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MESSAGE from the President & CEO

Since we last connected, a significant announcement has taken place for Woodstock Hospital (WH) and our community. On January 27, 2025, Oxford MPP Ernie Hardeman announced the approval of the Oxford Homelessness and Addiction Recovery Treatment (HART) Hub. Woodstock Hospital, the Oxford Ontario Health Team (OHT), and several community partners submitted a joint application to the Ministry of Health in October 2024, to help bridge critical gaps in care for individuals experiencing homelessness, mental health, and addiction challenges.

As part of this initiative, Woodstock Hospital's Board of Trust and Senior Leadership made the strategic decision to purchase 16 Graham Street. This former PUC building will be transformed into a Wellness Centre staffed by mental health professionals, providing approximately 50 dedicated mental health and addiction treatment beds and recovery services to support the Oxford HART Hub model of care.

At Woodstock Hospital, more individuals are arriving at our Emergency Department (ED) simply because they have nowhere else to turn. Addictions-related ED visits continue



Perry Lang, Woodstock Hospital President & CEO.

to rise. Too many families in our community know the pain of watching a loved one struggle with mental health and addictions.

Since the January 27th announcement, we have created an FAQ on our website and presented to local organizations, including City and County Councils, to help share our vision for the Oxford HART Hub model of care. To learn more, I invite you to turn to page 10. We remain committed to keeping our community informed as this meaningful work progresses.

Perry

ON THE COVER

A NEW PATH TO WELLNESS, OXFORD HART HUB

This photo, taken on January 27, 2025, captures MPP Ernie Hardeman's announcement at Woodstock Hospital approving the Oxford HART Hub. The attendance of Woodstock Mayor Jerry Acchione and Oxford County Warden Marcus Ryan underscores the importance of this initiative for the Woodstock and Oxford County region.



INCREDIBLE

Accreditation Achievement

Exemplary Standing. What does it *really* mean? Achieving Exemplary Standing through Accreditation Canada is the highest level of accreditation a hospital in Ontario can receive. Exemplary Standing means the hospital has met over 95% of the required organizational practices and has demonstrated excellence in quality and safety beyond the basic requirements.

"Accreditation is a completely voluntary process that we undertake because we want our patients, families, and community to know that Woodstock Hospital is committed to people-centred care and continuous improvement," explains Perry Lang, President & CEO.

Accreditation Canada surveyors visited the hospital on December 2nd, 3rd, and 4th, 2024, to interview patients, staff, and community partners. They also toured departments to evaluate our processes and procedures.

The Accreditation surveyors recognized several key strengths, including:

- **Commitment to People-Centred Care:**

WH's Patient & Family Advisory Council was highlighted as an excellent example of partnership and collaboration. Patients and families actively participate in committees throughout the hospital, including having a patient advisor as a voting member on the Board of Trust.

- **Exceptional Teamwork:** The surveyors emphasized that the hospital's greatest strength is its people. Staff demonstrated a



(LtoR) Alex Tilstra, Registered Nurse, Performance Improvement Specialist; Marie Jozwiak, Director of Patient Care, Acute Services; Dr. Cyd Courchesne, Accreditation Canada Surveyor.

deep sense of solidarity, always supporting one another without being asked.

- **Exemplary Use of Metrics and Data:** The surveyors praised the hospital's strategic use of metrics to guide quality improvement initiatives.

- **Community Collaboration:** Lead Accreditation Surveyor Ron Noble noted that the community partner session was the largest group he has interviewed over his 25 years of surveying with Accreditation Canada. This demonstrates the hospital's strong local partnerships.

Thank you staff, physicians, Board of Trust, Patient & Family Advisors, and community partners, for playing an integral role in WH's accreditation achievement!



TEN YEARS

of Teaching MRT Students

For a decade, WH has played a vital role in training, mentoring, and providing hands-on experience to the next generation of Medical Radiation Technologists (MRTs). Since 2014, WH's Diagnostic Imaging (DI) team has provided Fanshawe College MRT students with invaluable knowledge, many of whom have gone on to become permanent staff at our hospital.

Throughout their 15-month placement, the students gain hands-on experience in a variety of imaging modalities, including general radiography, fluoroscopy, computed tomography (CT), and operating room procedures. They also have opportunities to learn in specialized areas such as nuclear medicine and magnetic resonance imaging (MRI).

