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MESSAGE from the President & CEO



Perry Lang
President & CEO

Welcome to the Fall/Winter Issue of the Woodstock Hospital Newsletter! Though we are now moving into the cooler months, I want to acknowledge the pressures experienced over the summer affecting health care providers across Ontario. I would like to open this season's newsletter by thanking all Woodstock Hospital staff and

physicians for their unyielding commitment in providing excellent, patient-centered care, despite these province-wide occupancy and Health Human Resource pressures.

Despite these province-wide pressures, Woodstock Hospital has successfully maintained occupancy, completed a pilot program for Clinical Externs, continues to hire staff to work as needed between the Intensive Care Unit (ICU) and Emergency Department (ED), and is working to reduce wait times for knee and hip replacement surgeries.

To all Woodstock Hospital patients, families, and the

broader community: thank you for your continued support and understanding as hospitals across the region continue to work together to minimize service impacts.

It's hard to believe that November 20, 2022 marked 11 years in the new Woodstock Hospital facility on Juliana Drive. Though it has been 11 years since the grand opening, Woodstock Hospital has continued to innovate, modernize, and enhance its programs, services, and environment to better meet the evolving needs of our community. I invite you to read about an exciting equipment update in our Diagnostic Imaging department on page 3 of this newsletter. On page 6, I invite you to read about an exciting afternoon at the hospital this past October, when Woodstock Hospital had the pleasure of hosting two very special guests.

On behalf of everyone at Woodstock Hospital, I want to thank the community, once again, for the unwavering support we continue to receive.

Wishing you and your loved ones a safe and happy holiday season! ■

WELCOME TO OUR HOSPITAL NEWSLETTER!

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DIAGNOSTIC Imaging Technology Upgrades

This fall, Woodstock Hospital's Diagnostic Imaging Department (DI) unveiled its new digital radiography space and state-of-the-art Philips C90 X-ray machine.

X-ray technology takes images of the internal structure of different areas of the body, helping technicians and clinicians determine patient diagnoses as well as prognostic information, including best treatment options.

As well as reducing the physical stress on the technologists who operate the equipment, this new x-ray room and its progressive technology will improve workflow efficiency so that more patients can be seen in a shorter period of time.

While further minimizing radiation hazards to patients, the Philips C90 X-ray machine also has improved versatility, confidentiality features, and housekeeping options. ■



New state-of-the-art general x-ray room boasts improved versatility and promises increased workflow efficiency



Pictured (LtoR): Jenn Deluliis, Director of DI; and Medical Radiation Technologists Shannon Bowman, Laura VanDenBrock, and Amy Koot

EXPANDING the Woodstock Rehab Clinic

The Woodstock Rehab Clinic (WRC) has expanded, having reconditioned existing space to add five private treatment rooms, four work stations, a staff break room and bathroom, as well as a new storage/laundry room. This project also saw the main waiting room newly renovated, and the insulation of the exterior walls upgraded.

When the WRC originally opened in 2012, it had a single clerk, Kinesiologist, two Physiotherapists, and a Clinic Manager. Since that time, the WRC has significantly increased its staffing to meet the growing demand for rehabilitation services, including the addition of four more Kinesiologists, as well as four more Physiotherapists, for a total of 20 professionals now currently on staff.

"With increased staffing and the new expansion of the WRC, Woodstock Hospital will now be able to better accommodate the needs of the community," says Sean Willis, Clinic Director and Director of Therapy at Woodstock Hospital. ■



Exterior of the WH Medical Clinic building that houses the WRC, located in the southwest corner of the hospital property off Athlone Avenue



The newly renovated main waiting area of the WRC offers patients a bright and spacious entrance point into the clinic

WH CHAPEL

Reopens, Services Resume

In October, nondenominational services resumed in the Woodstock Hospital Chapel after having been temporarily suspended during the COVID-19 pandemic.

“Irrespective of faith, having a quiet place in the building where patients, families and/or staff can meditate, reflect, or come together is important in encouraging a healing environment,” says Woodstock Hospital’s Volunteer Services and Spiritual Care Coordinator, Nicole Dicy.

As long as it remains safe to do so, with considerations to Infection Prevention and Control measures; guided, nondenominational services will proceed each week on Sunday mornings from 9:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. ■



EMERGENCY

Department Helmet Giveaway

Woodstock Hospital’s Emergency Department (ED) has launched a Helmet Giveaway Program for youth, in collaboration with the London Health Sciences Centre Trauma Program.

