## FOUNDATION FORUM

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE NORTHUMBERLAND HILLS HOSPITAL FOUNDATION



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## NORTHUMBERLAND HILLS HOSPITAL FOUNDATION

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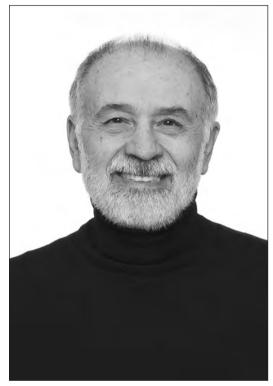
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## MEET TONY PULLA – HE'S A PHILANTHROPIST

s a young boy growing up in Italy, I don't suspect that Tony dreamed of one day growing up to be a philanthropist – yet this in indeed what he is. Well known for his generosity, Tony quite simply believes in supporting those causes that are close to his heart. This includes the Northumberland Hills Hospital Foundation where Tony has donated close to \$85,000 in the last 13 years.

Tony has called Northumberland County his home since 1974. For the past 38 years he has worked as one of Northumberland County's most successful real estate agents. This County is his home and Tony believes that the sum total of all our parts (Cobourg, Port Hope, Colborne, Grafton, etc.) makes this region one of the best there is in Canada. "I recently had a cousin visiting from Italy and I took him on a tour of all my favourite places," states



Tony Pulla

Tony. My cousin couldn't believe the beauty of our County – he said it was like Tuscany! So lush, so green. I hope the people who call Northumberland County home appreciate what they've got." This includes the first-class facilities that we have access to including the new Cobourg Community Centre, Northumberland YMCA, the Capitol Theatre, the Ganaraska Trail, and of course our hospital. "Health is a big issue locally because of our demographics, " adds Tony. "A large percentage of my business is serving members of the "Boomer Generation" that have chosen to take advantage of all that our area has to offer and to them health services is the No. 1 priority when finally deciding to move here. It's important that we have a strong hospital and that's why I support it." Yet fortunately for Tony, he has never had to use the services of our hospital. "I'm a lucky man. My mom is 92 years of age so I know I've got good genes. But my clients use the hospital and I've heard a lot of good things about the facility and the staff who work there."

Tony lives in Cobourg with his life partner Jan Rosamond and has three children and four grandchildren.

"I think it speaks volumes about Northumberland County and the accomplishments of its citizens who are working together for the betterment of all."

### FINANCIAL REPORT

# APRIL 1, 2011-March 31, 2012 Summary Statement of Financial Position Assets

ASSELS		
Cash and receivables	\$	33,500
Investments		5,095,860
Capitol assets		3,665
	\$	5,133,025
Liabilities and Fund Balances		
Liabilities		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$	239,748
Defferred revenue		10,000
		249,748
Fund Balances		2 204 600
Invested in endowment funds		2,304,690
Invested in other funds		2,578,587
		4,883,277
	\$	5,133,025
Summary Statement of Operations and Donation Dis	tributions	
Revenue		1 10 71 6
New hospital and Care Close to Home pledge redemptions	\$	143,716
Caring for Generations Society/Business Partners Program		153,830
Special events		566,111
Endowment donations/bequests		538,355
In memoriam donations/commemorative giving		129,522
Other donations		291,099
		1,822,633
Investment income		133,398
Gain (loss) on sale of investments and foreign exchange		(42,203)
Gain (loss) on sale of donated shares		(3,790)
Unrealized gain (loss) on investments		(17,897)
	\$	1,892,141
Expenditures		
Special events	\$	119,410
Salaries and benefits		276,974
Other		119,356
		515,740
Net revenue available for distribution		1,376,401
Donation distributions to the hospital		2,100,245
Deficiency of Revenue Over Expenditures and Distributions	\$	(723,844)

The condensed financial highlights are taken from the 2012 audited financial statements dated June 13, 2012. The audit was performed by Langhorne Irwin Wharram-Spry, Chartered Accountants. Copies of the audited financial statements are available upon request.

## **EQUIPMENT PURCHASES**

The Northumberland Hills Hospital Foundation would like to thank the residents of Northumberland for their generous support. In the past year (April 1, 2011 – March 31, 2012), with your support we have contributed over \$ 2,086,029 to purchase equipment to help provide the best patient care experience possible.