"Our site provides a unique experience for students," explains Jennifer De Iuliis, Director of DI. "As a medium-sized hospital, we are small enough for students to get personalized attention from our team but large enough to offer a variety of imaging experiences in which they can be immersed. From paediatrics to acute care and OR-



(LtoR) Mandalyn Zandbergen, MRT; Madison Pite, MRT; Corey Baker, MRT; Nicole Vanbelleghem, MRT; Allison Dykxhoorn, MRT; Mackenzie Starling, MRT.



(LtoR) Jennifer De Iuliis, Director of DI; Karrington Hill; MRT Student; Scarlett Poole, MRT Student; Kaleigh Zimmermann, MRT; Addison Karn, MRT; Daniela Buehlmann, MRT; Lianne Barber, MRT and Clinical Coordinator.

related procedures, there are so many learning opportunities here."

Over the past 10 years, WH has trained 20 MRT students and hired 16 graduates, nine of whom are currently on staff today. Many have pursued advanced credentials in CT, MRI, and Mammography.

"One of the first students from Fanshawe was Daniela, who joined our team after graduation and remains a dedicated technologist, expanding her skills in CT," explains Jennifer. "Another is Kaleigh, a student who trained here, was hired, and later cross-trained in MRI. Madison is another graduate who joined our team and has now cross-trained in Mammography."

What makes these success stories even more meaningful is that the former students-turned-staff are incredibly supportive of new students, having once been in their position themselves.

"As diagnostic imaging continues to evolve, our team embraces an environment of learning for both students and staff alike," says Lianne Barber, MRT and Clinical Coordinator. "It's been a remarkable 10 years of sharing in the journey of those who want to join such a dynamic field," Lianne adds.

MEASLES

Information

Our hospital is taking additional precautions to keep our patients, staff, and community safe. With the recent upsurge in community measles cases in our region, we are urging anyone who suspects they have the measles, is confirmed to have the measles, or has been in contact with someone with the measles in the past 21 days, to STOP and call ahead before coming into the hospital.

We have updated the visiting policy for our Maternal Child Women's Health Unit (MCWH). Patients are now limited to the same two essential caregivers for the entire duration of their hospital stay. Measles is highly contagious and can spread quickly where there are vulnerable patients.



Please stop and read the signage placed at all hospital entrances to decide if you need to call before entering.

Symptoms of measles includes high fever, rash (typically starting on the face and spreading downward), cough, runny nose, and red eyes. If you are coming to the hospital for an appointment and have any of these symptoms, please dial 519-421-4211 extension "0" for directions on how to proceed.

Please [click here](#) for more information about measles on our website.

HONOURING Retiring Employees

After more than 25 years of dedicated service, Heidi Dantes, Director of Emergency and Outpatient Clinic at Woodstock Hospital, is retiring. Throughout her tenure, from the old hospital to new, Heidi has guided her team with expertise, compassion, and an unwavering commitment to people-centred care.

Beyond her role as Director, Heidi also co-lead the Front Lines Improving Performance (FLIP) Team, an initiative focused on enhancing patient flow, safety, and satisfaction across the hospital. Heidi states she is most proud of becoming a top performing Emergency Department in Ontario, and sustaining this achievement over consecutive years. This was made possible by all hospital teams working together. These meaningful changes directly benefit patients and their families.

When reflecting on her nursing career of 41 years, Heidi shared that what she will miss

most is the people she worked alongside. "No matter the challenges or difficulties we faced, we got through them together and came out the other side stronger. I will miss the staff, and in particular, their creativity, resilience, and willingness to find solutions as a team." So much has changed over the years, but Heidi notes history, and the many lessons learned along the way are very important.

In retirement, Heidi looks forward to spending time with loved ones, travelling, camping, gardening, and exploring her artistic side through painting classes.



WELCOME

Savana, Physician Assistant

Our Emergency Department (ED) has consistently ranked among the top hospitals in Ontario for wait-time performance. Through the efforts of our Front Lines Improving Performance (FLIP) Team, dedicated staff, and strong community partnerships, we have introduced several initiatives to reduce wait times and enhance patient satisfaction.

One of the latest initiatives we are excited to share is the addition of a Physician Assistant (PA). Meet Savana!

