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Dear Donor,

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Windsor Regional Hospital Foundation, we are grateful to **you** for **your** generosity and loyalty in supporting the Windsor Regional Hospital Foundation. In past newsletters, I have communicated the status of the future acute care hospital and healthcare system, stating that we continue to remain totally optimistic about the approval announcement by the Provincial government. That day has come with an announcement recently, that the Windsor-Essex Hospitals System has the green light to move forward with the planning process. This is great news for **you, your** children and grandchildren. They will have the most up-to-date healthcare system in Windsor-Essex.

What this means is that the decision makers heard loud and clear that Windsor-Essex supports this once-in-a-lifetime transformation of healthcare delivery in the region. The next step in the planning process, also referred to as the Functional Program, is a very detailed description of how the new system will operate. It is the primary document used to develop the building design for the new hospital system across Windsor-Essex and will also include details of how hospital programs and services will function and examine staffing and medical equipment needs.

My heartfelt thanks to all of **you** who've made a donation from the last newsletter appeal. Again, we received overwhelming response and support for the 'Current Needs' list of medical equipment.

We look forward to keeping **you** informed on the next steps for the future state-of-the-art acute care hospital and its needs beyond bricks and mortar. We again thank the County of Essex and the City of Windsor for approving a \$200 million levy to support the buildings and infrastructure. Now, we focus on the additional \$150 million required for state-of-the-art medical equipment, over the next 7 to 10 years to complement the future hospitals system. Thank **you** for believing and keeping your trust in us!

Ron Foster, Executive Director
Windsor Regional Hospital Foundation

Inaugural Gala For New Acute Care Hospital

To spearhead optimism and inform the community that a new acute care hospital was a priority for the Windsor-Essex Region, two key individuals, Eddie Francis and Michelle Prince agreed to co-chair a Starry Night evening. The event held on November 26th raised \$1 million from several leaders in the region. These Founders had the philanthropic capacity to raise awareness of the need and the means to reach financial success required from a one-night fundraising event.

"We have all visited a hospital, whether it was the day we were born, a child's broken arm or an unexpected diagnosis of cancer," stated Michelle Prince. "The facilities matter! They matter because a child's birth should be the most joyous day, a broken arm should be quickly mended and the journey of cancer should be one that relies on the newest and most reliable research and technology."

The Founders, as a result of Starry Night, are recognized for setting the example for others to support the regeneration of the region's current acute care hospital to a new state-of-the-art patient-centered facility.



Photo above: Eddie Francis, Michelle Prince and David Musyj at Starry Night held in Augustus 27, Caesars Windsor.

Purse Auction A Rage Of Success!

Picture nearly 1000 women viewing, buying and bidding on every kind of purse designed and manufactured around the world! That is what the annual "Do Good Divas – A Girl's Night Out in Handbag Heaven" does, bringing them together for an evening of fun, food and fundraising.

This year, the Do Good Divas again outdid themselves by raising \$30,000 for Windsor Regional Hospital's Mental Health Program to furnish and enhance patient lounges within the program. Some of the celebrity purses included one from musician Carlos Santana, Olympian, Kylie Masse and Dr. Raj Baskar who provided a custom-made Italian purse.



Divas, Vickie Granger, Gale Simko-Hatfield (President), Lindsay Lovecky and Diva Dude, Percy Hatfield with Ron Foster from the Windsor Regional Hospital Foundation.

4UR Community Test Drive A Success

Ken Knapp Ford in Essex offered the Windsor Regional Hospital Foundation and the Paediatric Metabolic Program an opportunity to raise funds through their 4UR Community campaign. For every test drive offered by the Ford Motor Company of their products, \$20 would be donated. The campaign was successful with \$4,220 raised for kids affected by diabetes.



At cheque presentation are: (L to R) Erika Lanoue, Paediatric Manager; Lynn Marentette, Ken Knapp Ford; Mary Sauve, Coordinator, Paediatric Metabolic Clinic; and, Jim Cosgrove, new vehicle inventory for Ken Knapp Ford.

Hospital Super Bowl Babies Take The Spotlight

What now is becoming a tradition are the babies born in the Family Birthing Centre of Windsor Regional Hospital on Super Bowl Sunday.

February 5th of this year was no exception when three newborns entered the world and soon were wearing the infamous Super Bowl knitted cocoon outfits which are knitted by Windsor Regional Hospital Auxiliary President, Fae Gillespie who loves to knit the cocoons each year.



Proud fathers; Mohammad Choubassi (son, Ahmed), Wale Ojo, (son, Allen) and Christian Chartrand (daughter, Ava Katherine) show off the knitted cocoons enwrapping their infants.

UNIFOR Local 444 Funding For Women's Health

When deciding to provide funds for the Breast Health Centre at WRH, Unifor Local 444 had an ingenious idea to sell 3000 cupcakes to plant workers, referred to as "Cupcakes for Cupsakes".

They provided \$7000 to refurbish the waiting room within the Breast Health Centre that includes new laminate flooring, repainting, updated flat screen television and comfortable seating for women who require a mammogram.

"This project was well received by union members as they saw a need to help women who require the annual testing as an important initiative," stated Frank Harshaw, Grievance Coordinator for Local 444.

