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MESSAGE from the President & CEO

This winter was challenging for hospitals across Ontario. At Woodstock Hospital (WH), high occupancy rates coupled with the seasonal surge of respiratory illnesses led to increased capacity pressures.

Ontario hospitals have surge plans they follow when capacity challenges reach a certain threshold. At WH, we implemented measures that enabled us to open an additional ten beds to care for our community. These periods of increased demand impact each and every department. Our staff are working in a fast-paced environment, requiring even greater coordination across teams to ensure patients continue to receive safe, timely care. I want to sincerely thank our staff for their dedication, adaptability, and unwavering teamwork. Your commitment to our patients and to one another does not go unnoticed.

As highlighted on the cover of this newsletter, we have introduced new patient armbands that include five accessibility icons: **Mobility, Vision, Hearing, Cognition, and Language & Communication**. These icons provide quick, visible cues about a patient's accessibility needs, helping staff respond appropriately, especially during brief encounters. It's a simple but meaningful way to enhance inclusive care. I invite you to learn more about this initiative on page 7.

I'm also pleased to share important milestones that have been reached at the temporary Wellness Centre on Huron



Perry Lang, Woodstock Hospital President & CEO.

Street in Woodstock. The Wellness Centre serves as a voluntary addiction treatment and recovery facility, and it is a part of the Oxford County Homelessness and Addiction Recovery Treatment (HART) Hub. We recently had our first two clients complete the 90-day Bedded Supportive Treatment (BST) Program. Chris and Austin offer a glimpse into the impact of the care and support they received throughout the program. Turn to pages 8 and 9 to learn more.

With spring upon us, I look forward to the Woodstock Hospital Foundation's Annual Charity Golf Tournament. This year, the funds raised will support GlideScopes for Surgical Services. You can learn more about the tournament on page 13. It's through the steadfast support of our community, donors, and dedicated staff that we are able to advance care and services for the patients and families we serve. Thank you,

Perry

STAY CONNECTED WITH WOODSTOCK HOSPITAL

Woodstock Hospital's community newsletters are our way of keeping Oxford County informed about initiatives and events happening through the Woodstock Hospital and Woodstock Hospital Foundation. All newsletters are archived on our website and can be found by [clicking here](#). If you want more immediate updates from the hospital, be sure to follow WH on Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn, and X.

SUPPORTING

Staff Education and Training

Woodstock Hospital is proud to be one of the first hospitals in Canada selected to receive funding aimed at enhancing care for people living with opioid use disorder (OUD).

The funding supports the use of national best practices developed by the Canadian Research Initiative in Substance Misuse (CRISM) and the Canadian Association of Emergency Physicians (CAEP). The best practices focus on three main goals: providing timely treatment, reducing stigma, and connecting patients with community supports.

One of the best practices involves ensuring medications used to treat opioid use disorder are readily available in our Emergency Department (ED). “We will be able to support stabilizing and initiating treatment plans for individuals who want to begin their recovery journey,” explains Jaime Windsor, Director of Patient Care, Emergency Department. “The funding also supports staff education and clear processes, so our teams can confidently care for individuals with opioid use disorder and connect them with community resources.”

As part of this work, WH hosted education sessions and community partnership events in February and March. Hospital staff, physicians, and community partners listened to presentations that included videos of individuals sharing their personal experiences with substance use and the circumstances that led to it. ED physicians, addiction response teams, and representatives from the Oxford



(LtoR) Dr. Kelly Lien, ED Physician; Dr. Rebecca Barnfield (Presenter), LHSC ED Physician; Andrea McPherson, Performance Improvement Specialist; Chuan Yong, Director of Professional Development; Jaime Windsor, Director of Patient Care, ED; Christina Husband, Clinical Scholar.

Homelessness and Addiction Recovery Treatment (HART) Hub also shared information about referral pathways and resources with the group.

“Hearing personal stories is incredibly impactful,” says Andrea McPherson, Performance Improvement Specialist for the ED and Inpatient Units. “It helps us build understanding and reminds us of the importance of leading with compassion in every patient interaction.”

Following the presentations, local service providers showcased supports available for individuals experiencing substance use challenges. Participating organizations included Oxford County Paramedic Services, the Rapid Access Addiction Medicine (RAAM) Clinic, Operation Sharing, Indwell, Southwestern Public Health, Canadian Addiction Treatment Centres, and the Oxford HART Hub. We extend our sincere thanks to all of the community partners who joined us for this educational event.

