MILTON DISTRICT HOSPITAL FOUNDATION

MARCH 2023

Foundation Forum

Donors Fund Lifesaving Equipment at Milton District Hospital!

Thank you for supporting healthcare and for being part of the critical work of our hospital. It is a reminder of how a community like Milton can and does make a difference. For this, we are truly grateful. Each and every year, community donations fund urgently needed equipment that is vital to the overall care of patients who come through our doors. These donations fund state-of-the-art equipment as well as replacement equipment for those pieces that have reached the end of their life cycle. **All of this equipment is funded through the generous support of our donors.** It is this generosity that enables our physicians and hospital staff to diagnose their patients faster, make them more comfortable, and in some cases, provide lifesaving care. This past year was no exception. Your gifts make a big impact. Here are a few pieces of equipment that were purchased through your support:

Donations Fund Three Defibrillators for the Intensive Care Unit (ICU)

Our 10-bed ICU cares for patients with acute, critical and life-threatening illness or injury. Urgent Care is provided by specially trained ICU teams who use their unique expertise and ability to provide intensive medical treatment and monitoring to the hospital's sickest and most vulnerable patients. The addition of three new defibrillators to our busy ICU puts more tools in the hands of our skilled physicians and staff improving care of patients in distress.

ICU Patient Room and Defibrillator

Coupler System Enables Surgeons to Perform Breast Reconstruction Surgery for Breast Cancer Patients at MDH.

Dr. Christine Nicholas, Plastic & Reconstructive Surgeon is grateful that the hospital was able to purchase a coupler system through the support of our generous donors. She says "The coupler system is used in breast reconstruction surgery. It is an essential tool used to do the fine microsurgery that is required to transfer tissue from the abdomen to the chest to reconstruct a new breast after a mastectomy. This allows women a variety of options to restore their form after breast cancer surgery at our hospital. Traditionally, patients would travel to other hospitals to access this special care. With the addition of the coupler system, essential breast cancer care can now be delivered in our own community."

Arlyn Golum, Pharmacy Technician, checks medications in the medication refrigerator

Medication Fridge Protects Integrity of Medications in the Pharmacy

The MDH Inpatient Pharmacy is a crucial component in patient care services for efficient and timely access to medication. Through donor support, the hospital was able to purchase a medication fridge for the Inpatient Pharmacy. By upgrading the Inpatient Pharmacy, we are able to respond to the increasing demands from our recent patient surge. Susan Alderson, Director of Pharmacy, says "A portion of the medications stored in the Inpatient Pharmacy, such as insulin and vaccines, and subsequently sent to patient care areas require refrigeration. The new medication refrigerator better protects the integrity of those medications as the temperature is monitored ensuring the Inpatient Pharmacy provides our patients with quality-controlled medication."

Plasma Thawer Supports Tests Performed in the Laboratory

By investing in state-of-the-art medical equipment, our Lab Technicians can provide accurate processing of specimens and quicker delivery of results. Dr. Blair Baker, physician in the Emergency Department, knows that the laboratory is an important step in the care that his patients receive. He says, "having state-of-the-art equipment such as a plasma thawer can be the difference in minutes for a patient to receive a life-saving infusion."

"With the support of our donors, we have been able to purchase new and replacement equipment and update technology for our patients. Look what you have accomplished!" says Helen Vatistas, Executive Director of Milton District Hospital Foundation.

As patient volumes rise, more equipment will be required to meet the increased demand. Mrs. Vatistas is confident that our donors will step up to meet this challenge. She says, "The Milton community is special. Whenever our hospital needs support, people and businesses rally around us. It is our donors who have and will continue to make the difference and for this we are grateful."

Rosanne Janicki, Medical Laboratory Technologist, uses the plasma thawer to warm frozen samples.

