

Our Valued Contributors

The Board of Directors of Windsor/Essex Hospitals Foundation express their appreciation to all who responded to the last Contributions Newsletter that supported essential needs at Windsor Regional Hospital.

Through your donation, the Foundation was able to enhance healthcare at the Met Campus and Ouellette Campus by purchasing of items that were listed as current needs. Some of the medical equipment the Foundation moved forward with included: Bassinets for the Family Birthing Centre, Hi Low Beds for the Medicine and Surgical Programs and Bariatric Recliners. Thank you for your generosity, permitting Windsor Regional Hospital, to obtain these necessary items to enhance care of patients.

The Foundation's mission is to raise funds and awareness on behalf of Windsor Regional Hospital and, to provide outstanding support through innovative and progressive fund development. On behalf of the Board of Directors, thank you for your continued support!

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Ronald McDonald House Right Here in Windsor

A partnership project was announced recently where Ronald McDonald House Charities, Southwestern Ontario and Windsor Regional Hospital agreed to build a Ronald McDonald House right inside the Met Campus, the first "house within a hospital" concept in Canada! The "house within a hospital" will accommodate up to five private rooms for those requesting an overnight stay.



"We are extremely proud to be the first hospital in Canada privileged to house a Ronald McDonald House program that meets the needs of any parent by giving them a comfortable place to rest during very difficult times," said David Musyj, President and CEO, Windsor Regional Hospital.

The program at the Met Campus will be administered by Ronald McDonald House Charities including staff and volunteers selected on the criteria well established in many homes across the country. For further information on the Ronald McDonald House coming to Windsor Regional Hospital, go to www.rmhccanada.ca.

Sister Act Balloons into a Birthday Bash!

A hockey tournament turns into a birthday party? Yes, that is what happens each year when Ava and Bri Eid plan their birthdays around a friendly competitive hockey game. The Eid Sister's Charity Birthday Bash, now an annual event, saw the Windsor Wildcats Pee Wee 'A' Team (Bri is the only girl on this all boys team) challenge the Tecumseh Eagles Pee Wee 'AA' Team (Ava is a member of this all girls team). After the hockey game, the birthday event includes dinner with both teams and their parents who, donate

funds in lieu of birthday gifts in honour of Bri and Ava.

"The girls love to take part in this annual event hoping people will donate to the hospital on their behalf," states Maria Eid, mother of the two girls. "It is their personal mission to support the Paediatric Oncology Unit at Windsor Regional Hospital."

By the way, the girls team won over the boys in a 5 to 4 victory!



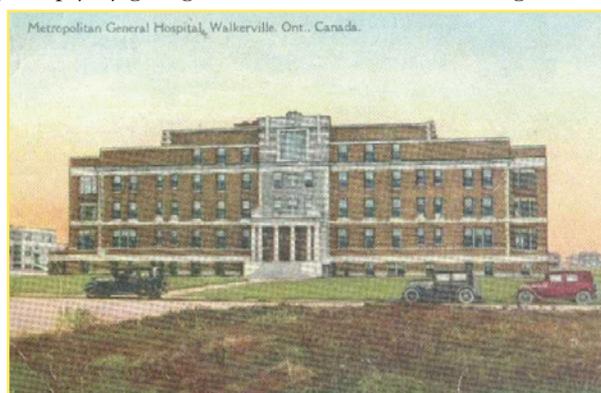
Ava and Bri Eid with some of their teammates from the Windsor Wildcats and Tecumseh Eagles Hockey Teams.

A Priceless Gift – Metropolitan General Hospital School of Nursing Artifacts

Kathleen Moderwell was the Director of the Metropolitan General Hospital School of Nursing from 1958 to 1973, then the hospital-based nursing school was transferred to community colleges and universities. The nursing schools provided young adults with the professional skills and training they required to care for patients in the hospital.

Knowing that history of the school was very special to her, Ms. Moderwell preserved many artifacts and documents in a well-prepared manner and donated them to Windsor Regional Hospital. The donation was made on the promise that the artifacts would be preserved in the hospital's archives.