In Ontario, PAs are healthcare professionals who work under the supervision of a doctor to help assess, diagnose, and treat patients. They act as an extra set of hands for physicians, improving patient flow and creating efficiencies.

"In my role, I support the Emergency Department Physician by completing comprehensive health histories and physical assessments of low acuity patients," explains Savana. "I can also place orders for lab tests or imaging to help determine what may be wrong with the patient. After I review the information, I present my findings to the ED Physician, and together, we determine the diagnosis and treatment plan."

PAs can order tests or prescribe medications that nursing staff may be unable to. Savana also assists with minor procedures such as suturing and casting.

"The patients I have met with so far, understand that I am here to help and are grateful to be seen quickly," Savana adds.



Savana Sarkisian is the new Physician Assistant in Woodstock Hospital's Emergency Department.

The addition of a PA has already had a positive impact in our ED.

"The Physician Assistant role allows me to manage more low acuity patients without needing to personally assess or chart on all of them," explains Dr. Kashif Ahmed, ED Physician. "While I review each case, the PA helps streamline our workflow, leading to improved efficiency and shorter wait times. If I am pulled away to attend to a critical patient, the PA can continue working, ensuring patient flow is maintained."

Savana received her undergraduate degree in Kinesiology at Western University and worked as a Physiotherapy Assistant in Kitchener. She then pursued the Physician Assistant Program at the University of Toronto, a two-year program, before joining Woodstock Hospital in December of last year.

"The demands on emergency care are increasing, which is the trend you see at hospitals across Ontario," adds Jaime Windsor, Director of Patient Care, ED. "The addition of a Physician Assistant helps us continue to deliver efficient and high-quality care, despite increasing patient volumes. Welcome, Savana!"

UNVEILING

Outpatient Clinic B

We are pleased to officially open Outpatient Clinic B, a new outpatient clinical space at WH. The clinic is located on the main level of the hospital beside Pharmasave. This expansion was driven by the need for a dedicated paediatric clinic space, as our previous outpatient area did not fully meet the needs of our paediatricians or their young patients.

WH has been growing its paediatric program by recruiting two new paediatricians. Dr. Aslam joined our team in the fall of 2024, and Dr. Ahmad will begin seeing patients in April.

“While our focus right now is using Outpatient Clinic B as a paediatric clinic, we are also exploring how this space can



(LtoR) Ryan Wood, Project Manager; Dr. Ameer Aslam, Paediatrician; Chris Marion, Director, Capital Projects; Heidi Dantes, Director, Emergency & Outpatient Services; Cindy Smart, VP of Patient Care & CNO; Heather Yeck, RPN.

support other outpatient services in the future, such as minor procedures,” explains Cindy Smart, VP of Patient Care and Chief Nursing Officer. “We designed it to be flexible so that as outpatient programs grow, we have more space to accommodate evolving needs.”

We thank our Outpatient Clinic staff and Capital Projects team for their support in getting this new space up and running!



SUCCESSFUL

Phase II Oracle Go-Live

We would like to recognize the efforts of our Finance, Payroll, Human Resources, Purchasing, and IT Departments, as well as the Oracle Project Team (pictured) and our implementation partner, Deloitte, for the successful go-live of Phase II of our

Enterprise Resource Planning Project on March 21, 2025. WH has now transitioned to a new Oracle Cloud software to streamline internal processes for our administrative and support departments. It was a team effort. Great job, everyone!

SHAPING

Our Future, With Your Input!

If you have been following along, you know that WH is getting closer to unveiling our new three-year strategic plan.

Through our engagement campaign, Share Your Voice, Shape Your Care, we heard from over 1,600 people who participated in discussions, completed surveys, and shared their thoughts on what matters most in their hospital experience. The feedback we received reaffirmed the strengths we take pride in as a hospital. We have compassionate and caring staff, a clean and modern facility, a broad range of services, and efficient emergency care. At the same time, it also highlighted areas where we can continue to improve, such as reducing wait times, expanding mental health and paediatric care, addressing staffing challenges, enhancing accessibility, and improving follow-up communication.

"The feedback we received closely aligns with many of the initiatives we have already started. This shows that we are moving in the right direction to meet the evolving needs of our community,"



Patient & Family Advisor Jeanne Soden (right) helps to engage staff with a strategic plan education cart taken hospital-wide.

says Jennifer Lynch, Director of Strategic Planning, Community Engagement, and Patient Experience Lead. "This includes the development of Outpatient Clinic B to support our growing paediatric program and advocating, applying, and receiving approval for an Oxford HART Hub to improve access to mental health and addiction services."