The Helmet Giveaway Program provides free multi-sport helmets and proper helmet fitting to all youth under 18 who come to the ED with injuries related to biking, skateboarding, tobogganing, or other activities where helmet-wearing is recommended.

“These giveaways aim to provide youth with safety education around helmet-wearing activities, while aiming to prevent future related injuries,” says Woodstock Hospital Clinical Educator, Andrea McPherson. ■



ECO-UPDATE: Hospital Eliminates Styrofoam

Woodstock Hospital is committed to the continual development of its environmental performance with yet another effort to help reduce its carbon footprint. By eliminating Styrofoam products formerly used on site, Woodstock Hospital’s latest environmental program will divert 2,600lbs of Styrofoam from the landfill, per year.

Styrofoam currently fills up 30% of landfills globally, as its single-use products are non-biodegradable. As well as the chemicals that discarded Styrofoam leech into the environment over hundreds of years, the hydrocarbons released during the manufacturing of Styrofoam is also a major pollutant detrimental to the ozone.

Like many hospitals, Woodstock Hospitals had once relied unnecessarily on products made out of Styrofoam, including drinking cups for patients. As a cost efficient and environmentally responsible alternative to these products, the hospital has now implemented reusable water pitchers in patient areas to help achieve Styrofoam elimination.

Woodstock Hospital has been nationally recognized for environment sustainability efforts, most recently, earning the Canadian College of Health Leaders’ 2021 Energy and Environmental Stewardship Award. ■

WELLNESS

Team Recognizes Staff

The hospital Wellness Team is a group of staff committed to promoting self-care, recognizing and celebrating team members, and working to improve the overall workplace satisfaction at Woodstock Hospital. For Thanksgiving in October, this team planned a staff-appreciation initiative to recognize the dedicated efforts of all employees, which included distributing custom treats to teams throughout the hospital.

The Wellness Team oversees various initiatives throughout the year in support of healthy organizational practice and employee wellbeing. Previous Wellness Team initiatives have included the rotation of staff massage chairs throughout

the hospital, the procurement of corporate partnerships for discounted products and services for staff, and the coordination of monthly wellness challenges. For the approaching holiday season, the Wellness Team has organized the coordination of a nonobligatory staff gift exchange, "Secret Pal". ■



(LtoR) Chief Financial Officer, Kathy Lavelle; Wellness Committee members: Sue Wilford, Forms Programmer; Libby General, Director Health Information & Privacy Officer; and Bonnie West, Pension & Benefits Coordinator; with President & CEO, Perry Lang

STUDENTS

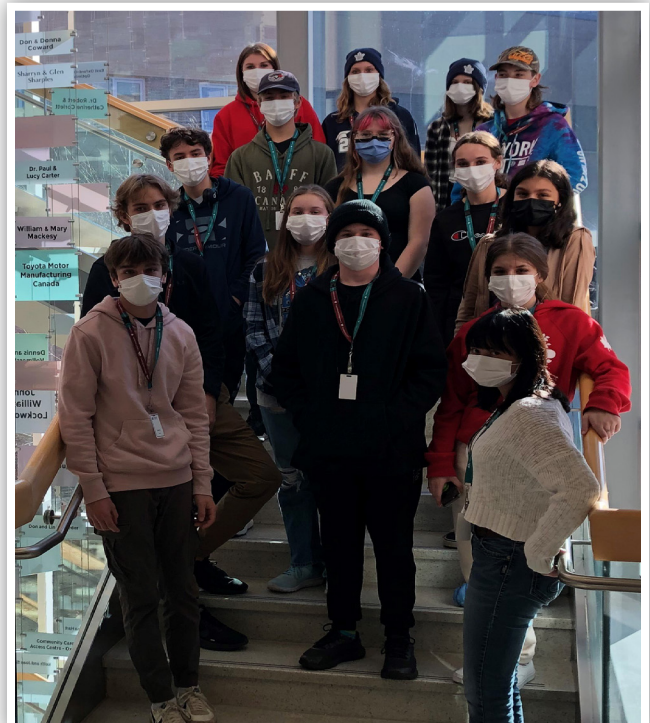
Attend "Take Your Kid to Work Day"

On Wednesday, November 2, the hospital's Human Resources department invited students in grade nine whose parents work at Woodstock Hospital, to participate in a specially created program on national "Take Your Kid to Work Day".