CAUGHT CARING PROGRAM

Recognize an individual or team for going above and beyond! Through the Caught Caring Program, nominees receive a certificate and Tim Hortons gift card generously donated by Randy Lee, RBC Dominion Securities. Simply email caughtcaring@woodstockhospital.ca

WELCOMING

Dr. Lauren Cormier

Woodstock Hospital is pleased to welcome Dr. Lauren Cormier, a Physiatrist, who joined our medical staff in September 2025. Dr. Cormier's path to Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation began early in medical school. "Fairly early on, you need to decide whether surgery or medicine is the right fit for you," she explains. "A friend suggested that I look into Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, and it immediately clicked. I really enjoy being a part of a patient's path to recovery."

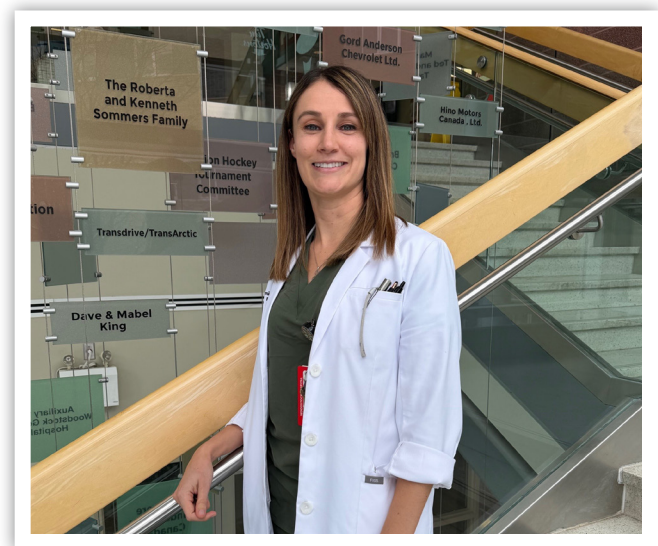
Originally from Calgary, Alberta, Dr. Cormier earned her Bachelor of Science from Acadia University in Wolfville, Nova Scotia. She completed medical school at the University of Alberta and went on to finish her residency at Western University's Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry.

Physiatrists work with patients who have injuries, illnesses, or disabilities that affect their cognition, nerves, muscles, and/or bones. Using different tools and techniques, they help restore function, reduce pain, and improve mobility. "I try to keep things lighthearted because life is meant to be enjoyed, but it's easy to lose sight of that, especially after a serious injury or illness."

Dr. Ngo, a fellow resident at Western, was working as a Physiatrist at Woodstock Hospital before Dr. Cormier joined the team. "He had nothing but wonderful things to say about the hospital, and I can see why," shares Dr. Cormier. "There is a lot of enthusiasm here and a genuine desire to provide high-quality, people-centred care. Staff are open to new ideas, and I'm excited to see how we grow together as a team."

Outside of work, Dr. Cormier is an avid equestrian. "I've been riding horses for over 20 years and compete in regional horse shows. It helps keep me grounded."

Welcome to the team, Dr. Cormier!



Dr. Lauren Cormier joined our team in September 2025.

HONOURING Retiring Employees



At 19, **Nancy Eaton** began her nursing career on a surgical floor at Woodstock Hospital. When the hospital opened a Dialysis Unit in 1997, Nancy was presented with a new and exciting opportunity. She became a Dialysis Nurse in May 1998, a role she proudly held for the remainder of her 38-year career.

"I have cared for some of my patients for over 25 years," shares Nancy. "Because we see dialysis patients three times each week, we build strong relationships with them. One of the most rewarding moments of my career was helping plan and design the new Dialysis Unit on Juliana Drive."

While Nancy will miss her colleagues and the patients she has cared for over the years, she looks forward to travelling and spending more time with her granddaughter, family, and friends.

NEW CHIEF

Of Staff Appointed

For more than a decade, Dr. Ian Hons has been a friendly and familiar face at Woodstock Hospital, caring for patients, supporting colleagues, and contributing to the growth of healthcare in Oxford County.

Now, he is stepping into a new role as Chief of Staff. "The Chief of Staff is appointed by the Board of Trust to support physicians and uphold strong clinical standards," Dr. Hons explains. "The role also helps guide quality and safety initiatives and supports long-term planning for the organization."

