



**WOODSTOCK HOSPITAL
FOUNDATION**



COMMUNITY IMPACT REPORT 2018

It has been eight years since we moved into this beautiful new facility. While it may appear that we have settled into a routine, we are always working to advance and improve techniques, procedures, and equipment. Each day staff members are hard at work providing excellent patient care and working to ensure a healthier future for our community and for that, we thank you.

Your commitment is what continues to shape and enable our work. We are incredibly grateful for the generosity demonstrated by so many donors, businesses, and community groups that supported us, not only last year, but every year before that. You are the change-makers of our community.

The Foundation is committed to raising money to improve patient care, but like other hospitals across the province, we rely on our community's support. The provincial government provides funding for the day-to-day operations of the hospital, but they do not fund the purchase of equipment. It is because of the generous support of our donors that Woodstock Hospital is able to invest in new equipment to improve patient care.

The extent of your support isn't just measured by the number of patients impacted by a piece of equipment. Your support creates moments that are intangible; a sense of family when a patient comes for chemo or dialysis appointments, a reduction in anxiety caused by travelling to an unfamiliar facility, or lessening the travel time required to visit loved ones in the hospital.

Donors are critical to the delivery of advanced healthcare at Woodstock Hospital. This report highlights the difference your support makes to patient care and features achievements you supported. It is an honour to have a community as dedicated to transforming patient care at Woodstock Hospital as we do.

Sincerely,

Connie Lauder

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Chair
Woodstock Hospital Foundation



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Our lives are defined by moments. Looking back, some moments hold a greater importance than others. Moments that seem routine or insignificant can sometimes turn out to be life changing. For Nora Holden, that moment was going for a routine mammogram.

“I want to stress the importance of going in for routine mammograms. I was dealing with a lot at that time in my life and I had so many reasons to cancel the appointment. But looking back, I’m so thankful that I went,” said Nora.

It was after that mammogram that Nora was diagnosed with breast cancer in June 2012.

Nora had a lumpectomy the following September. She learned that she had metastatic breast cancer,

meaning the cancer in the breast wasn’t detected before it spread to another part of her body. Nora worked with her oncologist to come up with a treatment plan, which included chemotherapy, radiation, and Herceptin.

This plan brought Nora to Woodstock Hospital for treatments. “I live in Ingersoll and so the convenience of coming to Woodstock Hospital for treatments helped ease some of the turmoil I was feeling. Because it’s a smaller program, you get to know the other patients and I must say that Woodstock Hospital has awesome staff.”

Woodstock Hospital works with the London Regional Cancer Centre to provide systemic chemotherapy services closer to home for referred patients from Oxford County. Nora comes in for

treatments once every three weeks.

Recently Nora celebrated her 100th Herceptin treatment at Woodstock Hospital’s Chemotherapy/ Infusion Clinic.

“Because I’ve been in this program for a number of years, I will tell someone coming in for the first time not to worry. I tell them the nurses are fantastic and will answer any questions you have. We are a family unit here. The nurses know my husband, Don, and call him by his first name. They always ask how he is doing,” Nora added.

To celebrate her 100th treatment, staff brought in a cake for Nora on November 26, 2018. She also had special visitors including Joan Steenburg, a retired Chemotherapy Nurse, who came to the hospital to

catch up with Nora.

“I joke around with the staff and tell them that I will see all of them through to their retirements,” Nora laughed. “On a serious note, when you’re going through cancer you need to have support. They are part of my support system,” she said as she gestured to the smiling faces around the room.

We are sharing Nora’s story with you, because you make stories like this possible. Every single day.



1,921 Chemotherapy treatments completed at Woodstock Hospital in 2018

OUR FRONT LINE STAFF WORK WITH THE LIFESAVING EQUIPMENT, YOU FUND, EVERY SINGLE DAY. SO WHO BETTER TO ASK ABOUT THE IMPACT THE NEW EQUIPMENT HAS ON PATIENT CARE, THAN THE STAFF MEMBERS WHO USE IT.



Patient Bed for Palliative Care = \$16,000

“On our Palliative Care Unit we are committed and we strive to provide the utmost comfort and care to our patients in our community. Our unit is so grateful for the new beds that you helped fund. A family member recently commented “Getting my mom onto this new bed had a huge impact on her comfort level during her last days.” **THANK YOU** for providing our palliative patients with the comfort that they deserve.”

- Diane Murray, Registered Nurse and Palliative Care Coordinator



Video Ureteroscopy for Surgical Services= \$29,000

“**THANK YOU!** Video ureteroscopes have transformed Endourology at Woodstock Hospital! Having the best equipment available allows us to do much more advanced procedures. This scope has great visualization and maneuverability which is ideal for treating ureteric and renal stones. Donations like yours allow us to continue to offer the best possible care at Woodstock Hospital. Sincerest thanks from Dr. Kamal, Dr. Violette and all the patients that benefit from your support.”