Dr. Jessica Shih, Plastic Surgeon at Milton District Hospital

Milton District Hospital (MDH) is pleased to welcome Dr. Jessica Shih, Plastic Surgeon, to the team. "With her expertise in hand and upper extremity surgery from Johns Hopkins University, Dr. Shih brings unique and very valuable surgical skills to our hospital and community and is a very welcome addition to our surgical team," explains Dr. Kevin Kwan, Chief of Surgery, MDH. At MDH her focus is on complex hand, wrist or upper extremity conditions, injuries or trauma. In addition, she will use advanced nerve surgery techniques to help alleviate pain in patients with arthritis, those with work-related injuries, and individuals in the amputee population. "We are delighted to welcome Dr. Shih to the surgical team at Milton District Hospital and Halton Healthcare. Her expertise enhances and expands the range of high quality surgical services available to our growing community, closer to home," says Janet Skupsky, Chief Operating Officer, MDH.

MDHF Wins at the Breeders Crown

Andrea Cayer, Doug McNair, Helen Vatistas, Janet Skupsky, and Brad Grant

Last October, Woodbine Mohawk Park hosted the Breeders Crown, harness racing's richest and most prestigious year-end divisional championship. Milton District Hospital Foundation was grateful to receive a donation of $62,000 from the Breeders Crown Charity Challenge, which is a charitable initiative leading up to the event. The Breeders Crown Charity Challenge showcased four teams with each entry comprised of a prominent owner, their charity of choice, and a Woodbine driver. Team Grant, sponsored by Brad Grant selected Milton District Hospital Foundation as their charity. Mr. Grant is also the Vice Chair of the MDHF Board of Directors. He says "Giving back to the hospital is important to us.

My wife and I are very big supporters of healthcare in our community. Every opportunity I get to do something for the hospital is special." Woodbine Mohawk Park has been a strong supporter of Milton District Hospital Foundation for many years. Recently a waiting room in the Blue Zone of the Emergency Department was named in recognition of Woodbine's support. Vanessa Briguglio, Major Gifts and Community Engagement Officer appreciates the support of Woodbine. She says, "This donation has an impact on the care that our patients receive in our Emergency Department and in every other area of our hospital. We appreciate Woodbine Mohawk Park and Mr. Grant for their commitment to our hospital."

Community Partners

Adil Hanif Birthday Fundraiser
Ads at Work 4U
Ahmadiyya Muslim Jama'at- Run for Milton
Breeders Crown Charity Challenge
Clembrook Christmas Farm
Cobs Bread Milton
Community Foundation of Halton North
East Side Mario's Golf Tournament
Evergreen Crematorium
FM 101 Milton
Grill Daddy
Joanne Jeremillo
Journey's Cuisine
Judy's Birthday Fundraiser
La Rose Italian Bakery
Magical Lights of Milton
McHappy Day- HJMAC Incorporated (Milton McDonald's)
Milton Banquet & Conference Centre, Black & White PJ Party
Milton Gujarati Parivaar
Milton Minor Hockey Association- Milton Winterhawks
Milton Team Duggan Mortgage Inc. Oldstars
Moffatt Scrap Iron & Metal Inc.
Muslim Association of Milton
Nigerian Community of Milton
Oh Look, Fabric!
Rick DiLorenzo's Lawn Sign Fundraiser
Shoppers Drug Mart Run for Women
The Beer Store Milton
The Milton Canadian Champion
Twinkle After Dark
Winter Farmers Market
Woodbine Mohawk Park

Little Leaders

Fundraising Warriors: Ethan & Edward Bill and Nathan & Nicholas De Groot
Gavin & Caitlyn Wellwood
Tiffany, Alexis & Jessica Lu
Sanan Hussam
Summer Sisters Craft & Art Sale: Avery Stahl, Aaliyah Lawrie, Sienna Hughes, Seira Stahl, Kiera Hughes, Brooklyn Chan, Maia Attlesey
Youth Innovators of Milton

Community Partners and Little Leaders: La Rose Italian Bakery raised $6,400 through their Shopping Bag Initiative; Tiffany, Alexis & Jessica Lu raised $100 through their summer fundraising initiatives; The Muslim Association of Milton raised $5,000 for MDHF through their Annual BBQ; Cobs Bread Milton raised $4,009 through their 'Doughnation' Day; Sanan Hussam raised $750 for MDHF by making and selling Ramadan gift baskets; the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jama'at- Run for Milton raised $30,000 for MDHF