WH currently has a broad range of physicians with privileges across specialties, including family medicine, surgery, pathology, psychiatry, and more. The Chief of Staff serves as a key link between the medical staff and hospital administration, fostering collaboration and alignment across the organization. "I look forward to advancing our culture of continuous learning by welcoming medical educators and trainees, while also supporting physician education and quality improvement initiatives, including multidisciplinary rounds to review complex cases."

From his perspective, Woodstock Hospital's strength is its people. "Physicians are supported by an outstanding team of nurses and allied health professionals, as well as the technological infrastructure and administrative support required to deliver modern medicine," he says. "I look forward to continuing to build on those strengths and working with our partners to create a health system that improves access and outcomes for the communities we serve."

When he's not at the hospital or his family practice, you can find Dr. Hons in the arena stands, proudly cheering for his daughters. "My greatest joy in life is my family," he shares. "I have two daughters who are both



Dr. Ian Hons completed his medical residency and began his career as a full-time Hospitalist at Woodstock Hospital in 2016. He opened his family practice in 2021 and now in January 2026, Dr. Hons was appointed WH's new Chief of Staff.

active hockey players with the Woodstock Wildcats Association, and I love every minute of watching them play. More than once, the hockey rink has doubled as my 'home office' while I catch up on work between games."

WH is pleased to welcome Dr. Hons to this role and sincerely thanks long-serving Chief of Staff, Dr. Malcolm MacLeod, for his leadership in guiding the organization through many important milestones, including the move to our current location on Juliana Drive.

WOODSTOCK HOSPITAL'S DIABETES EDUCATION PROGRAM PRESENTS:

Diabetes and Sleep: Don't press snooze on good health.

Speaker: Dr. David Robinson

When: April 21, 2026

Where: Unifor Hall, 126 Beale St. Woodstock

Time: 5:00 pm - Doors Open
6:00 pm - Guest Speaker

No cost or registration required!

VOLUNTEER

Spotlight: Jane Van Patter

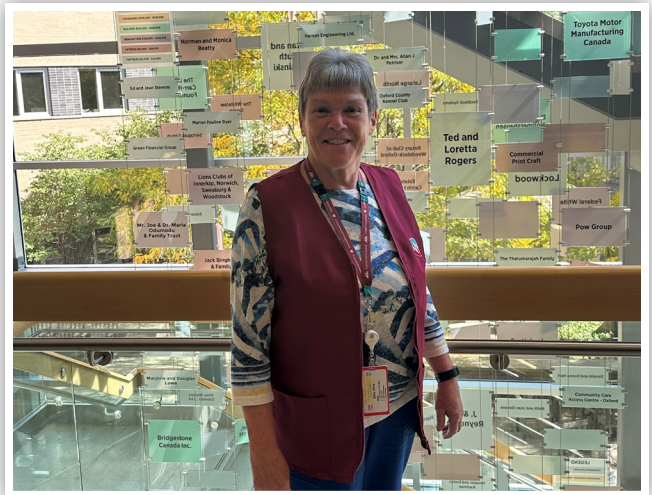
Before she retired, Jane Van Patter worked as a Church Minister, often visiting parishioners who were patients at Woodstock Hospital.

“Every time I visited, I experienced warm, welcoming hospitality from both staff and volunteers alike,” shares Jane. “When I retired, I knew that joining this organization as a volunteer would be a really good fit for me.”

And she was right! If you come to Woodstock Hospital, you may see Jane’s friendly smile at the Information Desk in the main lobby. There, she helps guide patients and visitors to where they need to be and answers any questions they may have.

“At the Information Desk, I see myself as a first impression ambassador,” explains Jane. “I have become proficient in answering frequently asked questions such as how to get to Tim Hortons, the cost of parking, and, of course, the location of the nearest washroom.”

Jane also helps patients navigate the new CBORD patient meal-ordering app, which allows them to browse menu options and order lunch and dinner from their mobile device or inpatient TV.



Shining the spotlight on our hospital volunteer, Jane Van Patter, as she shares why she volunteers at WH.

“It feels good being a part of this team,” she adds. “There is a strong collaborative spirit among hospital staff and volunteers. If you are thinking about volunteering, stop thinking and just do it!”