- Dr. Philippe Violette, Urologist



IV Pumps and Treatment Chairs for Chemotherapy= \$17,000

“The new treatment chairs for the Chemotherapy Unit have impacted our unit in a very positive way! It allows for all the stations in the suite to have a treatment chair. The new chairs feature a bright color with easy to use mechanical leavers and increased comfort. They also feature a retractable foot rest allowing those patients who are short to sit with their feet on the foot rest. **THANK YOU** for your ongoing support within the Chemotherapy/ IV infusion Clinic.”

- Corinne Hoekstra, Chemotherapy Resource Registered Nurse



Cardiac Monitors for Critical Care Unit= \$228,000

“**THANK YOU!** The Cardiac Monitoring system upgrade has improved efficiencies and patient care. The system now provides a portable monitor which allows the nurse to easily remove the monitor from the docking station, while keeping the wires attached to the patient, for easier transportation within the hospital. This means continuous monitoring from the moment the patient is attached to a monitor in the Emergency Department through to admission in the CCU and during diagnostic imaging tests. You have transformed patient care!”

- Joan Cybulski, CCU Charge Nurse

Your support doesn't stop there, other vital equipment funded by you, and other donors, in 2018 include:



Nuclear Medicine Camera = \$700,000



Cardiac Monitors for Emergency Room= \$156,000



Fetal Monitors & Cardio Respiratory Monitor= \$41,000



Mental Health Equipment= \$19,000



Line Tubing Warmer for Dialysis= \$8,000



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Our annual events coupled with generous community-driven third-party fundraisers play an important role in raising funds for patient care at Woodstock Hospital. Thank you to everyone who supported one of these events.

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DAIRY CAPITAL RUN

The Dairy Capital Run is a fun, family friendly event that brings together our community in physical activity to raise money for the hospital. Our 2018 event raised over \$44,000 to purchase cardiac monitors for our Emergency Department.

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CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT

A day out on the course raising money “fore” our hospital. 2018 marked the 20th anniversary of our golf tournament, which raised over \$46,000 last year. Golfers enjoyed a beautiful day full of fun and good food at Craigowan Golf Course.

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GIVE THANKS TO YOUR HOSPITAL RADIOTHON

Our second annual Radiothon was another great success thanks to all the supporters who called in or stopped by to make a donation during our 12 hour long event. We raised an impressive \$38,300 for equipment in our Maternal Child unit.

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PROJECT: FEEL BE•YOU•TIFUL

Hosted by a group of friends to inspire women to feel their best during their cancer journey, Project: Feel Be-You-tiful raises funds to purchase items that are given out to patients in our Chemotherapy Unit. Their inaugural event raised an incredible \$9,000.

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WOODINGFORD LODGE ROLL AND STROLL

Woodingford Lodge held their first annual Roll and Stroll in support of the Dairy Capital Run. They adapted the concept of the Dairy Capital Run to allow their own residents to participate by rolling and strolling around Woodingford Lodge. They raised an inspiring \$2,000.

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WE CARE CAMPAIGN

The We Care Campaign is an annual outreach effort to encourage hospital staff members to sign up for payroll deductions. All money raised supports the purchase of equipment at Woodstock Hospital. In 2018 our staff members pledged to donate \$14,000.

Technology has transformed the health care industry. It allows patients to receive quicker diagnoses, experience fewer complications, and recover in less time. However, as with any piece of technology, medical equipment has a lifespan, and it wears out or becomes outdated with something newer and more advanced.

Woodstock Hospital is committed to providing state-of-the-art care to all patients. In order to do so we must continually invest in technology to ensure we are able to meet the current and future needs of our community.

In 2019, we are continuing our legacy of bringing the latest in healthcare technology to Oxford County residents. Some of the equipment we will be fundraising for includes:

Smart UVC Disinfection System for Housekeeping: \$89,000

Allows staff to easily and confidently disinfect hospital rooms with ultraviolet light. The disinfection robot kills deadly pathogens and common health care-associated infections through its high energy wave lengths.

Nitronox and Scavenging System for Maternal Child: \$54,000

Nitronox is a breathed in gas that can be used for pain relief during labour. It is safe for mother and baby. We are fundraising to purchase three mobile Nitronox units that can be moved from patient room to patient room; as well as, a scavenging system to make the use of this gas safe for caregivers.

Two Surgical Tables for Outpatient Clinic: \$81,974

Our Outpatient Clinic needs two new surgical tables to replace our current tables. The new tables provide flexibility, control and convenience our surgical team needs for today's patients and procedures.

Portable Ultrasound for Dialysis: \$48,000

Nurses in our Dialysis Unit rely on ultrasound to help locate the vein required for dialysis treatments. Currently, they do not have a portable ultrasound in their unit and have to borrow from other areas in the hospital.

SLT Laser for Outpatient Clinic: \$111,000

A Yag capsulotomy is a special laser treatment used to improve vision after cataract surgery. Occasionally after cataract surgery, the capsule that was placed inside the eye, thickens and becomes cloudy. A Yag laser capsulotomy is the only way to treat this.





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