"We saw this program as an important opportunity to help students understand the various roles their parents play in providing health care to our community, while also allowing them to see the many career opportunities that exist in this sector," says Woodstock Hospital Pension and Benefits Coordinator, Bonnie West. "The hospital is proud to take part in supporting the next generation as they move into the workforce."

Throughout the day, groups of students were guided by volunteers through various departments within the hospital, to gain broader exposure to the organization as a whole. These departments included: Food Services, Laboratory, Medical Device Reprocessing Department (MDRD), Information Technology (IT), Outpatient Physiotherapy, Diagnostic Imaging, Pharmacy, and Staff Development.

In a survey completed by the students following their day at the hospital, 87% of respondents indicated that they found the program helpful in considering a possible future career. ■



HOSTING Special Guests: MPP and Minister of Health

On Tuesday, September 27, Woodstock Hospital welcomed on site Oxford MPP, Ernie Hardeman, and Ontario's Deputy Premier and Minister of Health, Hon. Sylvia Jones. During their visit, the special guests were led on a tour of the facility by hospital President & CEO, Perry Lang, and the Vice Chair of the Woodstock Hospital Board of Trust, Patrice Hilderley.

While at the hospital, MPP Hardeman and Hon. Jones presented a scroll to Woodstock Hospital Outpatient Clinic nurse Heather Yeck, in honour and recognition of her outstanding service to health care. Heather has worked as a Registered Practical Nurse at the hospital for the past 41 years.

Along with several members of the hospital's executive leadership and management teams; Patient and Family Advisor, Jaspreet Sandhu; and Teresa Martins of the Oxford Ontario Health Team, MPP Hardeman and Hon. Jones also sat down to discuss the hospital's recent endeavors and achievements. Some of the items of discussion included the hospital's implementation of bedside patient experience interviews; the recent addition of Patient and Family Advisors on working groups throughout the organization; and the hospital's leadership in mental health related specialty programs. ■

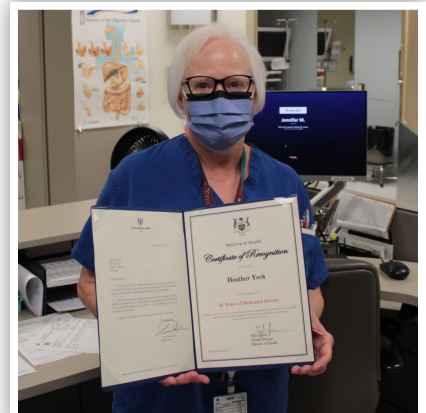


Standing (LtoR): Jennifer Lynch, Director of Strategic Planning, Community Engagement and Patient Experience; Kathy Lavelle, VP of Finance, Chief Financial Officer; Kim Hobbs, Director of Infection Control; Cindy Smart, VP of Patient Care, Chief Nursing Officer; Shelley Muldoon, Director of Mental Health Services; Perry Lang, President and CEO; Dr. Shabbir Amanullah, Chief of Psychiatry; and Teresa Martins, Executive Project Lead, Oxford & Area OHT

Seated (LtoR): Jaspreet Sandhu, Patient and Family Advisor, WH Board of Trust; Ernie Hardeman, Oxford MPP; Hon. Sylvia Jones, Ontario's Deputy Premier and Minister of Health; and Patrice Hilderley, Vice Chair, WH Board of Trust



Oxford MPP, Ernie Hardeman, and Ontario's Deputy Premier and Minister of Health, Hon. Sylvia Jones, present Outpatient Clinic Registered Practical Nurse, Heather Yeck, with a Certificate of Recognition for her long service.



Heather Yeck with her Certificate from the Ministry of Health recognizing her dedicated service as a Registered Practical Nurse in the Woodstock Hospital Outpatient Clinic for the past 41 years.



CALLING ALL WH RETIREES!

Are you a retiree of Woodstock Hospital? Woodstock Hospital Human Resources and event teams are updating their contact list of retired employees, to better connect and engage with our valued former workers.

If you or someone you know is a retiree of Woodstock Hospital and would like to receive hospital news, updates, and invitations to retiree-appreciation events, please provide an updated email address to Human Resource team member, Bonnie West, at bwest@woodstockhospital.ca.

HEALTHCARE Behind the Scenes

The term “healthcare worker” is often associated with scrub-caps, surgical gowns, and the roles of direct care providers. However, there are many healthcare workers behind the scenes—though less recognizable—that play invaluable roles, crucial to the patient care at Woodstock Hospital. Meet a few of these healthcare workers “behind the scenes”!