We would like to take this opportunity to extend our deepest gratitude to all of our dedicated hospital volunteers, who help our patients and staff in countless ways.

If you want to learn more about volunteer opportunities at Woodstock Hospital, please visit our website, by [clicking here](#). To learn more about the CBORD patient meal-ordering app, [click here](#).

HONOURING Retiring Employees



After nearly 35 years, longtime nurse **Nicole Peterson** is hanging up her stethoscope and bidding farewell to a place she affectionately refers to as her “second home.”

“I think I worked in almost every department at Woodstock Hospital,” says Nicole. “But my heart has always belonged to Critical Care. It’s been 25 years of saving lives, sharing tears, and celebrating victories in the CCU.”

Later in her career, Nicole returned to school to pursue her passion for teaching. She concludes her time at WH as the hospital’s first Clinical Coach, mentoring new nurses and providing clinical guidance to staff across the organization. While Nicole leaves with countless fond memories, she looks forward to making many new ones with her family and grandchildren.

PATIENT

Accessibility Armbands

During a patient's stay at Woodstock Hospital, they interact with many members of our team.

For example, a porter may transport a patient from their inpatient room to Diagnostic Imaging for a test. There, a Medical Radiation Technologist (MRT) greets the patient for their imaging procedure. After the test, the patient returns to their room, where a member of the Food Services team may stop by to take their lunch order.

One patient. Many interactions.

These staff members may not have access to a patient's electronic health record, and therefore would not be able to see any clinical notes relating to accessibility challenges the patient may have.

That is why Woodstock Hospital has introduced a new patient armband with five icons: **Mobility, Vision, Hearing, Cognition, and Language & Communication**. Following an assessment, a hole is punched beneath the relevant icon to show that the patient may need additional support in that particular area.

"Staff who are outside of the patient's circle of care don't have access to the patient's electronic health record," explains Cindy Smart, Vice President of Patient Care and Chief Nursing Officer. "The armband helps all staff interacting with the patient, even during those brief encounters, understand what areas additional support is required in."

For example, when approaching a patient to take their lunch order, a Food Services team member may notice a hole punched beneath the hearing icon. They respond by lowering the TV volume, moving to the patient's eye level, and speaking clearly and a little louder than usual.

These simple adjustments can make a big difference. Patients don't have to repeat, again and again, that they are hard of hearing or ask staff to speak up.

"This initiative is the direct result of feedback from patients, families, and staff," explains Andrea McPherson, Performance Improvement Specialist. "We spoke with more than 40 patients and families and held working groups with frontline staff to help inform the final design of the armband."

The new patient armband went live across the organization on March 4, 2026.



Following an assessment, a nurse in the ED triage area is punching a hole beneath an icon on the patient's armband in areas they may need additional support.



Visiting our nursing units to share information about the new patient armbands. (LtoR) Andrea McPherson, Performance Improvement Specialist; Chuan Yong, Director of Staff Development and Accreditation Coordinator; Christina Wright, RPN; Caroline Spence, RPN; and Jackie (nursing student).

HART HUB

Wellness Centre Testimonials

For Chris, challenges with alcoholism have been a lifelong battle. After spending ten days in WH's Critical Care Unit, followed by two months in the hospital, he knew something needed to change.

On December 3, 2025, Chris became the first client to arrive for bed-based care at the temporary Wellness Centre located at 369 Huron Street in Woodstock. The very next day, he was joined by another client, named Austin. "I tried to end my life when I was heavily under the influence," says Austin. "I was admitted to the hospital's Inpatient Mental Health Unit, where I received information about Wellness Centre services."

The Wellness Centre is a voluntary treatment and recovery facility, offering four withdrawal management beds and six supportive treatment beds. It is part of the Oxford County Homelessness and Addiction Recovery Treatment (HART) Hub, a provincially-funded initiative to support individuals facing mental health, addiction, or housing challenges. The Wellness Centre is staffed by nurses, nurse practitioners, social workers, recreation therapists, peer support workers, addictions and mental health workers, and counsellors. Clients must agree to an abstinence-based program, which means no alcohol or substance use of any kind. The temporary Wellness Centre is in place while a permanent site is under construction at 16 Graham Street in Woodstock.

Chris and Austin are the first clients to complete 90 days in the Bedded-Supportive Treatment (BST) Program. "Every day from 9:00 am to 11:00 am, we have Core Programming, which is basically an education session that covers topics like triggers, coping mechanisms, mindfulness, lapsing and relapsing, and finding healthy routines," explains Austin.