An opportunity presented itself, when Steven Palmer, Ph.D. Canada Research Chair in History of International Health and Associate Professor with the Department of History at the University of Windsor approached Windsor Regional with an idea, to spearhead a project with faculty associates and students to digitally archive the history of the Metropolitan General Hospital School of Nursing. Now, anyone can view the school's history simply by going to: www.metschoolofnursing.com.



Healing To The Beat Is Music To The Ears

An event that has taken place over the last four years and raised over \$16,000 for Windsor Regional Hospital's Oncology Cancer Program is called the Annual Healing To The Beat.

Healing To The Beat is an evening of rhyme and blues entertainment, food and friendship that evolved as an event in memory of Ralph Travenmitti. Family and friends have been getting together to honour the memories of Ralph, along with Sandy Gillis and Don Venus. The event supports the Oncology Program at the Met Campus.

Presenting a \$6000 donation to Windsor Regional Hospital from the 2015 Healing To The Beat event are organizers, Dino Casagrande, Nancy Travenmitti and Greg Gillis. Absent are Karol Dycha and Kim Kelly.



Dream Climb Puts Its Best Foot Forward!

A fundraising idea came out of a plan by three local adventurous individuals who plan to climb Mt. Kilimanjaro in early July of this year. Dr. Dante Morassutti, Chief of the Neurosciences Program at Windsor Regional Hospital; Richard Vennettilli, Vice President of the Windsor/Essex Hospitals Foundation and Dennis Segatto, two-time kidney donor recipient have challenged each other to climb the famous Tanzanian mountain, the highest in Africa.

Dream Climb was developed to assist with raising funds toward the climb and the Neurosciences Program. Held in January of this year, over 150 eager and energetic participants walked or ran the 16 floors in the stairway of the downtown Windsor Chrysler Dream Building.

Adding to the success of the event was assistance from Greg Monforton & Partners Injury Lawyers, Beth Daly and Dr. Jeff Cohen, Loaring Physiotherapy, Sabga Physiotherapy and Community Chiropractic Services.



At the end of the day, up to \$50,000 had been raised.

Due to the success of the first Dream Climb...Step Up Your Game, the event has been expanded to two days, taking place the weekend of January 23rd and 24th, 2016 in the Chrysler Dream Building.

Fogolar Furlan Women's Association Care!

As a gesture of kindness and a passion to support infants and children at Windsor Regional Hospital, the Fogolar Furlan Club Women's Association donated several knitted items for preemies and young children receiving care. A total of 146 knitted baby caps, bibs, booties and blankets were donated. The Fogolar Furlan Women's Association mission is to help the community through their knitting and sewing groups.



Members of the Fogolar Furlan Women's Association, Ada Taiariol, Maria Centris, Teresa Raffin and Nadia Tairariol donating their knitted items to Windsor Regional Hospital.

Current Needs

Thank you for your consideration to support Windsor Regional Hospital through the Windsor/Essex Hospitals Foundation. The medical items listed and displayed below are required by various departments at the Met Campus and Ouellette Campus. Simply complete the enclosed donor check-off card and

mail back with your financial commitment in the ready-to-mail stamped envelope. A receipt for tax purposes will be issued. If you have any questions, please contact Ron Foster, Executive Director of Windsor/Essex Hospitals Foundation at 519-995-2482 or e-mail ron.foster@wrh.on.ca. Thank you once again!