Portable overbed lifts (3)	\$ 6,337	Neonatal scale for Emergency	\$	1,605
Low-rise patient beds (5)	\$ 35,905	Transport ventilator	\$	21,500
Specialty mattress	\$ 5,995	Glidescope blades (2)	\$	9,834
Vital signs monitors (3)	\$ 11,585	Laryngoscope	\$	4,594
Lifepak 15 defibrilators (2)	\$ 35,985	Unit dose package system for Pharmacy	\$	14,565
Bipap vision machines (2)	\$ 44,393	Pyxis Medstation 3500	\$	48,989
Birthing Bed	\$ 22,974	Pyxis Medstation components	\$	20,841
NICU monitor	\$ 26,245	ECG cardiograph machine (partial)	\$	2,000
Breast pump (1)	\$ 2,878	Creatinine point of care device	\$	4,495
nfant isolette	\$ 24,482	Ultrasounds (2)	\$	336,251
Air Shields resuscitaire	\$ 23,349	C-Thru CO-57 Flood Source	4	333,23.
Cots for family members in obstetrics (4)	\$ 8,877	for Nuclear Medicine	\$	3,347
Bair hugger	\$ 2,163	Computer Aided Detection	7	0,0 11
Fluid warmer for obstetrics	\$ 1,528	of MRI Breast	\$	46,923
Surgical tower unit	\$ 66,774	Unit supply carts for ED and OBS	\$	16,404
Laparoscopes (2)	\$ 39,896	Walk-behind floor machine	\$	11,573
Arthroscope	\$ 4,095	Low-speed scrubber/buffer	\$	1,018
Colonoscopes (2)	\$ 82,490	Hand washing stations (4)	\$	9,009
Gastroscopes (2)	\$ 57,058	Wireless Telephone Upgrade	\$	117,628
Stretcher for Surgical Services	\$ 4,916	eMar and Bedside Medication		
nfus OR syringe	\$ 4,982	Verification (partial)	\$	463,443
Patient cassette for Surgical Services	\$ 2,265	Scanning/eforms (partial)	\$	56,860
Dental try with high speed drill	\$ 9,372	Nutrition Services Software (partial)	\$	92,764
Ophthalmology Tray	\$ 8,823	Business Intelligence Solution (partial)	\$	53,361
LED Headlight system for		Intranet Upgrade (partial)	\$	34,447
Surgical Services	\$ 4,438	Multi-function copier machines (4)	\$	37,827
Cystoscopes (2)	\$ 25,682	Computers and other hardware	\$	99,397
Hydraulic stretchers (3)	\$ 13,865			

**Total Capital Equipment Purchases:** \$ 2,086,029

### What Our Patients Are Saying...

On behalf of my family and myself, we wish to let you know how much we appreciated the excellent care my husband received from the moment he came into the Emergency Department on January 20th until his death in the Palliative Care Unit on January 23rd. The expertise and compassion shown by the nurses was incredible.

Gratefully, S. Herron

#### MEET THE NEWEST MEMBER OF THE FOUNDATION BOARD

The Northumberland Hills Hospital Foundation is governed by a volunteer Board of Directors. At the recent annual general meeting we welcomed two new members to the board – Don Knights and Cathy Setterington, RN.

#### Don Knights



Don recently retired after having spent his entire career (36 years) in the banking services industry. Don is a Certified Financial Planner licensed by the Financial Planners Standards Council of Canada and holds the designation of Chartered Financial Planner by the Canadian Institute of Financial Planning. Don has been a member of Rotary International for 25 years with the majority of those years spent in the Cobourg Rotary Club. During this time he has served in several executive positions including Treasurer. He has also served on the Cobourg Chamber of Commerce Board and has been a member of the NHH Foundation's Finance Committee for the past three years. Don is married to Jane and they reside on a 50-acre farm in Castleton. Together they have raised two adult daughters.

You can read about Cathy in our Fall 2012 newsletter.

