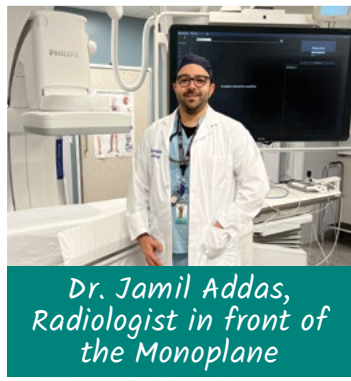




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NEWSLETTER



A message of thanks from a grateful patient

Linda Hartley still doesn't know how she broke her back.

Back in May, she was pulling weeds in her garden when her back began giving her pain.

Time went by, and as the pain got worse, Linda asked her doctor for some stronger pain medication.

Fortunately, her doctor recommended Linda call an ambulance and head to Emergency. That's when a CAT scan discovered two broken vertebrae in her back!

"I was in shock. I never expected it. I had no idea how it happened. When the first one broke it was painful but I could manage. But when the second one broke the pain was excruciating."

Linda was waiting patiently for surgery, but due to her heart condition, the anesthesiologist knew that her heart couldn't take an anesthetic.

So the medical teams found a way that Linda could be treated through radiology instead of surgery.

"They had to be very, very careful because it's in your spinal column. Fortunately, the radiologist that was doing

the procedure was very mindful of this, and everything went well. There were no incisions. I asked when I'd have my stitches out and they told me — there are no stitches!"

Linda reflects on what great care the nurses took of her during her stay.

"They were all very understanding, reassuring and helpful. And the doctor would come in regularly and visit me. He was very understanding and I really did appreciate his care."

Linda has osteoporosis, and is on dialysis, so Windsor Regional Hospital continues to play a big part in her daily life. That's given her the chance to see firsthand how important donors are to the hospital's high level of patient care.

"They need to keep on top of everything, and your equipment changes on a regular basis. They have to keep their equipment up to date so they can continue giving good service to their patients and the people who really, really need the care. Windsor's becoming an older population. There are more seniors now. So they have to keep up with the needs and keep up to date."

"The care was good. Really, really good. And without the support of the people of Windsor, where would we be today? Every penny helps. Any donation of any size — it all helps the Foundation to buy the equipment we all rely on."

Linda Hartley received the care she needed thanks to state-of-the-art equipment, like the Monoplane, funded by donors like you.

A Community Committed to Caring

Delicious food, wonderful wine and hearts full of generosity.

That's been the hallmark of the St. Clair College Gourmet Food and Wine Gala for 28 wonderful years. And, after a Covid-caused hiatus, the 28th Gala was better than ever!

The 28th annual event — and generous pledges from St. Clair College and the St. Clair College Alumni Association — raised \$1.1 million to support our new acute care hospital for Windsor-Essex.

In addition to supporting the new acute care hospital, it also honoured all those front-line workers who have cared for our neighbours so well — the Essex-Windsor EMS, Windsor Fire and

Rescue Service, and the Windsor Police.

“This level of energy, plus the fact that \$1.1 million was raised, truly signals the community’s commitment to this project,” said Windsor Regional Hospital President and CEO David Musyj.

For their part, St. Clair College is thrilled to support the well-being of our community through this new hospital — with their donations and with all the Nursing and Health Science grads who will serve here for generations to come.

Our thanks go out to everyone who attended and donated, as well as all the staff and volunteers who worked so hard to make this event such a tremendous success.



Thank you Gisele, and welcome Cristina!

For twenty years, Gisele Seguin has been part of the Windsor Regional Hospital Foundation team, helping raise \$2-3 million each year in support of lifesaving medical equipment.

We are sad to say goodbye to Gisele on her retirement from the role of Director of Philanthropy, but deeply grateful for her years of service to the Foundation, the hospital and our community.

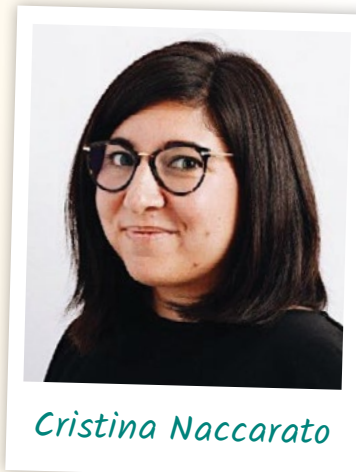
Now, we are excited to announce the appointment of Cristina Naccarato

to take over the role of Executive Director. Cristina has been the Manager of Philanthropy with the Foundation since 2019, raising over \$10 million in fundraising for essential equipment. Before that, she worked with the Art Gallery of Ontario and Mackenzie Health Foundation.

