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## Dear Donor:

The response from the previous Contributions newsletter from donors was heartwarming. **You** see clearly that there is a need for support of patients who may be your own family. We truly appreciate the loyalty displayed and the generosity provided toward capital medical equipment required today and into the future.

The recent update from Infrastructure Ontario is an outstanding announcement. It means that our new state-of-the-art hospital is a reality and is happening! Expect to hear more announcements in the near future. Once we have all of the details of the next steps of the project, we will be sharing all of the news with the community.

We thank the Windsor-Essex region and its citizens for **their** belief that improving healthcare into the future is the right thing to do. The unified support of Essex County Council and the City of Windsor Council drove the process forward. **You** will also hear soon about next steps to ensure the new facility has the best medical equipment required to provide future state-of-the-art service.

As a result of the last Contributions newsletter, several needs were met including the purchase of vital sign monitors, bladder scanner, radioactive monitor and specialized chairs. You will see similar items in this issue as we still require some of these essential items. If you made a donation, thank you for your leadership toward improving patient care.

There are always current needs that Windsor Regional Hospital requires. Please review the list on page three of this Contributions newsletter. The needs are necessary and unique and with **your** support, we can provide better care for the patients coming to the hospital.

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Windsor Regional Hospital Foundation, we thank you for your consideration.

### Ron Foster

Executive Director  
Windsor Regional Hospital Foundation

## Funkenhauser Family Focused On Organ & Tissue Awareness

The Trillium Gift of Life Network, responsible for organ and tissue transplants and awareness for Ontario, presented Windsor Regional Hospital with an achievement award for its dedication to organ and tissue donations. The Provincial Conversion Rate Award was for exceeding the target of a 58 per cent conversion rate set by the Trillium Gift of Life Network. Conversion rate is the number of patients who went on to become donors out of all potential donors.

In the process, a family came forward seven years ago as a result of losing a son, who through his passing, saved three lives as a result of his organs being donated. Judith and Gunther Funkenhauser began raising funds so that others would benefit, refurbishing the ICU Waiting Room in Trevor Louis Funkenhauser's name. They continue to support through an annual golf tournament in Kingsville, raising funds for organ and tissue awareness and medical equipment.



Photo above: The Funkenhauser Family with Richard Vennettilli, President of the Windsor Regional Hospital Foundation being presented with \$15,000, noting that over \$200,000 has been committed for awareness-raising programs and initiatives over the last seven years by the Funkenhauser Family.

## India Canada Dinner Hosted Renowned Speaker

The India Canada Association of Windsor-Essex County hosted a fundraising event on behalf of the Windsor Regional Hospital Foundation. Madam Justice Manjusha Pawaji, invited guest speaker at the event, is a judge, mother, author and cancer stem cell survivor. She was born in India and as a South Asian, was raised in Canada becoming a Canadian citizen. She was called to the Bar in 1977 and practiced law in Ontario, primarily as a children's rights lawyer. She was appointed to the Bench in 2009 and currently presides at the Ontario Court of Justice, Family Court in Brampton, Ontario.

As an author, she penned her first children's book, 'The Girl Who Hates Books', becoming an award-winning animated short film by the National Film Board of Ontario. Through all of this success, Manjusha contracted leukemia; however, after an extensive search, a matching stem cell donor was found. Today, she is doing well, raising her two children and continuing with her career. Dr. Harshad Joshi, Dr. Sindu Kanjeekal and Dr. Amit Bagga were recognized by the India community with Certificates of Appreciation.

Windsor Regional Hospital Foundation is grateful for the India Canada Association raising funds for the future new hospital through an event that featured a dynamic speaker.



Photo above: Madam Justice Manjusha Pawaji with Oncologist, Dr. Sindu Kanjeekal

## Life Legacy...Because You Care!

You may wish to support Windsor Regional Hospital Foundation through a legacy gift that could be in your estate, will, or life insurance policy. Consult your lawyer or investment advisor.

For more information, contact Gisele Seguin at 519-254-5577 Ext.52008 or [gisele.seguin@wrh.on.ca](mailto:gisele.seguin@wrh.on.ca)



## Kathleen's Legacy Lives On...

The Straky Family felt it was important to give back to a hospital that helped a loved one when in need. Kathleen Straky passed away in 2014 from complications related to chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD). Her husband, Karl donated to see that a Cardio Pulmonary Function Lab Waiting Room was designated and furnished for patients waiting for tests. With the program relocating to the Met Campus this year, the Straky Family stepped forward once again and re-dedicated an enhanced waiting lounge within the Cardio Pulmonary area in memory of Kathleen Straky. Karl went further to develop an educational program that provides videos and literature to patients who wish to know more about their disease. As Karl stated, "because lung-related illnesses such as cancer or heart disease overshadow others like lung disease, we felt it was important to research and build a library of information to help them."