Hi, my name is Pat and I’m a Food Service Worker at Woodstock Hospital. The Food Services Department makes sure that patients at the hospital are provided with nutritious meals and snacks to support their recovery. Because different patients require different diets, it is vital for our team in Food Services to know and understand the different types of meals and diets that are best for each patient, for example: diabetic, pureed, or full fluid. For a patient who requires a specific diet, or texture-modified meal, delivering the proper meal to the right patient is a matter of safety.

The best part of my job is getting to know patients and their families. In my role, I bring an iPad around to visit patients individually, finding out and recording what they would like for lunch and dinner. Even though certain patients might have more specific dietary requirements, we try our best to accommodate our patients’ individual likes and dislikes—it’s important to us that our patients are happy with the meals they receive during their stay at Woodstock Hospital!



Greetings! I’m Lisa from the hospital’s Medical Device Reprocessing Department (MDRD). Our department is in charge of the sterilization and reprocessing of surgical tools, instruments, and patient-care equipment. In MDRD, our team also prepares the equipment carts used in the operating rooms, to make sure the teams in Surgical Services have everything they need during a patient procedure.

My role as an MDRD worker involves the collection, transport, and decontamination of soiled equipment. I also help perform safety inspections of reprocessed equipment, and assist with their reassembly, packaging, and storage/redistribution.

Although our department does not work directly with patients, we work behind the scenes, *for* our patients, ensuring their comfort and safety through every surgical procedure.



Hello, I’m Bonnie and I work in the hospital’s Health Records Department. The Health Records Department is responsible for ensuring that chart-documented personal health information is complete, accurate, and secure. In my role, I am responsible for handling all requests for patient information from external parties, for example, from a clinician outside of the hospital, or an insurance company. Another example might be helping a bereaved family who is seeking records of a loved one for closure. In all scenarios, I follow strict guidance from Provincial Privacy Legislation that outlines when and with whom hospitals are permitted to share personal health information.

As a Release of Information Specialist, I am an ambassador of patient privacy and treat all patient information as sensitive and confidential. It is a patient’s right that their personal health information will be kept safe and secure, and it’s my job to ensure that happens.

COACHING

Initiative to Support Nurses

Many recent nursing graduates are entering the workforce with less clinical experience than in previous years, due to circumstances related to the pandemic. In consideration of this, Woodstock Hospital developed a Clinical Coaching Sustainability Plan to support new nurses and empower their experienced colleagues to comfortably and confidently provide mentorship. The initiative looks to identify and address current challenges faced by frontline nurses and integrate communication for improved work flow, while increasing job satisfaction and staff retention.

Tactics of the Clinical Coaching Plan include standardized lengthening of “buddy-shifts” for new staff, increased opportunities for one on one mentoring in the practice setting, routine provision of updated educational resources, as well as simplified access to ongoing support.

So far, since its commence in July, the initiative has been effective in hitting its benchmarks, gauged qualitatively through staff feedback, and quantitatively by improved staff retention rates. This initiative will continue to evolve and be monitored to help ensure continued success for individual employees, as well as the broader organization. ■

PHYSICIAN

Joins Otolaryngology Team

Dr. Hannah Kuurstra, joined Woodstock Hospital on October 1. As a General Otolaryngologist, she will specialize in the surgical and medical management of conditions of the head and neck.

“I’ve lived in southwestern Ontario since I was in high school; my roots are here,” says Kuurstra. “Working at Woodstock Hospital allows me to do what I love, in a region that has influenced who I am. It’s a privilege to now use my skills to enhance the health of this area.”

Woodstock Hospital is excited to introduce this talented new physician to the community. Welcome to Woodstock Hospital, Dr. Kuurstra! ■

In Memory ...

Isabelle Baird was a valued community member and hospital supporter as both a donor to the Woodstock Hospital Foundation and a longstanding member of the Woodstock Hospital Auxiliary.

Isabelle joined the hospital Auxiliary—a volunteer group dedicated to fundraising initiatives in support of the Woodstock Hospital—in the late 1940’s, when she was only 18 years old. As part of this admirable team, Isabelle helped organize fundraising initiatives such as Bingo events, Penny Sales, Garden Tours, High Teas, and various ticket sale fundraisers to support the purchase of many critical pieces of healthcare equipment for the hospital. In 1955, Isabelle was also involved in the establishment and operation of the original Woodstock General Hospital Gift Shop—a major source of fundraising for hospital equipment. From the late 1960’s into the first decade of the new millennium, Isabelle and the Auxiliary group raised close to \$3-million to enhance patient care at Woodstock Hospital.