Austin (left) and Chris (right) are the first clients to complete the Bedded Supportive Treatment Program at the temporary Wellness Centre located at 369 Huron Street in Woodstock.

Afternoons and evenings offer clients elective programming. "There's Creative Corner, which involves art and drawing," Austin says. "Tabletop is where we can play board games, cards, and trivia. Find Your Power is for physical activity such as weightlifting, stretching, or going on group walks. We also do mindfulness every morning."

Beyond structured programming, clients are supported in practical ways, including connecting them to income assistance, healthcare, housing, and community services. Recovery-based programming, such as Alcoholics Anonymous, is offered on site every Monday. Clients are encouraged to attend community programs that align with their recovery goals, based on their progress in the program.

"The staff are all really caring and they want you to succeed," adds Austin. "They are very good at their jobs."

Chris echoes that sentiment. "It was my birthday last week, and the staff all signed a card for me, and some of them got me a gift," he shares. "They don't make me feel like I'm just another patient."

Both Chris and Austin expressed that this was the first time they sought professional help and feel that having support available locally is what made the difference.

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Now, having completed the program, both reflect on what has changed.

"I think my overall attitude towards drinking and partying has changed," shares Chris. "I quit on my own a couple of times, but I always went back to it. Here, I feel like I have received the knowledge and tools I needed."

Austin speaks to the overall clarity the programming has brought him. "I have a clear mind. When I got here, my brain was foggy. I got my life back together, and now I want to go back to school."

When asked about advice they would give to others, Austin says, "For anyone going through it – just take it one day at a time. Rome wasn't built in a day. It will be a battle that you pretty much go through the rest of your life." And for people thinking about seeking help, he adds, "give it a shot. The worst thing that can happen is that you

realize this isn't for you. And that's OK. It's voluntary, so you can leave if it's not the right fit for you."

If you or someone you care about is struggling with mental health, addiction, or housing challenges, help is available. Individuals ages 18 and older can call [519-537-2382](tel:519-537-2382) at any time to get started.

Each client is unique and may not require bed-based care at the Wellness Centre. Group therapy programming is also available in welcoming spaces throughout Oxford County. By calling central intake, you can talk to a HART Hub team member, who will set up an appointment for you to discuss an individualized care plan.

For general updates on the Oxford HART Hub and Wellness Centre, [click here](#).

PROMOTING A Safe Environment for All

At WH, we are committed to providing a safe, inclusive, and respectful environment for everyone who walks through our doors. Creating this atmosphere is a shared responsibility, which includes our staff, patients, and visitors.

To support this commitment, we recently introduced a Patient & Visitor Code of Conduct, which outlines the type of behaviours that are expected on hospital property and those that will not be tolerated.

"In a healthcare setting, we recognize that stressful situations can sometimes lead to heightened emotions," says Andrea McPherson, Performance Improvement Specialist, Emergency and Inpatient Units. "The code of conduct helps ensure that our staff have the tools and support they need to de-escalate situations while maintaining a safe and respectful space for all."



The implementation team. (Back LtoR) Chuan Yong, Director of Staff Development and Accreditation Coordinator; Nicole Peterson, Clinical Coach; (Middle LtoR) Marita Vroom, Performance Improvement Specialist; Ellen Wiley, Clinical Educator; Jenna Smith, Clinical Scholar; (Front LtoR) Chelsea Fagan, Communications & Public Relations Officer; Andrea McPherson, Performance Improvement Specialist.

When you come to WH, you will see that we have developed standardized signs that are placed throughout the organization to reinforce the Patient & Visitor Code of Conduct. [Click here](#) to review the code of conduct now, and join us in upholding a culture of respect and understanding.