# AN ESTATE LAWYER'S PERSPECTIVE ON THE 'PROBATE' PROCESS IN ONTARIO:

Written by Sarah Jacob of SMM Law Professional Corporation in Cobourg

In Ontario a Will gives immediate authority to the person named to act as the Executor and Estate Trustee to represent the deceased, to collect information and to follow the deceased's instructions set out in the Will. Understandably however, various people or institutions may wish to have some reassurance that the Will presented to them is in fact to be treated as the deceased's last valid Will. In Ontario this used to be called the 'probate' process.

A Will is presented to the court for 'approval' and for the issuance a certificate confirming the Will is to be treated as the deceased's last Will and the deceased's assets are to be delivered to the Estate Trustee named in the Certificate.

Ontario charges an estate administration tax (used to be called 'probate fees') of approximately 1.5% of the value of the estate when application is made for a Certificate of Appointment. Before taking any steps to 'avoid probate fees' for your heirs, take the time to meet with an estates lawyer.

Couples often hold many assets jointly to avoid the 'probate' fees on the death of the first; however joint ownership with anyone other than a spouse is often not appropriate. The other person's spouse may claim a share of it if they later separate; that person's creditors may force the sale of the asset to pay debts; that person may demand it be sold, or take the bank account or investment monies. After the parent dies, some adult children may claim

the asset held jointly is theirs alone, denying other children an equal share.

Designations of RRSPs and RRIFs to anyone other than a spouse can cause tax complications for your estate trustee. Some estate lawyers will suggest creating a life insurance trust agreement to exclude life insurance proceeds from the Will and therefore from the calculation of the 'probate' fees. If you are interested, discuss this with your estate planning lawyer, who can assist you in determining the best ways to safely reduce the estate administration fees payable upon your death.

For a more in-depth review of this important estate planning topic, please visit www.nhh.ca/foundation

#### **BUSINESS PARTNERS PROGRAM**

The Northumberland Hills Hospital Foundation is pleased to recognize the current members of its Business Partners Program (BPP).

Gunn-Duncan Landscaping Insight Optical Stadtke Plumbing & Heating Taylor Rohrich Associated Inc. Fisher's Foodland Strapex



Lang Construction
SMM Law
West Park Villge
Northumberland Today
Canadian Tire
The New Oak Tree

Launched in October 2011, membership in the BPP is open to any business that makes a cumulative annual gift of \$1,000 or greater. Platinum and Gold sponsors of the 2012 Gala are also included in the BPP as well and the leading sponsors of this year's Annual Golf for Health Tournament.

Funds raised through BPP will purchase essential medical equipment for Northumberland Hills Hospital.

Business Partner

Strong corporate collaboration is vital to the mission of a community hospital in helping our efforts to provide a broad range of high quality hospital services to all who need us in the surrounding areas.

To learn more about our Business Partners Program please contact John Russell at 905-372-6811 ext. 3065 or irussell@nhh.ca

#### NORTHUMBERLAND'S BIGGEST COFFEE MORNING



Pictured above with Janet Harvey (*right*) is Dr. Steve Levinson and Sarah Holland

orthumberland's Biggest Coffee Morning held in early June was once again a huge success raising over \$43,000 (at press time). As a result, two laparascopes for the Surgical Services Program at NHH will soon be purchased. Party hosts are to be thanked and congratulated for their amazing generosity and creativity in organizing the over 50 individual events that took place. Special thanks to the guests of George and Janet Harvey, Bob and Joan Moss, Ron and Julie Thompson and RBC Dominion Securities for their outstanding support. These four parties alone raised close to half of the grand total.

Hosts have the option of serving coffee, tea or any drink of their choice and so it was with this freedom to choose that George and Janet Harvey opened their beautiful home to host a cocktail party for close to seventy of their friends and neighbours. Clearly from their smiles (see photo left) a good time was had by all.



Enjoying the coffee and conversation at June Mackenzie and Carole Hutson's party were (from left) Rosemary Avery, Mariette Morowski, Heather MacKinnon, June Mackenzie and Francesca Fullerton.



This year's event was held in memory of three special gentleman – Nick O'Nians, Chuck Orviss and Hawley Hoselton. Pictured (to the left) are members of Hawley's family including his wife Lillian, daughter Lauren and son Warren.