Isabelle had many times expressed the joy she felt through her work with the Auxiliary.

“We were always trying to do nice things for the patients”, she was once quoted.

This winter marks the one year anniversary since the passing of Isabelle Baird on December 27, 2021. In honour of this anniversary, Woodstock Hospital and the Woodstock Hospital Foundation remember Isabelle and her contributions to health care in our community. ■



Isabelle Baird in 2009, with an Award of Excellence for her dedicated volunteer work with the Woodstock Hospital Auxiliary.

MESSAGE from the Woodstock Hospital Foundation



Jocelyn Jenner,
Senior Development Officer

As the holiday season approaches, I can't help but reflect on the ways our community has supported the Woodstock Hospital and Woodstock Hospital Foundation over this past year. Whether it be participating in the online 50/50 Raffle; joining us, yet again, for our Dairy Capital Run

or Charity Golf Tournament; or for simply following along and engaging with us on social media, we appreciate the ways YOU have supported the betterment of health care in our community. On pages 10 and 11, I invite you to discover some of the ways your support has impacted our hospital!

While this fall marked the 11th year in our new hospital on Juliana Drive, there is another anniversary celebrated in the Foundation in November. The month marks the second year for the Foundation's monthly, online 50/50 Raffle. On page 12, I invite you to meet our latest Grand Prize draw winners, who got to take home more than 50, 60, and \$70,000 in jackpot winnings. In celebration of the holiday season, this December, 50/50 ticket purchasers have even more opportunities to win

with the return of the 12 Days of Winning! You can buy tickets at www.woodstock5050.ca.

While the 50/50 Raffle gives participants the chance to win big, it is so much more than that. Proceeds from the 50/50—like the proceeds from our other Foundation fundraisers and initiatives—help to ensure that the talented professionals at Woodstock Hospital have access to the cutting-edge technology they need to provide high-quality care to patients. What makes the 50/50 proceeds special, is that they specifically support equipment needs in the hospital's Diagnostic Imaging Department. Funds raised from the online raffle since its launch in 2020 have led to major advancements in the Diagnostic Imaging Department. To learn what equipment will be updated with the proceeds currently being raised through the online 50/50, I invite you to read page 13.

On behalf of the Foundation, I want to thank our donors and the community for supporting Woodstock Hospital. We couldn't do without YOU.

Wishing you and your loved ones a safe and happy holiday season. ■

THANK YOU

Sutton Group Right Way!

The Woodstock Hospital Foundation is honoured to have been the charitable recipient of funds raised from the Sutton Group Right Way's First Annual Golf Tournament for Oscar Cruz Ventura, hosted by Sutton Group Right Way Real Estate Brokerage in Woodstock. The tournament was a sold out event, held on October 1 at The Oxford Hills golf course in Mount Elgin.

Thanks to Laurie Nicholson of Sutton Group, Oscar and Karen Cruz Ventura, as well as all the participants, the Tournament raised an incredible \$25,000 to support patient care at Woodstock Hospital.

The Foundation extends gratitude to Laurie, Oscar, and Karen for their hard work organizing the tournament and for choosing to support Woodstock Hospital. The Foundation also thanks all the golfers, sponsors, and volunteers who helped make the tournament so successful. ■



Pictured right (LtoR): Senior Development Officer of the Woodstock Hospital Foundation, Jocelyn Jenner; Laurie Nicholson of Sutton Group Right Way; with Oscar and Karen Cruz Ventura

YOUR DONATIONS

Donations to the Woodstock Hospital Foundation are essential in ensuring the hospital's skilled healthcare teams have the medical technology they need to provide excellent patient care to the community.

"Not everyone realizes that there is no provincial funding to support hospital equipment needs," says Jocelyn Jenner, Senior Development Officer of the Woodstock Hospital Foundation. "This is exactly why we are so appreciative of the community support we receive through donations and bequests, as well as through our fundraising initiatives like the Dairy Capital Run, Golf Tournament, and 50/50. These funds are what makes sure the hospital has the equipment and technology it needs to provide the highest quality healthcare for the people in our community."