WOODSTOCK HOSPITAL FOUNDATION

OPERATING STATEMENT Ending December 31, 2025

	2025	2024
REVENUE		
Bequests, Donations, & Fundraising Initiatives	\$ 3,177,115	3,713,722
Lifeline	413,229	393,324
	3,590,344	4,107,046
EXPENDITURES		
Fundraising, Administrative & Other	1,298,693	1,312,394
Lifeline	351,534	353,763
	1,650,227	1,666,157
Funds from Operations	1,940,117	2,440,889
Investment Income (loss)	2,811,822	2,631,304
Contributions to WH	(6,449,652)	(1,164,671)
Fund balances, beginning of year	27,721,497	23,813,975
FUND BALANCES, YEAR END	\$ 26,023,784	27,721,497

Audited reports are available by contacting 519-421-4227

YOUR SUPPORT

Matters to our Hospital

There is a misconception that the Ontario hospitals are completely funded by the provincial government. While the Ministry of Health funds most of the operating budget that covers essential costs like staff salaries, patient services, and medical supplies, hospital foundations work with heartfelt community donors to fill the funding gap for capital projects, specialized equipment, and state-of-the-art technology.

In 2025, the WH Foundation raised funds for Diagnostic Imaging equipment and infrastructure upgrades including new mammography machines with contrast enhanced technology and the \$3 million renovation of our Chemotherapy/IV Infusion Clinic. We partner with 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.



WOODSTOCK HOSPITAL FOUNDATION

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REPORT to the Community



Ron Burns,
Woodstock Hospital
Foundation Chair

As my term as Chair of the Woodstock Hospital (WH) Foundation Board of Directors comes to a close, I have been reflecting on the inspiring ways our donors continue to support local healthcare.

In October, we celebrated the reopening of the newly redesigned Chemotherapy/IV Infusion Clinic with the donors who made it possible. This \$3 million transformation nearly doubled the number of treatment chairs to ensure individuals facing a cancer diagnosis can receive care closer to home.

In November, we shared Esther's story and invited donors to support the purchase of a new cataract microscope for Surgical Services—an essential piece of equipment used in cataract surgery. Thanks to our donors, the microscope was fully funded and is now helping WH Ophthalmologists perform procedures with even greater precision.

We were also proud to support the replacement of hospital beds across the organization. Hospital beds play a vital role in patient care, by improving safety, reducing pain, and enhancing overall comfort.

Looking ahead, we're excited to continue building momentum through two of the WH Foundation's key fundraising initiatives. The Charity Golf Tournament returns to Craigowan this June, and the monthly online 50/50 draw continues to see strong success, supporting essential imaging equipment for earlier detection and diagnosis.

Thank you for your continued support of the WH Foundation. While the provincial government funds hospital operations, donations help provide the essential equipment and technology our dedicated staff rely on. Because of you, WH can continue to provide high-quality, people-centred care close to home.

I will conclude my report by extending my sincere appreciation to the members of the WH Foundation Board. Their dedication, insight, and generous commitment of time have made my term as Board Chair both fulfilling and deeply rewarding. It has been a privilege to serve alongside such a passionate and supportive group.

THANK YOU

New Cataract Microscope

Near the end of 2025, one of our patients, Esther, shared her positive experience with cataract surgery performed by Dr. David Johnson. She invited WH Foundation donors to support the purchase of a new cataract microscope. Thanks to your generosity, we're happy to report that the equipment has now been fully funded.

"The new microscope has special lighting and advanced optics that enhance the surgeon's view, helping us achieve the best possible outcomes for our patients," explains Dr. Johnson, who has served as an Ophthalmologist at WH for over 30 years. "The microscope connects to a large monitor, providing an expanded, shared view of the operating field for staff involved in the procedure as well as a teaching opportunity for WH learners."

Dr. Johnson is especially excited about the positive impact this technology will have on the patient's surgical experience. "I really enjoy seeing the improvements people experience after surgery," adds Dr. Johnson. "Follow-up appointments after cataract procedures are usually very happy visits."



(LtoR) Nurses Gabby Kleyn and Ally McLellan pictured with Dr. David Johnson and the new cataract microscope that was fully funded by our heartfelt donors.

In 2025/26, WH Ophthalmologists Dr. Derek Lui and Dr. Johnson performed just over 1,150 cataract procedures in the Surgical Outpatient Clinic.

Thank you to all the donors who supported the cataract microscope. Giving people the gift of restored vision is truly life changing, and we couldn't have purchased this equipment without you!

HONOURING Retiring Employees



After 14 years of dedicated service, **Janine Holmes-Newton** has retired from Woodstock Hospital. Throughout her time with the hospital, Janine worked in several areas and supported many teams across the organization. At the former hospital site, she worked as a Ward Clerk on the inpatient units and in the Emergency Department, as well as in Health Records. After the move to the new hospital, Janine worked in Food Services, as a Ward Clerk in Inpatient Mental Health, and later in the Pre-Admit Clinic, where she finished her meaningful career helping patients prepare for their upcoming surgeries.