# Good News Good News



#### **Annabel Poort**

For her sixth birthday, Annabel Poort asked her guests NOT to bring her a birthday gift. Instead, she requested that the money they would have spent on a present be donated to Northumberland Hills Hospital Foundation. As a result, the Foundation received a donation for \$140. It was important to Annabel to know what this money was going to purchase so she could tell her friends. She recently visited the hospital to see first-hand the Elasto-gel Hypothermia Mitts that were purchased with her birthday money. Elastogel hypothermia mitts are used to manage nail and skin toxicity during chemotherapy, especially for treatment regiments that include taxotere/docetaxel.

Pictured with Annabel are William Khong, a 4th year student pharmacist and Kate Doner a student registered nurse.

Thank you to Annabel and all her friends who made this gift possible.

#### Donation from the Poppy Fund

Members of the Royal Canadian Legion, Br. 133 have donated over \$12,500 to purchase a Stetcher for the Surgical Services Program and an Opthalmology Tray used during eye surgery - most commonly cataract surgery. They recently attended the hospital for a glimpse at the equipment and to hear about the many new safety features of the stretcher. Leanne McCullogh (centre), Program Manager for the Surgical Services Unit hosted the group. Pictured with Leanne are (from left) Bob Taylor - Treasurer, Wayne MacKinnon -President, Aldeen Cooper – Ladies Auxiliary President, John Aitken - Veteran Services Officer and Josephine Upton - 1st Vice-President.



# THE NORTHUMBERLAND HILLS HOSPITAL FOUNDATION'S GOOD NEWS PAGES





#### Spirit and Sylvia Have Arrived!

Eileen Wilkinson (*left*) and Pat Hawkins (*right*) proudly pose with two new COWS that were purchased with their donations. The COWS (Computers On Wheels) are a critical component of the implementation of hospital's new Medical Administration Record (eMar) and bedside verification system. As has been their tradition, they like to "name" their COWS in honour of people who have had great meaning in their lives. Eileen named her COW Sylvia, while Pat named hers Spirit.

#### **Priority Medical Equipment** Can you help?

Here is a partial list of some of the priority medical equipment that the hospital is hoping to buy this year. If you'd like to consider purchasing an item outright, or would like to contribute towards an item, please contact Rhonda Cunningham at (905) 377-7767.

Portable overbed crane

\$2,500 each (3 required)

Hospital bed mattress

(3 required) \$4,000 each

Geri chair/patient recliner

(7 required) \$1,500 each

Commode shower chair \$1,000

Medication Cart \$6,000

Stretcher for Surgical \$4,000

\$5,300

CADD and PCA Pump



#### CIBC World Markets Children's Miracle Foundation

Gord Ley of CIBC Wood Gundy (The Ley Investment Group) and his staff team of Lynn Agueci (far right) and Angela Brown present Rhonda Cunningham (second from left), Executive Director of NHH Foundation with a cheque for \$4,600 toward the purchase of a Neonatal Monitor. In the past eight (8) years, the Ley Investment Group and it's clients have provided close to \$35,000 in support of the Maternal Child Care program at NHH. On behalf of the entire Hospital family, we want to say "thank you."

#### What Our Patients Are Saying...

I was recently rushed to the Emergency room by my wife. It was discovered that I had bleeding ulcers. I would like to thank you for your concern as well as your proficiency as a Doctor. I'm feeling great and my wife and I are headed to Florida to be with our daughter and son-in-law thanks to you and your staff.

Regards, E. and L. McLean



#### MARG GEAR

During National Volunteer Week, the hospital was delighted to honour Marg Gear (seated right) for her sixty (60) plus years of volunteerism at our local hospital. Wife of the late Dr. Douglas Gear, a general physician and anesthetist, Marg was a nurse by profession who took up the cause of the hospital auxiliary shortly after moving to Cobourg from Toronto in the late 1940's. We feel incredibly fortunate to have enjoyed Marg's volunteer support plus her dedicated financial support of the Foundation during her lifetime in Cobourg. A special tribute was paid to Marg by Past Presidents of the Auxiliary Patricia Fenner and Yvonne Green.

Marg has recently moved away from this area but we promise to hold her close in our thoughts.

Joining Marg in the photo are her five children Jim, Jane, Judy, Susan and Carol, who all travelled to Cobourg to join in the celebration.

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