As well as the continual development of new technology, much like televisions, radios, or cellphones, medical equipment also becomes outdated over time. For these reasons, the funds raised through the Foundation are vital to Woodstock Hospital. Donor support of the Woodstock Hospital Foundation really *does* make a difference, and over the years, has allowed the hospital to acquire and update many vital pieces of life-saving medical equipment. ■



This **MRI (Magnetic Resonance Imaging) machine** (above) purchased for the **Diagnostic Imaging department** through funds raised by the Woodstock Hospital Foundation's Building the Vision campaign prior to 2011, allowed members of the community, for the first time, to access this specialized service without having to leave Oxford County. Thanks to this equipment, patients at Woodstock Hospital can locally, comfortably, and efficiently benefit from this superior diagnostic tool.

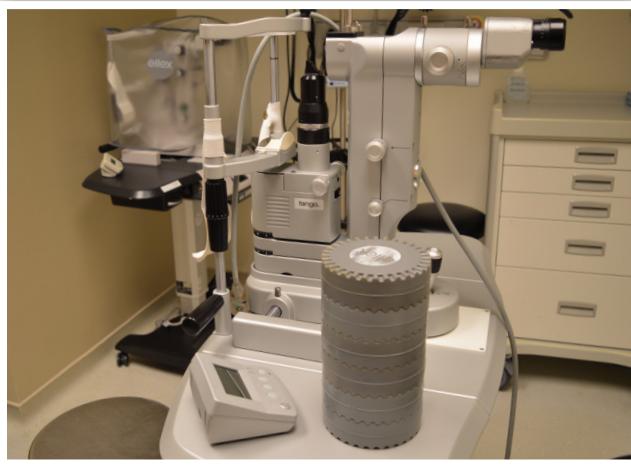


This **Automated Coverslipper machine** (above) purchased for the **Laboratory Services department** through funds raised by the Woodstock Hospital Foundation's Golf tournament in 2016, improves the optical quality of specimen slides that technicians use to examine patient tissue samples. Thanks to this equipment, these samples and their enhanced quality help healthcare teams at Woodstock Hospital determine important diagnostic and prognostic information for patients.

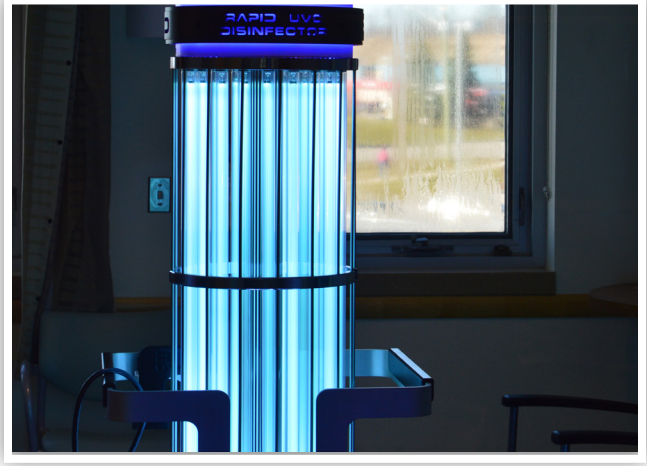


This **Infant Isolette** (above) purchased for the **Maternal Child/Women's Health unit** through funds raised by the Woodstock Hospital Foundation's Radiothon in 2018, allows vulnerable newborns, including those born prematurely, to be protected from environmental elements that could otherwise be harmful. Thanks to this equipment, families and healthcare teams can interact with these infants safely, comfortably, and with ease.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE!



This **Yag SLT (Selective Laser Trabeculoplasty) Laser** (above) purchased for the **Surgical Services department** through funds raised by the Woodstock Hospital Foundation's Holiday Mailer in 2019, is cutting-edge technology now used on-site for patients requiring Cataract surgery. Thanks to this equipment, healthcare teams in the Cataract Clinic have been able to enhance the efficiency of these procedures for the patients that need it.



This **Smart Ultraviolet Light Disinfection System** (above) purchased for the **Housekeeping department** through funds raised by the Woodstock Hospital Foundation's Golf tournament in 2019, allowed Woodstock Hospital to maintain the highest level of disinfection possible during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic. Thanks to this equipment, patients, their families, and staff can take comfort knowing that safety is prioritized at Woodstock Hospital.

THANK YOU TO DONORS

for the Automated Medication Dispensing Cabinets

Hi, I'm Fatima, the Director of Pharmacy at Woodstock Hospital. You might remember me from last year when I wrote a letter asking for your help in replacing the hospital's Automated Medication Dispensing Cabinets (AMDC).

