revenues over Expenses before Distributions	\$	3,460,131
Distributions to Northumberland Hills Hospital		2,166,626
Excess of Revenue Over Expenses and Distributions	\$	1,293,505

The condensed financial highlights are taken from the 2021 audited financial statements dated June 4th, 2021.

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

Your donations are put to work soon after your gift is made. It's important to us you see where your gifts are going and how you help to make great care possible. Without a doubt, donor support is critically important to having a strong and vibrant Hospital. You help fund the equipment we need to ensure patients receive the best care and we are grateful.

In the past year, over **\$2,166,626** was contributed to fund medical equipment, technology, renovations, and staff education initiatives. Thank you for placing the tools and technology in the hands of our caregivers. Your support touches, and in some cases, saves lives.

Here is a partial list of some of the equipment purchased (April 1, 2020-March 31, 2021):

2 Digital X-Ray Units	\$794,867	ECG Lead	\$18,850
Nurse Call System	\$585,931	Glidescope	\$17,011
Drug Dispensing Units	\$250,000	Fire Panel Safety Upgrade	\$15,818
Surgical Scopes	\$100,000	Cataract Surgical Instruments	\$15,284
CT Console	\$74,890	Surgical Bed Accessories	\$7,698
Hematology Analyzer	\$56,040	ICU Waiting Room Renovations	\$7,276
Operating Room Renovations	\$47,715	Mobile Electronic Workstations	\$6,897
Stretchers and Mattresses	\$46,709	Stryker Isoair Mattress and Pump	\$6,495
10 Hospital Beds S3	\$36,825	Patient Lift	\$5,478
Endoeye Scope	\$21,385		

TWO NEW DIGITAL X-RAY UNITS THANKS TO YOU!

General radiography, more commonly referred to as x-ray, is the most frequently performed imaging procedure. Since NHH first opened in 2003, we've operated two digital x-ray rooms and with the support of our community – people like you – we recently funded the replacement of existing units and renovations to both rooms, a project totaling \$794,867. This new technology:



Diagnostic Imaging Technologists, Angela & Brandon in a New Digital X-Ray Room

- Improves image quality and images at a higher resolution to provide better visualization, supporting faster, more accurate diagnoses and treatment plans
- Reduces the level of radiation exposure for patients
- Allows for faster image processing, making the image production almost instantaneous
- Incorporates wireless image detectors that can be positioned to best capture the image
- Utilizes robotic technology to efficiently auto-position equipment for a variety of x-ray examinations, reducing the possibility for technologists to experience strains or injuries

WE'RE GROWING BILL'S GARDEN

In the Fall of 2018, Bill's Garden, a beautiful art tile wall featuring 16 flower tiles was unveiled in recognition of the outstanding volunteer leadership and financial support of Northumberland Hills Hospital by Bill and Delphine Patchett. Soon thereafter the garden grew, adding an additional 32 art tiles and this year it is growing once again. We will be unveiling a new second location in 2021 and are now accepting pre-orders for flower tiles (\$2500 each to sponsor). This garden is a great opportunity to celebrate a life well lived, a milestone moment, gratitude, or any other occasion worth celebrating.



Please contact Wendy at wbridgman@nhh.ca or 905-372-6811 ext 3066 for more information.

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 to subscribe, or contact jgilmer@nhh.ca or (905) 372-6811 ext. 3075.

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“With our volunteer leadership and the support of our community standing with us, we will continue to help our hospital provide the best care possible to the citizens of west Northumberland. It is an honour to do such meaningful work that makes a difference in the lives of patients and their families.”

- Rhonda Cunningham, NHH Foundation Executive Director

Please visit NHHFoundation.ca or contact us at 905-377-7767 for more information on ways you can help support Northumberland Hills Hospital