"My co-workers were great to work with and we had a lot of fun along the way. People in other departments were also awesome to work alongside. I really enjoyed my responsibilities as an employee and being a part of the patient's journey. It will be an adjustment not coming to work and seeing all the great people who work at this wonderful hospital. This I'm going to miss."

As she begins this new chapter, Janine looks forward to spending more time with family and travelling throughout Canada.

MESSAGE from the Woodstock Hospital Foundation



Jocelyn Jenner
Senior Development
Officer, WH Foundation

What inspires people to donate to their hospital? Often, it begins with a moment. It might be the moment a patient celebrates their 100th Chemotherapy treatment, surrounded by the smiling faces of staff who supported them every step of the way. Or the moment when the quick thinking and actions of a nurse leads to the urgent assessment and transfer of a newborn, ultimately saving a life.

Personalized and compassionate care leaves a lasting impression. It sparks a deep sense of gratitude, one that often brings patients and families through the doors of the Woodstock Hospital Foundation. Patients become donors, and when they learn of a need at the hospital, they step forward to help.

Recently when we shared the need for a new cataract microscope to support the work of Woodstock Hospital's Ophthalmologists, donors responded with incredible generosity, fully funding the equipment.

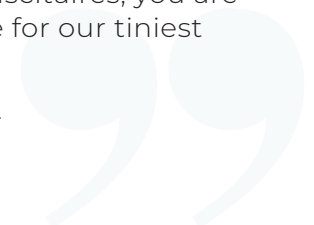
Now, in this edition of the WH community newsletter, we invite you to be part of another important moment.

On page 16, you will hear from Jade, a local mother whose newborn required urgent, life-saving care. In those first critical moments, specialized equipment and the skilled hands that use it, made all the difference. By supporting the purchase of newborn resuscitaires, you are helping our healthcare professionals respond quickly and effectively to care for our tiniest patients, when every second counts.

Thank you for once again stepping forward in support of your local hospital.

With gratitude,

Jocelyn



The Woodstock Hospital Foundation's Annual Charity Golf Tournament returns to Craigowan Golf Club on Wednesday, June 10, 2026. This year, we will again have a double shot gun start, with our first tee time at 8:00 a.m. and our second tee time at 2:00 p.m. Golfers for both tee times will enjoy lunch together around 12:30 p.m. Proceeds from the golf tournament will support GlideScopes, essential equipment for our Surgical Services Department. If you'd like to learn more, please email foundation@woodstockhospital.ca or call 519-421-4226.



ADVANCED

Care, Comfort, and Safety

It's a vital piece of hospital equipment, yet one that is often overlooked: the patient bed. While it offers a place to rest, it also plays a key role in keeping patients safe, supporting recovery, and assisting our teams in delivering high-quality care.

With support from Woodstock Hospital Foundation, all 152 inpatient beds were upgraded to a state-of-the-art model that offers many new features – a \$2.7 million investment in patient comfort and care.

“All of the new patient beds can be customized into an air mattress, which helps prevent pressure injuries and other soft tissue complications,” explains Monique Rice, Charge Nurse on the Acute Medicine Units.

Along with enhanced comfort, the beds are equipped with an integrated bed-exit alarm system that alerts staff when a patient may need assistance. “We can adjust the sensitivity so it notifies us as a patient begins to get out of bed,” says Monique. “This is helpful for patients experiencing dementia or cognitive challenges. It allows us to respond quickly, whether that is assisting them to the washroom or helping them safely return to bed, often preventing falls.”

The beds can also be lowered close to the ground or raised higher, depending on what best supports safe transfers. “Being able to easily adjust the bed height helps both patients and staff when moving to a chair or



(LtoR) Amy Ball, Charge Nurse; Monique Rice, Charge Nurse; and Hannah Yantzi, RPN, are pictured with the new inpatient bed on M200 Unit.

walker,” Monique adds. “It creates a smoother, safer transition for everyone involved.”

Additional features, such as improved knee articulation, support better ergonomics and more comfortable resting positions. The design also reflects the needs of today's patients. “There are built-in outlets for personal devices, along with small holders on the side of the bed so patients can keep their phones close by,” Monique explains.