Thanks to YOU and your generous contributions last winter, we were able to purchase 33 new AMDCs that have since arrived and been installed here at Woodstock Hospital. Having this new technology has increased the efficiency in Pharmacy, ensuring that nurses across the hospital have improved access to the medications their patients need.

Thank you for supporting the Woodstock Hospital Foundation and for helping us to further enhance the exceptional patient care we provide at Woodstock Hospital!

Fatima Vieira-Cabral

Director of Pharmacy



50/50 WINNERS, Support that *Paid Off!*

Two years ago, on November 4, 2020, the Woodstock Hospital Foundation first promoted its now widely-known online 50/50 Raffle. In its first year aloe, the Raffle generated over \$380,000 worth of prize funds.

“Right away, the 50/50 became a fun and exciting way for the community to come together and play, while also supporting the hospital,” says Jocelyn Jenner, Senior Development Officer of the Woodstock Hospital Foundation.

Each month, the 50/50 features a minimum of three Early Bird prizes, as well as the final Grand Prize draw that is known for reaching significant sums. The highest monthly jackpot to-date was over \$172,000. ■



Garfield Scott won \$54,235 in September's Grand Prize Draw.



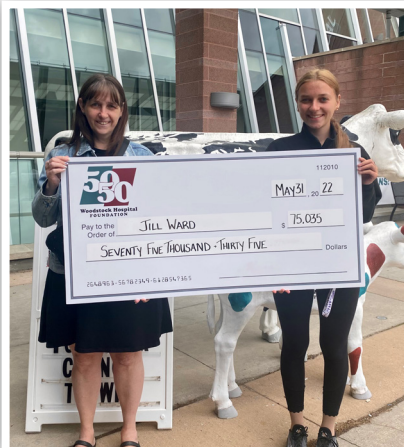
Dino Jose (left), won \$59,708 in August's Grand Prize Draw.



Carol Browett (left) won \$61,015 in July's Grand Prize Draw.



Deb Kovachik (right), won \$56,685 in June's Grand Prize Draw.



Jill Ward (left) won \$75,035 in May's Grand Prize Draw.



Erica Miller (left), won \$66,400 in April's Grand Prize Draw.

The chance to win **BIG** makes a Terrific Stocking stuffer!

Purchase tickets online at www.woodstock5050.ca and get the gift that gives back this holiday season.

December Grand Prize draw: December 30, 2022, 10 a.m.
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50/50 PROCEEDS, Where are They Going?

Much like the proceeds from other Foundation fundraisers and initiatives, the Woodstock Hospital Foundation's monthly online 50/50 Raffle helps ensure that Woodstock Hospital can provide services to patients using modern, high quality medical equipment and technology. Proceeds from the 50/50 however, are specifically allocated for equipment needs in the hospital's Diagnostic Imaging (DI) Department. The success of the 50/50 since its launch in 2020 has led to major advancements in this department; most recently, the addition of an impressive Mobile Fluoroscopy Camera—an imaging device that obtains real-time video images of a patient's internal structures.

Since the purchase and installation of the Mobile Fluoroscopy Camera and new ultrasound machine last year, proceeds generated from the 50/50 are supporting an exciting new equipment upgrade for Woodstock Hospital's DI department. The purchase these funds will be supporting is a new, state-of-the-art computerized tomography (CT) scanner.

Giving more detailed diagnostics than a conventional x-ray machine by creating 3-dimensional images of a patient's anatomy, the CT scanner can be used to identify diseases, lesions, tumors, blood clots, or abnormalities, with the potential to inform and expedite various treatments, in hopes of preventing more serious outcomes. With the information provided from the latest CT technology, this equipment

has the potential to diagnose and prevent life-threatening conditions.

"CT technology has come a long way over the years we've had our current scanner," says Jenn Deluliis, Woodstock Hospital's Director of Diagnostic Imaging. "Though our current model is still able to perform its main function, upgrading this technology would give our talented teams in DI the most advanced imaging technology available so that they can do their jobs to their fullest potential."

With the information provided from the latest CT technology, this equipment has the potential to diagnose and prevent life-threatening conditions.

The cost of a new CT scanner is over one million dollars. Thanks to the generous support of Woodstock Hospital Foundation 50/50 participants, the dream to upgrade this life-saving equipment with the most modern technology available, might someday be a reality for the Woodstock Hospital Diagnostic Imaging department. ■



THANK YOU

for a Successful Tournament

The Woodstock Hospital Foundation would like to thank participants, sponsors, and the community for their support of the 23rd annual Charity Golf Tournament. The Foundation would also like to extend a special thank-you to the event's Title Sponsors: CIBC Wood Gundy and The Lowes Family.