The new plan will put people-centred care at the forefront. Whether you are a patient, a family member, a staff member, or a community partner, we want you to see yourself reflected in it. That is why the slogan for the plan is "Centered on You." We look forward to sharing the full plan with you soon. Stay tuned!



(LtoR) Andrea Vanroekel, RN; Alicia Sauve, Dietitian; Jessie Leduc, Dietitian; Brittany Bender, RN; Melissa Streach, Diabetes Ed Administrative Support; Diane Running, Director of Diabetes Education, Inpatient Surgery, and MCWH.

COMMUNITY

Engagement

On Tuesday, March 18, 2025, our Diabetes Education Team hosted Head to Toe: Importance of Eyes and Feet in Diabetes. Just over 80 community members joined the free event, which included guest speakers Optometrist Dr. Sally Brant and Chiropodist J. Craig Hunt.

A LEADING Practice

The transition from classroom to clinical practice can be a learning curve for new nursing graduates. Sometimes, no matter how much studying is done, it cannot fully prepare someone for the real-life challenges of patient care.

That is where WH's Clinical Coaches Program comes into play. This initiative pairs newly graduated and novice nurses with experienced mentors, known as Clinical Coaches, who provide hands-on guidance and at-the-elbow support.

"We took a close look at retention rates over an 18-month period and introduced the temporary role of Clinical Coach to see if additional support could improve retention and job satisfaction for newly hired nurses," explains Chuan Yong, Director of Professional Practice. "Six months in, we surveyed staff to assess the impact of the program and the feedback was overwhelmingly positive. Many nurses reported feeling more confident and said they would highly recommend the Clinical Coach model for new hires."

In just six months, nurse retention rates rose from 70% to 85%.

Nicole Peterson was the first Clinical Coach at Woodstock Hospital, stepping into the role in July 2022. While initially uncertain about its long-term viability, the overwhelmingly positive response from



(LtoR) Nicole Peterson, Clinical Coach; Chris Husband, Clinical Scholar; and Jenna Smith, Clinical Scholar.

nurses led to the role becoming permanent.

"Being a Clinical Coach has given me a renewed sense of purpose," says Nicole. "As a long-time nurse at Woodstock Hospital, I've always been dedicated to my patients, but now I have shifted my focus to my fellow nurses. Whether answering questions or offering encouragement, I get a lot of satisfaction travelling from department to department and seeing the camaraderie that's taking place among our teams."

Since its launch, Woodstock Hospital's Clinical Coaches Program has expanded from one Clinical Coach to include two additional Clinical Scholars. The program was recently recognized at the national level, with Accreditation Canada designating it a Leading Practice.

What does that mean? Simply put, a Leading Practice is an innovative program that improves care in a meaningful way and serves as a model for other healthcare

**Let's
Get Social**



A NEW PATH to Recovery & Wellness

A transformative approach for caring for individuals experiencing homelessness, mental health, and addictions is being developed in Woodstock and Oxford County.

With the approval of the Oxford Homelessness and Addiction Recovery Treatment (HART) Hub on January 27, 2025, the Oxford Ontario Health Team (OHT), Woodstock Hospital, and several community partners have been given the green light to implement our plan for integrated services that ensure no individuals fall through the cracks.

"There are currently gaps in services for individuals facing mental health and addiction challenges, as well as homelessness," explains Perry Lang, Woodstock Hospital President & CEO. "These gaps have a direct impact on our hospital, particularly in the Emergency Department,

where we are seeing an increasing number of patients identifying as homeless and a rising number of addictions-related visits."

The Oxford HART Hub model of care brings together over 16 community organizations to provide immediate and long-term support to our most vulnerable community members.

"By working together, we can offer wraparound services that meet individuals where they are in their recovery journey and help them achieve long-term stability," adds Teresa Martins, Executive Director of the Oxford OHT. "We will have a no wrong door approach to care, which means no matter where individuals enter the Oxford HART Hub model of care, it will be the right place for them to be guided to the support they need."