The Foundation is deeply honoured to have the support of both of these outstanding fundraisers — and we know our patients and our medical teams join with us in extending our gratitude.



Gisele Seguin



Cristina Naccarato

A Life of Service and a Legacy of Compassion

For years and years after she retired, Florence Carter received cards, notes and letters from grateful patients she had cared for.

Florence made her career here at Windsor Regional Hospital in the early 60's. She went back to school and graduated from Nursing at the University of Windsor in 1969.

She was in charge of the nursery for many years, and other members of our hospital family remember how dedicated she was to the babies, children and mothers in her care.

"My mother worked with Ms. Carter in the nursery for many, many years. Mom had such respect for her and always spoke very highly of her."

"The babies were like her own children. I have such good memories of the nursery."

Florence passed away shortly after her 96th birthday. Before her passing, Florence decided she wanted to give back to Windsor Regional Hospital and leave a gift from her estate to the Foundation.

Her nephew and niece knew how much their aunt cared about patients and families in our community. And how thrilled she would be about the new acute care hospital being planned for our region.

"We discussed this with her, and it gave her great comfort to be able to make a final gift to the Hospital where she had spent the majority of her career."

"The new acute care hospital will serve our region for many years to come. Florence would be thrilled to know that she is helping secure state-of-the-art equipment so that Windsor Regional Hospital staff can continue to provide the best care possible to all of those who need it."

"It is wonderful to think that many of the children Florence helped bring into the world will continue to be served."

Gifts in your Will — and gifts in memory or celebration of a loved one — are a wonderful way to support the hospital, now and into the future. If you would be interested in learning more about these ways of giving, please contact: Cristina Naccarato at 519-254-5577 x 52056 or Cristina.Naccarato@wrh.on.ca.



Former Metropolitan General Hospital President and CEO, John Hasting and Florence Carter

Your Gifts Support Essential Equipment

Your gift to the Windsor Regional Hospital Foundation helps your hospital to provide the best possible care for our patients.

Broda Chair



To provide support, safety, pressure relief and allow for correct posture for patients with severe trauma or head injuries. It also allows for no lift transfers from bed to chair.

Neurosurgery
Cost: \$12,000

GE Entropy Module

Used to monitor the state of the brain in adult and pediatric patients during surgery.



Cost: \$6,675

New Pathologist Microscope

Used in the lab to help diagnose illnesses so patients can get the treatment they need.



Hematology
Cost: \$25,000
Software update used with equipment for hematology testing.
Cost: \$30,000

Your new hospital is one step closer!

The new, state-of-the-art Windsor-Essex Acute Care Hospital is going to transform hospital care for you, your friends and family, and everyone in our community.

The hospital will replace the two aging regional hospital campuses that currently serve about 400,000 residents. The new facility will help care for the many retirees that our region is expecting over the next few years. It will also add more than 12,000 full-time positions over the course of its construction, including 1,200 workers on-site during the peak of construction.

And its research and training spaces will attract top applicants in their fields.



“It will be very reassuring for people to know they’ll have access to top-tier clinical care in a modern facility. And it’s already generating interest from

health professionals across the country,” explains Chief of Staff, Dr. Wassim Saad.

With construction set to begin in 2026, we are thrilled to let you know the latest milestone that’s been achieved in bringing this vision to life.

Windsor Regional Hospital has selected Stantec Architecture as the Planning, Design and Conformance consultant for the project. Their team of architects and engineers come highly experienced — recently working on the new Cortellucci Vaughan Hospital and the Oakville Trafalgar Memorial Hospital.

It’s of top importance to us that this hospital is developed in partnership with everyone who will use it — from medical teams to community members. That’s why Stantec is joining a team of 40 User Groups — including hospital leadership, staff, and patient and community representatives.

We are deeply grateful for donor support of the new hospital, and look forward to updating you as we reach new milestones in the months and year ahead.

Share Your Story

Have you or your loved one been cared for at Windsor Regional Hospital? We are always looking for stories from patients and families to share with our donors, so they can see the impact their donations have. Sharing your experience will allow you to spread the word about the life changing work being done at Windsor Regional

Hospital — and acknowledge any members of your medical team whose care and support really made a difference. Every story helps us show supporters and prospective supporters how important it is that we all pull together to raise money for essential equipment and patient support programs. That way we can all help care for our loved ones and people in our community.

If you are interested in sharing your story of care, please email wrhfoundation@wrh.on.ca or call 519-985-2656.



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