Italian Canadian Club of Milton: a Valentine’s Party to spread the LOVE around…

The Italian Canadian Club of Milton’s (ICCM) Valentine’s Party on February 14th, 2014, was one of those events that had all the necessary ingredients to guarantee success: great people, great food and great cause.

The special event on Valentine’s Day was organized to offer their membership a fun evening out, while raising funds for Milton District Hospital Foundation. Says Domenic Pasqualino, President of the ICCM: “The Italian Canadian Club of Milton has been around since 1969. In service of our members and the community as a whole, we want to continue to be a positive presence in Milton and we all love to support our hospital.”

ICCM’s support for our hospital goes way back and is recognized at the Patron level on our main recognition wall in the Derry Road entrance. Rosanna Conteduca, ICCM Board Member and the main organizer of the event, put it this way: “We didn’t just want to raise funds to serve our own needs, we wanted to make sure we help the community as a whole, and what better way to do this then to donate the proceeds to our local hospital.”

Message from Brian Penman, Chair and Helen Vatistas, Executive Director

At the risk of being repetitive, Helen and I feel we would be remiss in starting this report in any other way but to express our deepest gratitude to all of our donors, both longstanding and more recent supporters.

Your overwhelming support, whether as part of our special group of Monthly Donors, your response to our Spring and Holiday Appeals, or participation in our signature or community partner fundraising events, is evidence of an exceptionally supportive community that values the importance of healthcare close to home.

Our 2014 Gift of Health Gala on May 31st was a resounding success as you can read elsewhere in this report. We are looking forward to similar support for our Classic Golf Tournament on September 15, our Indulge Wine and Food tasting event on September 28, and our Breakfast with Santa event on November 23. Also, we encourage you to check out one of the many community partner events throughout the year, organized to benefit the hospital. Event dates are advertised each month through the HHS Your Health page in the Milton Champion and listed on our events calendar on our website at www.mdhf.ca.

We WANT TO BE CLEAR—WITHOUT YOUR SUPPORT OUR JOB WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE! We exist to assist the hospital with the acquisition of new and replacement medical equipment, but ultimately it is the community of donors and supporters that make this happen.

Milton District Hospital’s Chief Operating Officer, Janet Skupsky, has shared some of the highlights the hospital saw over the past year, both from a clinical and redevelopment perspective. Helen and I would like to add that at the Foundation level significant work is being done to plan for the upcoming hospital expansion. We are proud to include the latest conceptual rendering of the new space to be built.

In closing, we can never say it enough, THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT! ■

Never Say Quit: Dicky Deumer, Committed Volunteer and Loyal Donor

Recently Foundation staff attended a very special celebration where family and friends gathered to commemorate Dicky Deumer’s 90th birthday. If you know Dicky, you know what we mean when we tell you that she is the youngest 90-year-old you have ever met. Dicky is vivacious, active and deeply interested in everything that affects her family, her community, her countries—Canada and Holland—and the world.

Dicky and her late husband Boyke immigrated to Canada some years after the end of WWII. They established themselves in the Milton area, where they built a life and had a family. Dicky had many interests that she is the youngest 90-year-old you have ever met. Dicky is vivacious, active and deeply interested in everything that affects her family, her community, her countries—Canada and Holland—and the world.

In short, Dicky is one of those volunteers of whom it may be said: “She gives herself to the cause without hesitation!” The most remarkable thing is that, although she has had to slow down a little, she is still actively involved. She spends many hours knitting the most adorable little hats, which are given to each and every infant born at Milton District Hospital, to keep them feeling warm and cozy. The families just love this special touch as their newborn makes his or her entrance into the world. As a donor she has positioned herself firmly behind the hospital and the planning of a soon-to-be-built expansion with a recent substantial gift. On behalf of the Board and Staff of Milton District Hospital Foundation, Thank You Dicky! ■
MDH Auxiliary—giving the best gift of all through the decades...

"Volunteers Give the Best Gift of All. Themselves". The theme of this year’s Volunteer Appreciation Week was right to the point and most appropriate. The MDH Auxiliary is an invaluable asset to the hospital—members of all ages continue to work tirelessly, year after year, to support our hospital in any way they can. The tasks they perform are too numerous to list; they serve throughout the hospital, assisting patients and staff where they can. Furthermore they engage in many fundraising activities, and continue to support the purchase of new and replacement equipment on the hospital’s priority list.