The Woodstock Hospital's Board of Trust and Senior Leadership made the strategic decision to purchase 16 Graham Street in Woodstock as the Wellness Centre component to the Oxford HART Hub model of care. This site was chosen because it is centrally located and close to local transportation. It is also in close proximity to existing health, social, and human services, which will help to ensure individuals get the right support at the right time.

THE OXFORD HART Hub Model of Care



STEP 1: First Point of Contact - Whether someone walks through the doors of one of our HART Hub partners or connects with our mobile outreach team, they are met with warmth and dignity. We create a welcoming environment where people feel safe asking for help.



STEP 2: Safety & Immediate Needs - The first priority is stabilizing individuals by providing essentials like a hot meal and shower, access to primary care, and access to an emergency shelter.



STEP 3: Support & Navigation - Once individuals are stabilized, they are connected to services tailored to their needs, such as: housing intake and transitional support, mental health and addiction services, primary care for ongoing health needs, and case management for financial and social assistance.



STEP 4: Stability & Recovery - This final stage focuses on long-term solutions, preventing the "revolving door" of crisis care. A critical component of this step will be the Oxford Wellness Centre at 16 Graham Street. This facility will include approximately 50 dedicated mental health and addiction treatment beds. The Wellness Centre will also enable some mental health and addiction service providers to co-locate under one roof, further strengthening an integrated model of care.

The Oxford HART Hub Working Group Partners

- Woodstock Hospital
- Oxford Ontario Health Team
- CHMA Thames Valley Addiction & Mental Health Services
- Indwell
- Southwestern Public Health
- Operation Sharing
- Oxford County Community Health Centre
- Oxford County Human Services Department
- United Way Oxford
- Thames Valley Family Health Team
- Oxford County Paramedic Services
- Wellkin Child & Youth Mental Wellness
- Woodstock Police Service
- Oxford County OPP
- Ingersoll Nurse Practitioner-Led Clinic
- Alexandra Hospital Ingersoll
- Tillsonburg District Memorial Hospital
- Salvation Army - Tillsonburg

[Click here to read a frequently updated FAQ that is available on our website!](#)



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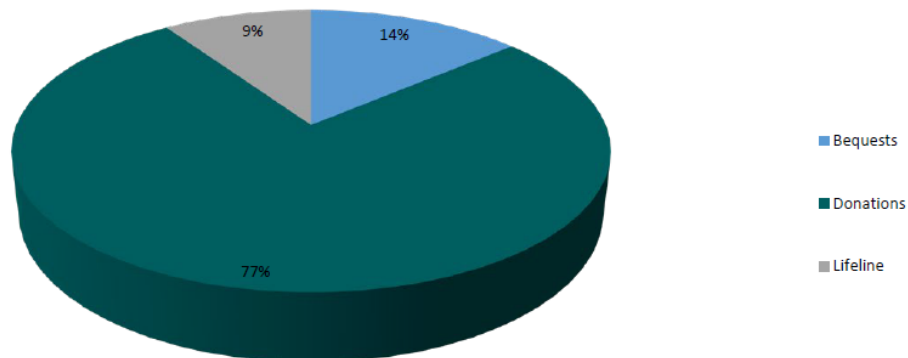
OPERATING STATEMENT

Ending December 31, 2024

	2024	2023
REVENUE		
Bequests, Donations, & Fundraising Initiatives	\$ 3,713,722	4,183,751
Lifeline	393,324	386,670
	4,107,046	4,570,421
EXPENDITURES		
Fundraising, Administrative & Other	1,312,394	1,455,306
Lifeline	353,763	344,367
	1,666,157	1,799,673
Funds from Operations	2,440,889	2,770,748
Investment Income (loss)	2,631,304	1,545,720
Contributions to WH	(1,164,671)	(1,602,053)
Fund balances, beginning of year	23,813,975	21,099,560
FUND BALANCES, YEAR END	\$ 27,721,497	23,813,975

Audited reports are available by contacting 519-421-4227

Revenue



YOUR SUPPORT

Matters to our Hospital

In 2024, we fundraised for the CORI robot surgical system for hip surgeries, fetal monitors for our Maternal Child Women's Health Department, and the renovation of our Chemotherapy/IV Infusion Clinic. We count on the residents of Woodstock and Oxford County who show their generosity throughout the year – and for this support we are very grateful. In return, donors can feel secure in knowing that their money will stay in the community to support the equipment needs of their hospital. If you have any questions about our fundraising needs, please call 519-421-4226.