The Windsor Regional Hospital Breast Health Centre provides an expedited breast assessment service. The program is affiliated with Cancer Care Ontario and meets stringent quality standards against national and provincial performance measures. Windsor-Essex can be assured of a timely biopsy and diagnosis of breast cancer and, if suspicious findings are identified, rapid access to surgical consultation, surgery and chemotherapy or radiation is paramount.

CURRENT NEEDS

Thank you for your interest in helping Windsor Regional Hospital Foundation support its hospital with current needs. The list below are priority one capital medical equipment required by programs and services at Windsor Regional Hospital.

You may select an item or decide to provide a donation to assist any one of the items. A donor card is enclosed to assist you with your choice. A tax receipt for the full amount donated will be issued for tax year 2017.

If you have any questions, please contact Ron Foster, Executive Director, Windsor Regional Hospital Foundation by calling 519-995-2482 or email ron.foster@wrh.on.ca.

Thank you for your consideration and generosity!

- Syringe Pumps**
(Surgical Program)
Cost: \$5,500



- Cast Cutter**
(Emergency Department)
Cost: \$5,985



- ISTAT Machine**
(Cath Lab)
Cost: \$18,400



- Vital Signs Monitor**
(Cardiac Care Unit)
Cost: \$7,650



- Bladder Scanner**
(Surgical Program)
Cost: \$16,500



- Lightsource Bronchoscope**
(Operating Room)
Cost: \$5,000



- Radioactive Monitor**
(Diagnostic Imaging)
Cost: \$12,000



- Exercise Equipment**
(ICU - Rehab)
Cost: \$25,7000



- Aloe Chairs**
(Paediatrics Services)
Cost: \$1,775



- Barton Chair**
(Medicine Program)
Cost: \$8,400



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Look Who Turned 20!

Transition to Betterness (T2B), a fundraising group, began their support of providing comfort and compassion to patients and families afflicted with cancer starting in 1997. Their first gala was attended by approximately 500 family and friends. Over the last 20 years, the T2B not-for-profit organization has raised millions of dollars to assist hospitals like Windsor Regional Hospital.

Actually Transition to Betterness began at the Met Campus when Doris Lapico and Tania Sorge were taking care of their mother-in-laws on the cancer floor. They saw a need to refurbish and brighten up patient rooms with the aim of providing comfortable furnishings and an atmosphere of compassion to the environment. The rest is history! They took on the project and with thousands of volunteers over the years, have provided the best care through enhancements in hospitals, long term care/ supportive care and other programs that assist the patient through their journey with cancer.



Tania Sorge, Doris Lapico, Amber Hunter, Dave Hunter and Melissa Iaruso at Gala XX held in January at Caesars Windsor which raised a gross amount of over \$350,000.

Getting Up In The World

Climbing stairs can be a challenge and, also fun, when it's an official fundraiser within the Europro Office Properties (FCA Chrysler Facility) at 1 Riverside West on behalf of the Neurosciences Program at Windsor Regional Hospital.

Europro Vertical Climb took place on January 15, drawing 140 participants with eagerness and energy, who climbed the 13 floors of the facility. For those who could raise their energy level and accomplish 12 rounds of the stairwell, this is equivalent to accomplishing the 163 floors of the Burj Khalifa, the tallest building in Dubai and the world. Actually, one of the participants, Samantha Britton completed a total of 31 loops of the stair climb, an outstanding achievement.



In Honour Of The Ones We Love Always There For The Community

It was a grand evening when approximately 1000 guests gathered at the Ciociaro Club to participate in the annual In Honour of The Ones We Love Gala. For 19 years, they have raised funds for several organizations in Windsor-Essex including Windsor Regional Hospital, Hôtel-Dieu Grace Healthcare, the John McGivney Centre and the Windsor Regional Cancer Program.

Their mission is to support patients and families afflicted with cancer and other life threatening issues. In Honour of the Ones We Love take on projects that assist children, youth, adults and seniors, having donated over \$7 million over the last nineteen years.



(L to R) Laura Imperioli, Tina Cavides, Sergio and Anita Imperioli, Sue Mancini, Teresa Silvestri and Don Thibert, all Board Members of In Honour of the Ones We Love.

Not Just Asking For Support, Giving To Those Needing Support

Windsor Regional Hospital and its employees demonstrate its 'Compassion For Community' in many ways by supporting community agencies such as the Unemployed Help Centre, The Salvation Army, Brentwood Recovery Home, Windsor-Essex Children's Aid Society and the Ronald McDonald House Windsor.

Hospital departments and units at both the Met and Ouellette Campus make efforts to collect gift items, donate cash and offer coats and used goods to organizations in need. This is up and above also supporting the Downtown Mission with food can drives, supporting the Chabad Jewish Centre and Windsor Police Services Camp Brombal.

"It's fantastic to see such a strong spirit and giving mode among the staff, professional group and volunteers for donating some of their personal time to raising awareness and donating to needy causes," said Richard Vennettilli, President, Windsor Regional Hospital Foundation.



Windsor Regional Hospital's Standardization and Optimization Process (SOP) staff with donations for the Windsor-Essex Children's Aid Society.