

The Difference Donors Make **TO BREAST CANCER PATIENTS**



Dr. Aziz and Dr. Carter during the first day using the Savi Scout technology.

tumour well in advance of the surgery resulting in a better surgical outcome and patient experience.

Dr. Aziz explains, "Before we had the Savi Scout technology patients would come in to the hospital many hours before their surgery to have wires inserted to locate the tumour. Then they would have a repeat mammogram with the wires in place to ensure the location was accurate. Only after these steps were completed would they proceed into surgery."

According to Dr. Aziz, this equipment significantly improves the patient experience. "Patients are understandably anxious when they arrive at the hospital for surgery. With the new technology we are able to prepare the patient for surgery before the surgical date which results in a more streamlined experience on the day of their surgery. It decreases their discomfort and anxiety and it also allows surgeons to localize the tumour with a higher level of accuracy which results in a better surgical outcome."

Dr. Aziz is very appreciative that Milton District Hospital Foundation was able to raise the funds required to purchase this equipment. She says, "I think that many of us take for granted that our hospital will have the equipment required to care for us. However all of this equipment is funded by our community. I recognize and thank individuals and businesses who donate to Milton District Hospital Foundation, their generosity enables us to care for our patients in a better way."

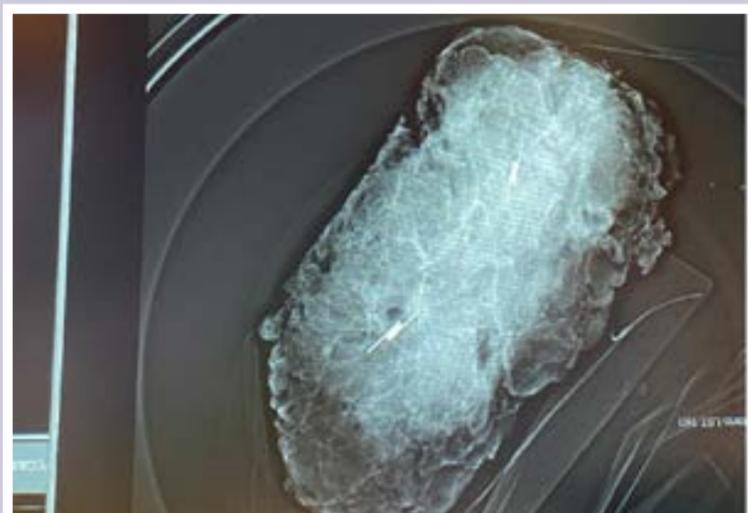
Helen Vatistas, Executive Director of Milton District Hospital Foundation is proud of the impact of our donors. "I am always amazed by how our donors step up to support our hospital. People don't always realize how much of a difference their donations make but here we can see that this equipment improves the care that many patients receive at our hospital."



THANKS TO DONOR SUPPORT, Milton District Hospital Foundation has been able to fund the purchase of equipment that enables our physicians to provide a new standard of care to patients with breast cancer. Dr. Dalal Aziz, General Surgeon, with a sub specialty in breast surgical oncology, is grateful and excited to acquire the Savi Scout system. The Savi Scout technology is used prior to surgery to locate breast tumours that are too small to be felt. It allows the surgeon to precisely identify the location and depth of the



Leslie Slabon, Operating Room Manager, and Colleen Thomson-Whall, Savi Scout Trainer.



This is an X-ray of a specimen with 2 reflectors localizing two tumours. Without the Savi Scout, two wires would need to be inserted.

Your Gifts



at work in the lab

In November, we reached out to you because our hospital needed new equipment for our lab and you answered our call! We were delighted when generous donors, Rick and Cindy Balaz agreed to match donations, dollar for dollar, up to \$150,000. We are proud to announce that our donors have met this goal which means that these donations double in impact for our hospital! Your generosity is still being put to work but here are a few pieces of equipment that have already been purchased for our lab:

- ✿ Osmometer
- ✿ Helmer Freezer
- ✿ Cryostat
- ✿ Platelet Incubator & Agitator

Rick and Cindy Balaz

Thank you for supporting our hospital.
WE CAN'T DO IT WITHOUT YOU!