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REPORT to the Community



Ron Burns,
Woodstock Hospital
Foundation Chair

Reflecting on the past year, I am filled with gratitude. The generosity of our community continues to shape the future of healthcare at Woodstock Hospital, ensuring that our highly skilled staff and physicians have the tools they need to provide exceptional people-centred care.

With donor support, we are making remarkable advancements. Our Chemotherapy/IV Infusion Clinic campaign is making great progress, creating a space that expands capacity and offers comfort for patients undergoing treatment. The continued support for the Foundation's 50/50 Lottery has allowed us to purchase state-of-the-art Diagnostic Imaging equipment. We are also excited to introduce a new membership option in April, making it even easier for our supporters to participate each month, while continuing to fund essential equipment.

Looking ahead, we are preparing to fund two new mammography units featuring contrast technology, which will improve our hospital's ability to detect abnormalities earlier. These critical investments are only possible because of you, our dedicated donors.

As we move into the spring, event season is right around the corner. The Dairy Capital Run returns in May, bringing together runners and walkers in support of our hospital. In June, we look forward to welcoming golfers back to Craigowan for our annual golf tournament, which saw record-breaking participation last year. These events not only raise funds for much-needed hospital equipment but also bring our community together in a shared commitment to healthcare excellence. We invite you to join us at our upcoming events and continue supporting our mission.

On behalf of the Foundation, thank you for your continued generosity. Your support directly impacts the lives of patients and their families, ensuring they receive the high-quality care, close to home.

UPDATE on Chemotherapy/IV Infusion Clinic

Woodstock Hospital's Chemotherapy/IV Infusion Clinic renovation is making great progress, bringing us closer to unveiling a modern, people-centred space later on this year. As the warmer weather approaches, so does our excitement for this much-anticipated transformation.

"All mechanical and electrical rough-in work is complete, and we are nearly finished with the drywall installation," shares Ryan Wood, Project Manager. "Next, painting and ceiling grid installation will begin, followed by installing new lighting and finishing the HVAC and sprinkler systems. The space is really starting to take shape."



Members of the WH Board of Trust tour the Chemotherapy/IV Infusion Clinic renovation site.

Renovations to the Chemotherapy/IV Infusion Clinic began in June 2024 and will significantly expand capacity, increasing from 8 treatment chairs and three stretchers to 15 treatment chairs and three stretchers. Designed with input from both patients and staff, the new layout enhances privacy by shifting from an open-concept space to treatment pods of four. One of the top requests from patients was also the ability to see outside during treatment. In response, we have incorporated large windows in the treatment area, bringing in natural light and providing calming outdoor views to support patient comfort.



Virtual rendering of how we envision the new Chemotherapy/IV infusion Clinic.

"The renovated clinic will be brighter, more welcoming, and better equipped to support patients and their caregivers," says Fatima Vieira-Cabral, Director of Chemotherapy and Pharmacy. "We are thrilled with the progress and can't wait to provide our patients and staff with a space that enhances the treatment experience."

The Woodstock Hospital Foundation is raising \$3 million in support of the renovation. If you would like to donate to this important project, please [click here](#). You can also call the Woodstock Hospital Foundation at 519-421-4226 or email foundation@woodstockhospital.ca.

MESSAGE from the Woodstock Hospital Foundation



Jocelyn Jenner,
Senior Development
Officer, WH Foundation

Think of the photos you take on your smartphone today compared to the ones taken when cell phones first came on the market. The difference in quality is quite noticeable! Clearer images, sharper detail, and more advanced features are now available to help us capture some of life's most important moments. The same is true for hospital technology, especially in Diagnostic Imaging (DI).

Healthcare professionals can only diagnose and treat what they can see. However, keeping up with the rapid pace of evolving technology is not easy. Especially when larger imaging equipment, such as MRI and CT, can cost hospitals millions.

That's where you, our generous community of donors, continue to make an incredible impact. Now, we as a hospital have our sights set on the next equipment need: two state-of-the-art mammography machines

featuring contrast-enhanced imaging. This cutting-edge technology will help detect abnormalities earlier. I invite you to learn more about this fundraising initiative on page 16.