Syyidah Centre - Milton Halal Food Bank Supports Our Hospital

Masood Pehlvi, MDHF Board Member and Irshad Ahmad, Executive Director, Syyidah Centre

Milton District Hospital Foundation was delighted to receive a generous donation from the Syyidah Centre. Irshad Ahmad, Executive Director of the Syyidah Centre says "Our members feel that it is important to raise funds to support our hospital. We believe that this will have a good impact on our community." In recognition of the support from the Syyidah Centre-Milton Halal Food Bank, a Surgical Pre-Op Bed was named in their honour. Masood Pehlvi a board member of Milton District Hospital Foundation is grateful for the support of the Syyidah Centre. He says, "This donation is so important because it funds equipment for our hospital. When our hospital is well equipped it means that even more people in our community can get their healthcare needs met right here in Milton." If you would like to make a donation to Milton District Hospital Foundation, please contact Andrea Cayer at 905-876-7014 or by email at acayer@haltonhealthcare.com

"Our Community is Only as Strong as our Hospital"

Team Duggan Milton Oldstars Hockey Club Supports Milton District Hospital Foundation for 43 Years

"If you want to support the entire community, there is no better way to do that than by supporting the hospital." These are the words of Dave Del Papa, president of the Team Duggan Milton Oldstars. Since they first came together, the Team Duggan Milton Oldstars made a commitment to contribute to the community and they take that commitment very seriously. Mr. Del Papa says, "Forty-three years ago, we wanted to start a hockey team. Bruce Dolson and members of the community supported our team and we promised to raise money for charity. We haven't looked back since."
The Team Duggan Milton Oldstars have raised a significant amount of funds for the community with well over $500,000 donated to Milton District Hospital Foundation. Mr. Del Papa says, "It is important to our members to make our hospital as good as it possibly can be to serve the community of Milton. Our community is only as strong as our hospital." In addition to their generous donations, the Team Duggan Milton Oldstars established an award in honour of Brian Brady, their team member, a past president of Milton District Hospital and a staunch supporter of Milton District Hospital Foundation. Mr. Brady passed away in 2012. Each year, the Brian Brady Award is given to the longest serving community partner of Milton District Hospital Foundation. This award encourages other groups in the community to support the hospital. Mr. Del Papa says "We are lucky to have a lot of community minded groups who want to give back." As a way to recognize the generosity of the Team Duggan Milton Oldstars, the triage rooms in the expanded Emergency Department were named in their honour.
Andrea Cayer, Associate Director, Development & Major Gifts recognizes the impact that the support of groups like the Team Duggan Milton Oldstars has on the hospital. She says, "Each patient at Milton District Hospital is cared for using equipment that was purchased through donor support. We are grateful that The Team Duggan Milton Oldstars have been supporting our hospital for many years. The impact of their support will be felt by our patients for generations to come."

The Team Duggan Milton Oldstars have donated more than $500,000 to MDHF.

"It's Important to Support Our Community Hospital."

Moffatt Scrap Iron & Metal has donated more than $65,000 to MDHF

The individuals and businesses in this community are always finding innovative ways to support Milton District Hospital Foundation (MDHF). A perfect example of this is the recipient of the 2023 Brian Brady Award, Moffatt Scrap Iron & Metal Inc. (MSI). The Brian Brady Award celebrates a Community Partner who has hosted an event consistently for a number of years. Over the last thirteen years, Moffatt Scrap Iron & Metal Inc. has raised more than $65,000 for Milton District Hospital Foundation through their Scrap for Charity event. This event encourages community members to bring in their unwanted scrap metal with the proceeds going to MDHF. Christine Moffatt explains why Moffatt Scrap Iron & Metal Inc. holds this event year after year, "Steve Moffatt has always believed in giving back to the community. When starting the company, he wanted to ensure MSI had the same vision for giving back. We feel that it's important to support our local community hospital for people to have their needs met close to home. If our hospital doesn't have the equipment needed, people travel to receive healthcare outside of our community." In recognition of Moffatt Scrap Iron & Metal's generosity, a Nursing Communication Centre in the Second Floor Inpatient Unit is named in their honour. Michael Beaver, a member of the Board of Directors at Milton District Hospital Foundation recognizes the impact that Community Partners have on our hospital. "We are grateful to the businesses in our community, such as Moffatt Scrap Iron & Metal, who support Milton District Hospital Foundation. Their contributions make a significant impact because they allow our hospital to purchase equipment that is urgently needed." If you are interested in hosting a Community Partner Event, please contact Vanessa Briguglio at 905-876-7014 or at vbriguglio@haltonhealthcare.com.