COMMUNITY PARTNERS

- #MiltonStrong Community
- Ads at Work 4U
- All Eyes On Me
- Anil's Birthday Donations
- BGC Funding Innovation Inc.
- Black & White PJ Party
- Clembrook Christmas Farm Cobs Bread
- Community Foundation of Halton North
- Door 3090 Catering Dine to Donate Fundraiser
- Erin's Birthday Donations
- Evergreen Crematorium
- Golfing for Cancer
- AIM Insurance
- Italian Canadian Club Of Milton
- Khurshid's Birthday Donations

- La Rose Italian Bakery & Delicatessen
- Leggat Auto Group
- Magical Lights of Milton
- Majestic Colours Painting Services
- McHappy Day- HJMAC Incorporated (Milton McDonald's)
- MDHF Christmas House Tour
- Milton Ball in a Cup Tournament
- Milton Banquet & Conference Centre
- Milton Team Duggan
- Mortgage Inc. Oldstars
- Milton Villager
- Moffatt Scrap Iron & Metal Inc.
- Mommy & Me Wood Crafty
- Murtuza's Birthday Donations
- Muslim Association of Milton
- myFM Milton 101.3
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- Oh Look, Fabric!
- Our Turquoise Door Chalk Couture
- Pawan Singh's BBQ Fundraiser
- Rick DiLorenzo Birthday Donations
- Saito Halloween Haunt
- Shawn's Birthday Donations
- Shoppers Run for Women
- Snapt Milton
- St. Mathew's Mar Thoma Church
- The Beer Store Milton
- The Milton Canadian Champion
- Van Dongen's Landscaping & Nurseries
- Willow Bird Interiors
- Woodbine Mohawk Park
- Wyldewood Golf Annual
- Canada Day Tournament

PHOTO CAPTIONS (Left to Right): The Community Foundation of Halton North raised \$10,000 for MDHF through their Webathon.; Oh, Look Fabric! raised \$1,635 for MDHF through their annual gift basket raffle.; The Geall Family: Magical Lights of Milton raised \$10,510 for MDHF through their light display.



LITTLE LEADERS

Alex, Taya & Josselyn's Lemonade Stand
Esmé Young
Fundraising Warriors- Ethan & Edward Bill and Nathan & Nicholas De Groot

Mackenzie, Logan & Skylar Tasca
Olivia Winn
Salam & Sami Aleem
Zayaan Ahmad Khan

PHOTO CAPTIONS (Left to Right): Mackenzie, Logan and Skylar Tasca raised \$144 for MDHF through their lemonade stand; Fundraising Warriors: Edward and Ethan Bill, Nicholas and Nathan De Groot raised \$578 for MDHF through the proceeds from their "24 Acts of Kindness" Advent calendars; Sami & Salam raised \$1,000 for MDHF through a community fundraiser.



Ian Reay and Keith Adamson, MD Financial, Andrea Cayer and Helen Vatisstas, MDHF

MD Financial Management SUPPORTS MDHF

MILTON DISTRICT HOSPITAL FOUNDATION was delighted to receive a donation of \$25,000 from MD Financial Management (MD) in November. Andrea Cayer, Associate Director of Development and Major Gifts is grateful for this support. "The impact of donors, like MD Financial Management, on Milton District Hospital, is significant. We depend on their support to purchase the equipment that our physicians and health care providers need to care for their patients." Keith Adamson, Regional Manager at MD, explains why the company decided to support Milton District Hospital Foundation. He says, "We believe that health and wellness are life's most valuable assets and we are committed to supporting the medical community. With many of our physician clients, their families and MD employees living in this area, we feel deeply connected to this community." In recognition of MD's generosity, the Emergency Department Staff Lounge at Milton District Hospital has been named in their honour. Mr. Adamson says that he hopes to improve frontline healthcare workers' wellness since the staff room is an opportunity for them to refresh and recharge. It is only through the support of donors, such as MD, that Milton District Hospital is able to continue providing exemplary care to the people living in this community. ✿

If you would like to make a donation to Milton District Hospital Foundation, please contact Andrea Cayer by email at acayer@haltonhealthcare.com or by phone at 905-878-2383 ext. 7172.

The Black & White PJ Party: DYNAMIC WOMEN SUPPORTING MDHF!