Blood Pressure Machines

(Surgical Program)

Monitor blood pressure of surgical patients.
Cost: \$2000



Vital Signs Monitor

(Medicine Program)

A multi-use system to monitor the patient's vital signs such as oxygen levels, arrhythmic status, etc.
Cost: \$2000



Digital Thermometers

(Intensive Care Unit)
An item constantly required by the clinical staff to quickly access the current status of patients temperature.
Cost: \$350



Vein Imaging Device

(Diagnostic Imaging)
Vein tracker is a portable hands-free device to enhance patient outcomes with different peripheral vascular access for veins, values, bifurcations and possible infiltrations for various patient populations.
Value \$6000



Warming Cabinet

(Operating Room)

Cabinet to keep blankets warm for patients in PACU (Recovery).
Cost: \$7650



Hi Low Beds

(Medicine & Surgical Programs)

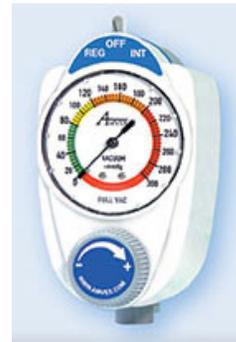
Flexible bed that can be lowered or raised to assist the patient out of bed and help staff stabilize the patient.
Cost: \$6500



Suction Regulators

(Intensive Care Unit)

A need to upgrade the (14) suction regulators in ICU to provide quality and safety to the patient.
Cost: \$700



Young Philanthropists On A Mission!

Karma Crew, a fundraising group focused on raising funds for the Comprehensive Breast Health Centre at the Met Campus, have achieved some milestones.

Recently, they donated \$3000 from their Booboir event held at the City Grill, also presenting an additional \$550 from an Ugly Sweater contest held at Rockefeller's last year.



Karma Crew include Stephanie DiFederico, Amber Bernachi, Melissa Jaylyn Bernochi, Amanda Szabo and Britney Gerhardt. Karma Crew member, Andreas Bessette was absent from the photo.

Windsor's Winstars Gymnastics Strengthens Its Support!

Local fitness training centre for youth, Winstars Gymnastics held a holiday event and raised \$1500 for Paediatrics Oncology at the Met Campus.

Winstars Gymnastics offers recreational programs for children, from 16 months to teenagers, that also include special needs clients. Winstars programs excel the provincial and national level in trampoline and tumbling. Carey Vigneux, Winstars co-owner feels it is important that young people know how important it is to give back to the community.



Jen Hulme and daughter, Gracie; Carey Vigneux, Winstars Gym; Lisa Galbraith, Child Life Services; Ursula DeBono, Paediatric Oncology Unit; Lucia St. Aubin, Interim Manager, Paediatric Services; Melynda Outram, Winstars Gym and, Rory Lau and son, Derrick.

Cancer Care 4 Kids Concert

Parker Drouillard and his two brothers, Matthew and Aiden have been supporting Windsor Regional Hospital since they were young kids. Parker is now 14 years old and, as a teenager is a music enthusiast. This year, he and his family organized a

Waiting Lounge Named!

The Pulmonary Function Testing Lab at the Ouellette Campus required a waiting lounge for the many clients requiring a test. The Pulmonary Function Lab test assists the physician in diagnosing the capacity and function of the lungs in patients.

Karl Straky saw the need due to the consistent use of the procedure on behalf of his beloved wife, Kathleen. Kathleen spent over 230 days in the hospital due to many complications. The Straky family wanted to give back in her memory and donated \$15,000 toward the cause. In December 2014, the Kathleen Straky Pulmonary Function Lab Waiting Lounge was dedicated.

Karl Straky also donated \$8000 toward a blanket warmer for the Cath Lab.



Karl Straky and family cutting ceremonial ribbon to officially open the Kathleen Straky Pulmonary Function Lab Waiting Lounge personally designed by the family.

Hats Off to Hats On For Healthcare

Now in its 7th year, Windsor Regional Hospital's Hats On For Healthcare Day was another exciting event that saw staff and the community wear a hat in support of the Renal Dialysis Program. A simple way to show support was to wear a hat, whether a traditional one or a wacky one and donate a 'toonie' for the privilege of doing so.

This year, over \$30,000 was raised, thanks to Windsor Regional Hospital staff and the community which included financial institutions, schools, businesses, and individuals.



rock concert featuring the music of Led Zeppelin held at Villa Nova High School. An appreciative audience cheered Parker and his dad, Doug when they announced that the event raised \$2500 for the Paediatric Oncology Unit at the Met Campus.