This year's tournament took place on Wednesday, June 15 at Craigowan Golf & Country Club and raised an outstanding \$60,000 to support the purchase of training equipment for the hospital's Staff Development Department.

"The province does not provide funding for hospital equipment," explains Jocelyn Jenner, Senior Development Officer of the Woodstock Hospital Foundation. "This is why the funds raised through the annual Charity Golf Tournament and other Foundation initiatives are essential in ensuring Woodstock Hospital staff have the equipment and technology they need to provide excellent patient care."



Over the years, funds raised through the annual Charity Golf Tournament have had major impact on the hospital, by supporting the purchases of equipment such as a Bone Mineral Density Scanner for Diagnostic Imaging in 2017, Cardiac Monitors for the Critical Care Unit in 2018, and a Smart Ultraviolet Light Disinfection System for the Housekeeping Department in 2019. Thanks to the contributions from last year's tournament in 2021, the hospital was able to upgrade technology in Laboratory Services with the addition of a cutting edge Chemistry Analyzer.

On behalf of the Foundation, thank you to everyone for supporting Woodstock Hospital through this year's Charity Golf Tournament. ■



KMPG team, winners the 2022 Graham F. Lowes Memorial Trophy: (LtoR) Steve Sauve, Arnie Lindquist, Jeff Stewart, & Nick Tiede



Oxford Plumbing team, winners of the 2022 David Lowes Memorial Trophy: (LtoR) Megan Malcolm, Kyle MacKenzie, Marc Depatie, & Sue Depatie



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A Letter to You, this Holiday Season

You may not remember me, but if you were born at Woodstock Hospital in the past 35 years—or had a baby here yourself—there's a chance we've met before. My name is Leanne and I am the Director of the Maternal Child/Women's Health unit.

Every day our team has the honour of welcoming to the world the newest members of our community; getting to know and support parents during one of the most significant moments of their lives; and watching as families grow, in size and in love, right in front of our eyes. One of the best parts of my job is seeing mothers holding their newborns for the first time and watching families go home smiling. Unfortunately, it's not always that simple.

Sometimes, newborns experience difficulty breathing on their own, and in serious cases, they might not be breathing at all. In these situations, our team needs quick access to medical equipment to support the newborn patient, including a neonatal ventilator. This ventilator provides heated, high flow oxygen and continuous positive airway pressure to support a newborn who is having difficulty breathing, and ensures he or she is stabilized for transport to a tertiary care center to receive specialized care, when needed.

Currently, the Maternal Child/Women's Health unit is prepared for this type of emergency thanks to a portable ventilator on loan from the hospital's Critical Care Unit (CCU). While this particular ventilator has the ability

to support newborns, having a permanent, designated neonatal ventilator on our unit would further optimize the excellent patient care we provide our tiny patients.

To ensure the future newborns of our community have this live-saving equipment available to them, **we need your help to purchase a designated neonatal ventilator** for the Maternal Child/Women's Health unit.

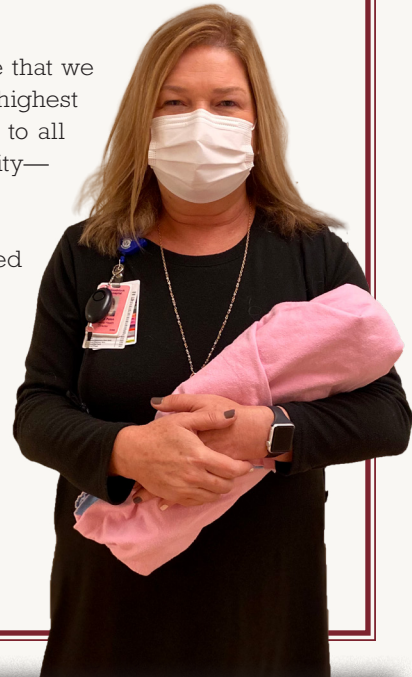
The cost of a new ventilator is **\$48,000**. This holiday season, **I ask you to consider donating to the Woodstock Hospital Foundation to help our sick newborns and their families.**

Your generosity helps ensure that we can continue to provide the highest level of patient care possible to all members of our community—even the tiniest ones.

Wishing you and your loved ones a happy holiday season!

Leanne Paton

Director of Maternal Child/Women's Health, Woodstock Hospital



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