THE BRIAN BRADY AWARD honours a Community Partner who has hosted an event consistently for a number of years. This year we are delighted to present The Black and White PJ Party with this award. This event is a partnership between the PJ Party Committee and Milton Banquet & Conference Centre. If you have never had the opportunity to attend the Black & White PJ Party, you are definitely missing out. The best way to describe it is a cross between a gala and a slumber party. You walk into a room decorated with black and white décor, full of women dressed in pajamas. There is gourmet food, fun games and an energy that nobody can deny. It is the vitality of a group of women who have come together to support healthcare in our community. All of the money raised at the Black and White PJ Party is donated to Milton District Hospital Foundation. Since the Black and White PJ party began donating the proceeds to MDHF in 2012, this event has raised \$177,772.



Una Schieber-Mule, Allison Sitlani, Mary Camastra, Heather Gerrits, Marg Saliba, Jennifer Mariuz Hook, Vanessa Briguglio and Staci James

Marg Saliba, chair of the Black & White PJ Party is grateful for the opportunity to be involved with this event. She says, "The energy, the camaraderie- there is nothing like it. We are lucky to be surrounded by a community like this. I look forward to this event every year. It is successful because everyone feels like they are making a contribution."

Milton Banquet & Conference Centre has been hosting this event since 2015. The owners, who are brothers Adrian and Ezio Angelucci are happy to support Milton District Hospital Foundation. Una Schieber-Mule, Director of Operations at Milton Banquet & Conference Centre is also on the Black & White PJ Party Committee. She says, "I love that this event builds up momentum year after year. We are always coming up with ideas to make it better." The event certainly has developed a following. Whether it is the delicious food prepared by Executive Chef, Federico Zaheri or the exciting entertainment, the most recent PJ Party had 300 attendees and the tickets sold out within hours.

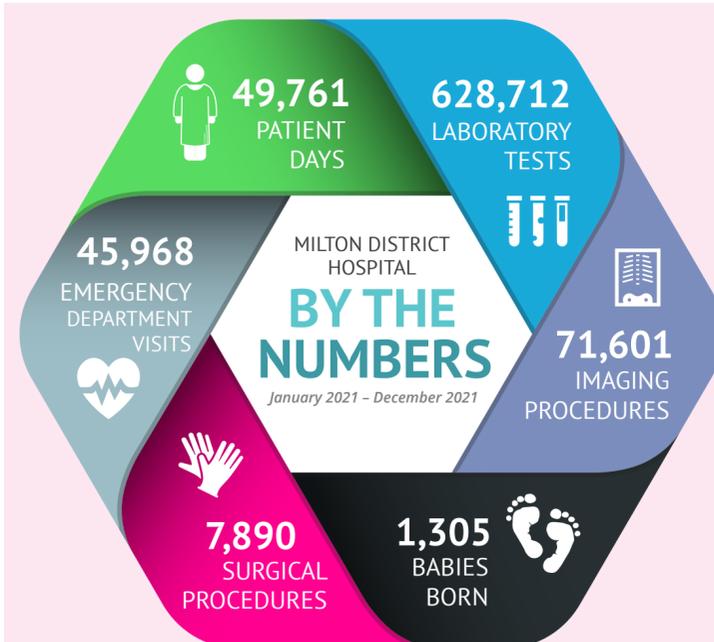
Una is proud of the way that this event brings our community together to support Milton District Hospital Foundation. "I love that we are helping our hospital purchase the new equipment and technology that they need. We are happy that we are able to better the lives of the people living in this community." This event has definitely made an impact. During the expansion of Milton District Hospital, the Black and White PJ Party raised \$75,000 in three years and named the MRI waiting room. This area benefits many patients at Milton District Hospital. Last year, 2,494 patients received MRI's to aid in their diagnosis and treatment.

The Black and White PJ Party is organized and executed by a committee of dedicated and hard working women. The current committee consists of Marg Saliba, Una Schieber-Mule, Allison Sitlani, Mary Camastra, Heather Gerrits, Tamara Lopez, Staci James, and Jennifer Mariuz Hook. Marg says, "We couldn't have done it without all of our committee members."

Helen Vatisstas, Executive Director of MDHF is grateful to everyone who makes this event possible. She says, "The PJ Party is a wonderful collaboration of businesses and individuals in our community. The energy in the room is amazing and it is so nice to see women laughing, forming connections, and making memories. The impact of the PJ Party on our hospital is significant. The donations from this event support the purchase of urgently needed equipment."

Since the traditional Black & White PJ Party wasn't possible for the last two years, the Committee decided to try something different. In 2020, they held a silent auction and in 2021, they hosted a Christmas Market. Both events were well received by the community.