The Previous Recipients of the Brian Brady Community Partners Award Include:

- Team Duggan Milton Oldstars Hockey Club
- Shooting for Angels
- Shoppers Drug Mart
- Halton Auto Service & Transmission Ltd. - Charity Poker Run
- HJMAC Incorporated (McDonald's Milton)
- Muslim Association of Milton
- La Rose Italian Bakery
- Milton Haunted House
- Magical Lights of Milton
- Milton Banquet & Conference Centre, Black & White PJ Party

Gordon Sherwood was a longtime supporter of Milton District Hospital Foundation.

Legacy Fulfilled

Gordon Sherwood saw a growth in both the community and at Milton District Hospital since he moved to this area in 1973. While the hospital grew, he was grateful that the compassionate care he received at our hospital never wavered. He demonstrated his gratitude by making frequent donations to Milton District Hospital Foundation and through a generous gift in his will, supporting the purchase of equipment. Helen Vatistas, Executive Director of Milton District Hospital Foundation, had many opportunities to visit Mr. Sherwood. She says, "Mr. Sherwood felt that despite the many changes in Milton, some things stay the same. He viewed healthcare as a partnership. He said that he was glad to know that Milton District Hospital was still just around the corner where it had been as long as he could remember." Mr. Sherwood passed away in March 2022 at the age of 88. Mrs. Vatistas knows that this community will benefit from Mr. Sherwood's legacy for years to come. She says, "It is because of the generosity of Mr. Sherwood and donors like him that the people living in this community have a well-equipped hospital 'just around the corner.'" If you are interested in leaving a gift in your will, please contact Deborah Bauder at 289-218-0715 or by email at dbauder@haltonhealthcare.com

MDHF SIGNATURE EVENTS

LADIES PLAY DAY

Monday, July 10

Crosswinds Golf & Country Club

GIFT OF HEALTH GALA

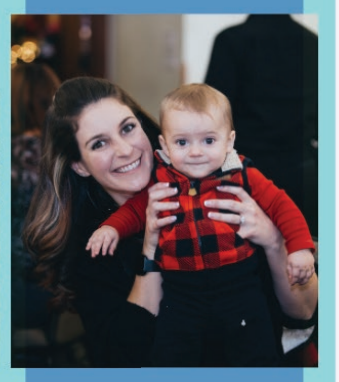
Saturday, October 21

Burlington Convention Centre

CLASSIC GOLF TOURNAMENT

Monday, September 25

RattleSnake Point Golf Club



HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Saturday, December 2

Country Heritage Park

2023

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Join Us for an Exclusive Presentation:

Income Tax Reduction & Estate Tax Elimination

In this 90 minute presentation, you will learn how to reduce the impact the Canada Revenue Agency has on your family's net worth:

Tuesday, May 9, 2023
Registration begins at 1:30pm, Presentation from 2:00pm to 3:15pm

Piper's Heath Golf Club, 5501 Trafalgar Road, Milton, ON, L9E 0Z5

To ensure a seat, contact Deborah Bauder at 289-218-0715 or dbauder@haltonhealthcare.com

Welcome New Member Micha Choi to the MDHF Board of Directors.

Micha is a Client Portfolio Manager at Guardian Capital Advisors. Micha brings a great deal of knowledge and experience in the wealth management industry. Her collaborative approach to relationship building will be a strong asset to the Board and will assist in moving the mandate of MDHF forward. Welcome Micha!

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