In addition to the countless volunteer hours contributed to the hospital, the organization has donated over $1.9 million since their founding in January 1959. The Auxiliary’s support continues with a gift of $92,000 for the 2012-13 fiscal year and another substantial gift in the amount of $43,000 covering the 2013-14 fiscal year. These amounts represent a great deal of dedication and hard work. THANK YOU to all who have given much time and effort to make this possible.

The success of our organization is the result of the efforts of many. With passionate and dedicated staff, physicians and volunteers, coupled with unparalleled support from the MDH Foundation and Auxiliary, the Milton District Hospital will continue to reach new milestones and achievements in the years to come.

Together, HHS will continue to provide the finest possible healthcare services to our community…Caring Today, Growing for Tomorrow.

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Report from Janet Skupsky, MDH Chief Operating Officer

Last year was an exciting and busy time at Milton District Hospital (MDH) and 2014 promises to be even more eventful as we continue to build on our commitment to the delivery of safe, quality care and launch into the next stage of planning for the hospital expansion project. I am pleased to share with you some of the accomplishments we celebrated and what lies ahead.

Following the Accreditation Canada survey undertaken in May 2013, HHS received notice that we had achieved Exemplary Standing which is the highest possible status granted by Accreditation Canada. HHS was recognized for demonstrating determination and commitment to ongoing quality improvement.

Milton has been identified as the fastest growing community in Canada and this unprecedented growth brings increased demand for healthcare services. Last year we were successful in the recruitment of three new Paediatricians to the Milton community—Dr. Sanjay Bhatia, Dr. Kamal Eltobgy and Dr. Shaneela Shahid. We are currently experiencing over 1,000 births and 10,000 paediatric emergency visits per year. The addition of these specialists enables consistent coverage and has facilitated paediatric next day consultation service close to home. This service is key given the Milton demographics and is instrumental to the growth of our paediatric services as we plan to extend it to the point and most appropriate. The MDH Auxiliary is an invaluable asset to the hospital—members of all ages continue to work tirelessly, year after year, to support our hospital in any way they can. The tasks they perform are too numerous to list; they serve throughout the hospital, assisting patients and staff where they can. Furthermore they engage in many fundraising activities, and continue to support the purchase of new and replacement equipment on the hospital’s priority list.

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Milton District Hospital Statistics

Based on fiscal year ending March 31, 2013

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The following organizations and individuals are recognized for donations $250 and up between April 1, 2013 to March 31, 2014. We are grateful for your generosity—it is truly making a difference to our hospital!
Mahalo Milton—Thank You Milton Polynesian style!

On Saturday, May 31st, the Milton District Hospital Foundation hosted the Annual Gift of Health Gala. Coined by some as the Best MDHF Gala yet, this Polynesian themed extravaganza was a resounding success, raising over $170,000 000 which will go towards the purchase of a Biomedical Device Integration system for the Hospital’s Labour and Delivery monitors.

From the breezy patio, where guests could enjoy a leisurely cocktail, to the enchanted ballroom, guests were entertained with elegance and flair as Rattlesnake Point Golf Club was transformed into a Polynesian paradise.

Over 300 local community members, businesses and VIP’s gathered together to support the Foundation’s mission to enhance quality healthcare in the growing Milton community. Annually, the Gala raises money to purchase essential capital equipment needed for the Hospital. This year, guests experienced a tropical themed evening that celebrated the carefree beauty of Hawaii! Guests delighted in a gourmet dinner, live hula dancing and fire performance. The evening was kept moving with the 2013-2014 fiscal year.

This way of giving has benefits for our Monthly Donors as well. Withheld through automatic monthly deductions from your bank account or credit card, monthly giving provides a convenient way to contribute in any amount that suits your comfort level. You receive one annual receipt for tax purposes, in the total amount of your donations.

Please know that your generous commitment is making a difference! We want to express our most sincere thanks to all our monthly donors who support our hospital in this way. Monthly donors who give $15 or more per month are recognized on a special plaque in the main lobby hallway. PLEASE CONSIDER JOINING OUR MONTHLY GIVING PROGRAM! For more information call us or visit our website. The following organizations and individuals are Monthly Donors who gave $15 per month or more in the 2013-2016 Fiscal year.

Our Monthly Donors: Strength in Numbers

You have heard the expression: “There is strength in numbers”. This is especially true for our valued group of Monthly Donors, who form the backbone of our on-going efforts to raise funds for new and replacement medical equipment for our hospital. Together, their generous contributions create a steady stream of income we can count on every month.

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