While no one wants to be in the hospital, having a safe, comfortable, and thoughtfully designed bed can make all the difference. Thank you to our donors for making this important investment in patient care possible.



WE ARE DONORS, TOO.

In March, the Woodstock Hospital Foundation held its annual "We Care Campaign," designed to encourage staff to give a minimum of \$5 off each pay cheque for a year. Together, staff pledged to donate **\$18,473** in support of equipment and technology at Woodstock Hospital!

BIG WIN

Bigger Impact

Hospital equipment doesn't last forever. Like the technology we use every day, medical equipment has a certain lifespan and then it needs to be replaced or upgraded to ensure our teams are always ready to provide safe, people-centred care.

Diagnostic Imaging is home to advanced medical technology, making equipment costs a significant investment. CT scanners, ultrasounds, and MRI machines allow care teams to see inside the body and better understand a patient's condition.

When it comes to diagnosis, clarity does matter. The sharper and more detailed the image, the more confident clinicians can be in identifying concerns and starting the appropriate treatment plan.

Thanks to the incredible support of our community through the Woodstock Hospital Foundation's 50/50 draw, we have been able to invest in this critical technology. Funds raised have supported ultrasound units, a



Jennifer Stannix was the February 50/50 Grand Prize winner taking home an incredible \$56,185. Jennifer is planning some home renovations, starting with new flooring, and who knows what other projects might be next! Congrats, Jennifer!

CT scanner, a mobile fluoroscopy camera, and two mammography machines - all vital equipment, responsible for detecting abnormalities sooner and leading to better outcomes for our patients.

If you've ever missed a draw date, there are now memberships available to ensure you automatically receive 50/50 tickets at the start of every month. Learn more and purchase tickets at www.woodstock5050.ca.

CANCER CARE

Close to Home

It's been six months since our newly redesigned Chemotherapy/IV Infusion Clinic welcomed patients back to the treatment space. The \$3 million transformation nearly doubled the number of treatment chairs, allowing us to care for more Oxford County cancer patients close to home. This renovation was fully funded by heartfelt donors. If you haven't had a chance to see the new treatment space yet, we invite you to [click here](#) to watch a virtual tour.



SUPPORTING

Life-saving Equipment

Birth is one of life's most incredible moments, but it can also be unpredictable. Even in the healthiest pregnancies, emergencies can happen. When they do, every second matters.

My name is Jade, and I'm a proud mom of two young children, both born at Woodstock Hospital.

When my son Hardy was born, everything initially seemed to be going well. But during routine discharge testing, a nurse named Michelle noticed something wasn't right—Hardy's oxygen levels were dangerously low. Michelle acted immediately. Because of her quick thinking and determination, Hardy was then transported to Children's Hospital at London Health Sciences Centre without delay.

There, our world turned upside down. Hardy went into cardiac shock and had to be resuscitated and intubated so doctors could perform further testing. That's when we learned he had been born with a severe congenital heart condition called hypoplastic left heart syndrome, along with other heart defects.

We were transferred again, this time to SickKids in Toronto. At just 70 hours old, Hardy underwent his first open-heart surgery that lasted 10 hours.

The months that followed were incredibly difficult. Hardy spent nine weeks in the cardiac intensive care unit, where he faced seizures and brain bleeds. He underwent additional procedures, including cardiac catheterization and a second open-heart surgery. And his journey isn't over—he will need at least one more major surgery in the future.



Hardy celebrating his first birthday!

In a moment, everything can change—and every baby deserves immediate access to life-saving care when it matters most.

That's why I'm writing to you today.

The Woodstock Hospital Foundation is raising funds to purchase two newborn resuscitaires—critical pieces of equipment used when a baby has difficulty transitioning to life outside the womb. These units help stabilize breathing, regulate temperature, and support vital functions in those first, fragile moments.

The total cost of two resuscitaires is \$105,000.

Your donation today will ensure that healthcare teams have the tools they need to act quickly, just like Michelle did for Hardy, giving more babies the best possible chance at a healthy start.

As our community continues to grow, so does the need for advanced maternal and newborn care. **This isn't just about equipment—it's about giving families hope in their most vulnerable moments.** Please consider a gift in support of your local hospital. [Click here](#) to donate today.

With gratitude,

Jade



I want to support newborn resuscitaires! [Click here](#) to donate online.



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