With warmer weather comes our event season, and we are excited for the return of the Dairy Capital Run and our Annual Charity Golf Tournament. This year, these events will help support the purchase of life-saving defibrillators and a portable ECG machine.

We are also grateful for your unwavering support of our Chemotherapy/IV Infusion Clinic Campaign. Thanks to your generosity, we are at just over \$2.3 million of the campaign's \$3 million fundraising goal.

On behalf of the Foundation, thank you for your continued support, and I look forward to seeing you at one of our upcoming events!

Jocelyn



Woodstock Hospital
FOUNDATION
Charity Golf Tournament

The Woodstock Hospital Foundation's Annual Charity Golf Tournament will return to Craigowan Golf Club in Woodstock on Wednesday, June 11, 2025. For more information or to register, please email the Foundation at foundation@woodstockhospital.ca. Your registration includes: golf, meals, and a golfer gift. See you on the green!



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We have all heard the message. **Routine mammograms save lives.** But they truly do. The key is making sure that we take the time out of our busy schedules to get them done.

My name is Pat Pringle, and I almost didn't go in for the mammogram that detected breast cancer. I was grieving the loss of a close family member and thought about putting it off. But I didn't, and that decision may have saved my life.

On September 14, 2023, I went for my routine mammogram. The following week, I received a call that I needed further testing. A biopsy confirmed my diagnosis, HER2-positive breast cancer. I was told that it can be aggressive, but it also responds well to targeted treatment.

On my first visit to Woodstock Hospital's Chemotherapy/IV Infusion Clinic, I immediately felt warmth and kindness from the staff. The nurses took the time to explain everything to me in layman's terms, and no question was too big or too small. I wasn't just another patient. I was a person.

I'm not sharing my story with you for sympathy. I am sharing my story to help make a difference. Woodstock Hospital needs **new mammography units, which cost \$1.5 million**, to continue providing life-saving screenings.



(RtoL) Jenn De Iuliss, Director of Diagnostic Imaging, Lindsay Stafford, MRT; Amy Bove, MRT.

I consider myself to be one of the lucky ones. But early detection shouldn't come down to luck. It involves having access to the right equipment and technology, close to home. What's really exciting about the new equipment is that it features contrast-enhanced mammography (CEM). This is an advanced imaging technique that uses a contrast dye to highlight abnormal areas in the breast. It provides clearer, more detailed images, helping identify abnormalities earlier and with more accuracy.

Please [click here](#) to support the Woodstock Hospital Foundation today.

Your gift can help ensure that Medical Radiation Technologists, like those pictured above, have the latest and greatest tools at their fingertips. With gratitude,

Pat Pringle

NEW! Memberships

We have exciting news for Woodstock 50/50 supporters. Automatic ticket purchasing is here! With the new 50/50 Membership Program, you will be automatically entered into every draw, giving you peace of mind and ensuring you always have a chance to win while supporting patient care.

Why Join?

- Set It & Forget It – Secure your tickets for every draw with automatic entry.
- Fast & Flexible – Signing up is simple, and you can update or cancel anytime.
- Always an Early Bird – Your tickets will be secured for future draws.

How to Join:

Opt-in at checkout when purchasing your tickets. Your membership will begin with the April 2025 draw, and your tickets will automatically be entered each month.

Don't miss your chance to win—sign up today.

[Click here](#) for tickets! License No. RAF1451167

THE
DAIRY CAPITAL
WALK & RUN

Join in the Fun!



DISCOVERY Saturday
FARM MAY 24
WOODSTOCK, ON **2025**

For a third year, the Dairy Capital Run will be held at Discovery Farm Woodstock. This rural location allows participants to enjoy a run/walk along gravel routes, without having to worry about any traffic. With lots of different buildings on the Discovery Farm property, there is plenty to look at while travelling along the 2K and 5K race routes. As always, there will be the Lil' Hooper fun run for the little ones aged 2-6. We hope that you can come out in support of your hospital. This year's proceeds will help purchase life-saving defibrillators for Woodstock Hospital. [Click here](#) to learn more and register today! Also, if you would like to volunteer, please email foundation@woodstockhospital.ca or call 519-421-4226.



Rebecca Dashford was the lucky winner of the February Grand Prize Draw taking home \$47,832.



Michelle Lightheart was the lucky winner of the January Grand Prize draw winning \$49,780.