No matter what, Marg and the PJ Party Committee will find a way to support Milton District Hospital Foundation. In Marg's words, "The pandemic can't stop us! We will keep going! We are committed to doing everything we can to support our hospital!" ✿



Ezio Angelucci, Federico Zaheri, Una Schieber-Mule, Adrian Angelucci

THE PREVIOUS RECIPIENTS OF THE BRIAN BRADY COMMUNITY PARTNERS AWARD INCLUDE:

- ✿ Milton Oldstars Hockey Club
- ✿ McDonald's Milton
- ✿ Shooting for Angels
- ✿ Muslim Association of Milton
- ✿ Shoppers Drug Mart
- ✿ La Rose Italian Bakery
- ✿ Halton Transmission and Charity Poker Run
- ✿ Milton Haunted House
- ✿ Magical Lights of Milton

It's My LEGACY



Deb Rennie

Deb Rennie has always appreciated having a hospital close to home. She recalls, "When I had young children, we visited the hospital a lot with earaches,

stomach aches, or when one of the kids needed stitches." Recently, Deb made the decision to extend her current giving by including Milton District Hospital Foundation in her will. She describes this decision as part of her legacy. "Milton is my home and my children's home. I think that it is important to give back to your own community. At some point, everybody needs the hospital." Deb is grateful for the quality of care she received at Milton District Hospital, and she is looking forward to seeing the hospital continue to grow with the community. Helen Vatistas, Executive Director of Milton District Hospital Foundation appreciates the contributions individuals make through bequests. "Leaving a gift in your will is a powerful act of generosity. Ms. Rennie's gift has an impact on the future of our hospital because it allows us to purchase the equipment needed to provide high quality healthcare to this community for generations to come."

If you are interested in making a bequest, please contact Deborah Bauder by email at dbauder@haltonhealthcare.com or by phone at 289-218-0715.

MDHF Gala Returns in Person with

That Thing You Do!

YOU SEE GLITTERING LIGHTS, you feel the excitement of the live auction, you hear music that makes you want to hit the dance floor and you know that you are at the Gift of Health Gala. It is the one night a year when our community comes together with a single goal in mind: To support healthcare close to home. We appreciate all of our donors and this is the night when we celebrate 'That Thing You Do' for our hospital!

We are thrilled to announce that the in-person Gift of Health Gala, MDHF's signature black-tie fundraising event, will be back on October 29, 2022 at the Burlington Convention Centre. This event is presented by Mattamy Homes. Helen Vatistas, Executive Director of MDHF is grateful for the impact that the Gift of Health Gala has on our hospital. "The Gala is a wonderful event that brings together our donors, business owners and members of our community. The funds that are raised at the Gala allow our hospital to purchase the equipment that our healthcare providers need to care for their patients. We appreciate all of the hard work that the Committee and our volunteers do to make this event possible and I can't wait to see many of you at the Gala later this year!" The Gala Committee has already been hard at work. The theme of this year's gala is 'That Thing You Do' and guests will enjoy live 50's and 60's rock n' roll music by the Dreamboats. "We are thrilled to be putting the pieces together for this amazing event. This year's Gala is going to be spectacular." Says Rosanna Conteduca, Chair of the MDHF Gala Committee. Since 2009, more than 3,000 guests have enjoyed the Gift of Health Gala and the event has cumulatively raised over \$2 million towards the purchase of essential medical equipment for Milton District Hospital.

We are now accepting sponsors and auction donations for the Gala! Contact Jennifer at jtasca@haltonhealthcare.com to participate today! Also check www.mdhf.ca often for updates!



Dr. Harry Kim and Eunice Kim



Janice Kluhspies, Carlanna Sdao and Rosanna Conteduca, MDHF Gala Committee Members



The last year has been a challenge but thanks to your support and participation, MDHF events continue to be well attended and successful. We are grateful for our special volunteers who invest their time and effort into our various event committees.

Thank You!

UPCOMING EVENTS



Annual Ladies Play Day Golf Tournament
August, 22 2022



Annual Classic Golf Tournament
September 26, 2022



Gift of Health Gala
October 29, 2022

If you are interested in attending, sponsoring or donating to one of our events, please contact Jennifer at jtasca@haltonhealthcare.com

Thinking about taxes? Naming the Milton District Hospital Foundation as a beneficiary on your RRSP, RRIF or TFSA can result in big tax credits for your estate. Ask your advisor about making the Milton District Hospital Foundation a beneficiary so you can leave more for your loved ones.

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