Photo above: Next generation of Straky family with Karl Straky.

## Country At Heart

It was billed as a country party with a barbeque, western theme and country music to refurbish the ICU Waiting Room at the Met Campus. Dan Gemus Real Estate Team in Amherstburg organized the event at Sprucewood Estate Winery and raised over \$23,000 to refurbish the ICU Waiting Room which required new flooring, furniture and a digital television. It was an admirable way to give back to patients and families, providing comfort at a time of need.



Photo above: Nicole and Dan Gemus with Ron Foster presenting proceeds from the Country At Heart event.

## CURRENT NEEDS

Thank you for your consideration to make a donation to Windsor Regional Hospital.

The list below displays our current medical equipment needs.

Using the donor card, mark off your selection and other required information and return in the stamped envelope. A tax receipt for your donation will be issued for tax year 2017.

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

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Surgical / Medicine /  
Emergency  
Cost: \$ 4,000



- Bronchoscope Equipment**  
Operating Room  
Cost: \$ 10,500



- Patient Care-Round  
Workstation Carts**  
All Programs  
Cost: \$ 5,000



- Aloe Chairs**  
Family Birthing Centre  
Cost: \$ 1,775



- Autoclave**  
Medical Device  
Reprocessing Department  
Cost: \$ 33,800



- Cast Cutter**  
Surgical Program  
Cost: \$ 6,000



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## Inspiration 100 Recognition Given To Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU)

Inspiration 100 is a collaborative fund bringing 100 community members together to invest \$2,500 annually for 10 years or giving a one-time donation of \$20,000. "The people that we have in this group are really looking forward to having a lasting effect, to give to local charities for years to come." said Marty Solcz, Founder and Former Chair of Inspiration 100.

The fund, launched by the Windsor Essex Community Foundation will raise over \$3 million in investments over the 10-year period. Only the interest earned from the investment will be distributed to charitable organizations across Windsor-Essex. To ensure the fund continues to give for generations, the capital will remain untouched.

NICU at Windsor Regional Hospital was a recent recipient of a \$5000 award from the Inspiration 100 Association presented at the Windsor Club in September of this year.



Photo above: Marty Solcz, Founding Chair, Inspiration 100; Dr. Godfrey Bachevie, NICU Medical Director; and Jonathan Allison, Inspiration 100 member.

## Moramos Shriners Have Always Helped Children

Since 1870, Shriners around the globe have funded and built sick kids hospitals. The Moramos Shrine Club of Windsor is no different. They donated \$5,000 to Windsor Regional Hospital's Paediatric Services bringing their gift total well over a quarter of a million dollars to sustain the lives of children while going through hospital care.



The local Moramos Shrine Club of Windsor members include (l o r) Nobles, Ralf Sax, Bill Chamney, Morton Brodsky, George Minto, Kevin Wilson, Don Warner, Randy MacNevin, Chandra Kania, Maurice Howles, David Kerr and (sitting), Jim McDonald and Grand Noble, Jim Chambers.

## Family Birthing Centre Wins International Patient Safety Award

The birthing team at Windsor Regional Hospital achieved another milestone when representatives attended a conference in Ottawa to accept the International Patient Safety Award for their innovation, 'Quiet Time – Baby Bonding at its Best' submission.

The Award gave the staff an opportunity to demonstrate their commitment to improving patient safety within their obstetrical unit. They had excelled in the past with the MORE OB training that brought cultures together after a merger of two programs several years prior.

'Quiet Time' highlights the long term cognitive / neuro-developmental benefits of ongoing skin-to-skin bonding on the Obstetric Unit for the first two hours after birth. Mother and baby would participate in a minimum of one hour of uninterrupted skin-to-skin daily bonding during their hospital stay. The effect was to facilitate bonding, normalize maternal and infant vital signs in the early transition period, assist in establishing breastfeeding and decrease supplementation rates. Key strategies for success included involvement and education for the patients during the antenatal period and education for front line staff within the Family Birthing Centre. The Patient Safety Award was merited on tasks developed such as 'Quiet Time' posters placed throughout the OB/ GYN waiting areas and patient rooms.



Photo above: Dr. John Tomc, OB/GYN, Lora Meloche, Joanne Hogan, Devon Lanspeary, Dr. Jenna Rawlins and representatives from the Salus Global MORE OB Program.

## T2B ER Comfort Kits Supported by Kids

Holy Name Elementary School in Essex had Grade 1 students collect items to place in the existing T2B Comfort Kits in the Emergency Room. These young students are helping those waiting in the ER. Kudos to these young students for 'paying it forward' with enthusiasm and compassion!

