



Your Will is personal but your Legacy could be profound

At the PRHC Foundation, we are deeply committed to ensuring that the best patient care is available at our hospital – today, and into the future.

That is why we encourage our loyal supporters to consider including a gift to the PRHC Foundation in their Wills and to share their intentions with their family and the Foundation.

When you share your plans with us – in confidence – it allows us to:

- Ensure your Will is worded correctly and your intentions made clear so your gift can be directed as you intended.
- Offer the opportunity to be more closely connected with the good work your gifts allow.
- Offer membership to the “Partners for Life Legacy Society”.
- Recognize and honour your gift, or keep your gift completely confidential and anonymous.

However, while we would love to know that you’ve made a future gift, we recognize that your Will and choices are completely personal. Please know:

- Gifts of every size make a difference. We don’t require that you give us a copy of the Will or that you disclose the amount of your gift.
- We will always respect your privacy.
- We know that your family and friends will always come first.
- We recognize that at any time in the future you have the right to change your mind about a gift in your Will to support the PRHC Foundation.

For more information or to discuss your estate giving plans, please call Jennifer Cureton, Manager, Legacy Giving at (705) 743-2121, ext. 4189.

Always consult a professional financial advisor to discuss the best charitable giving options for you.

Stella Frances Wagner

Stella Frances Wagner may not have been a woman of great means, but it didn’t stop her from leaving a lasting legacy to support patient care at PRHC.

Described as hard working and modest, Stella had always wanted to make a profound difference in her community. Towards the end of her life, she found a way to achieve her goal by expressing her thanks for great care through a legacy gift to the PRHC Foundation.

Concerned about outliving her assets, Stella discovered that a gift through her Will would allow her to make a far more significant gift than she ever thought possible during her lifetime.

On behalf of the patients who will benefit from her generosity, we’d like to thank Stella for her commitment to patient care at PRHC.



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A Report On Your Gifts In Action



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Life-saving care inspires a grateful heart Patient honours surgeon by giving to vascular care at PRHC

“Saying thank you just isn’t enough to acknowledge the gratitude I feel. Please use this money to purchase something that would enable Dr. Thompson and his colleagues to help other patients like me.”

Dorothy Dewar

For more information on giving as a way to say “thanks,” please call Katie Pezoulas at (705) 743-2121, ext. 3013.



When Dorothy Dewar began her vacation, she was looking forward to spending time with her grandchild. She wasn’t expecting to find herself in septic shock and clinging to life in a Gettysburg hospital.

A call to Dr. Alan Thompson for a second opinion prompted a series of events that saw Dorothy airlifted back to PRHC for life-saving surgery.

As she was recovering in the ICU, Dorothy reflected on the care that saved her life. She knew she wanted to say thanks. She also knew that hospitals rely on the support of the community to fund the kind of medical equipment that Dr. Thompson used to keep her alive. That’s when she discovered the *Grateful Hearts* program.

The program allows donors to express their gratitude with a donation, joining the cycle of generosity



PRHC Foundation *Grateful Hearts* donor Dorothy Dewar and PRHC vascular surgeon Dr. Alan Thompson.

that enabled their outstanding care and inspired their gift. Gifts received through *Grateful Hearts* help purchase life-saving medical equipment that directly improves patient care and recovery.

In an accompanying note, Dorothy requested her gift be used to purchase equipment that would help Dr. Thompson and his colleagues provide the kind

of outstanding emergency care she received.

As a result, the funds helped purchase equipment used during vascular surgery.

Dorothy’s message of thanks not only enabled the purchase of essential equipment, but also ensured the team that provided the exceptional care received the recognition they deserve – but would never ask for.

Palliative Care garden opens to rave reviews

In early September, PRHC Foundation donors joined hospital staff, patients and their families at the official opening of the donor-funded Palliative Care rooftop garden. The consensus? Spectacular.

Palliative patients and family members who need a quiet place to sit and reflect, or just want to feel the sun on their face now have to venture no further than the new Palliative Care rooftop garden.

Theresa Morris, Palliative Care Nurse Consultant Coordinator says the new garden perfectly captures the philosophy of the unit.

“Our interest is in quality of life – feeling the best that you can, for as long as you can, even in the last days of life,” says Morris. “A garden goes even farther than just the physical care a hospital can provide. It is care for the ‘whole person’. Being in touch with the natural world in a garden is a nourishing joy to patient and family alike.”

“That’s why this garden is so essential,” adds Morris. “It provides a tranquil oasis complete with ground cover, trees, overflowing flower boxes, comfortable benches and water features that mimic a bubbling stream, all accessible 24 hours-a-day. On behalf of our patients and their families, thank you to everyone who helped make it possible.”



Special thanks to donors Dr. Dan Bourgeois and Dr. Maureen McDonald, the Estate of Jane Dudas, an anonymous donor, and the many memorial donations that helped make this project possible.

Photo top: Palliative Care Nurse Consultant Coordinator Theresa Morris and Construction Lead – New Hospital John Van Dyk take a moment to enjoy the morning sun on the new Palliative Care rooftop garden.

News & Events

- Festival of Trees – Festival moves downtown this year with events taking place at various locations from Nov. 23-27, 2011. Visit www.pfot.org for more information
- Art & Healing – See the works of Rene O’Connor (Sep-Oct) and Carol Rutherford/Cynthia Fox (Nov/Dec) as part of PRHC’s ongoing Art & Healing Gallery on the 4th Floor

New Ice Machine for ICU thanks to grateful patient

The PRHC Foundation is raising \$1.5 million to fund urgent care equipment - the kind of equipment essential to the treatment of sudden and traumatic injury and illness.

Thank you to J.J. Stewart Motors for supporting the purchase of a new ice machine for the ICU. The gift was made to acknowledge the great care recently received there by Jack Stewart Sr.

While it may sound simple, an ice machine is actually an essential piece of equipment in the ICU and has several uses. In addition to providing ice chips for ICU patients who are seldom able to consume anything else, ice is also routinely used for cooling patients and for the transport of arterial blood gases to the laboratory.

To find out how you can help or to make a gift, please call (705) 876-5000.

Looking ahead:

Continuing to invest in cancer care services

Closer to Care campaign just the beginning

The Closer campaign represents only a point in time for our fundraising, and the list of equipment investments required to support cancer patients extends far beyond what is included in this campaign.

Moreover, the single radiation facility to be in operation by summer 2102 will serve only a portion of the need in our community – approximately 400 of the 1300 patients currently travelling, not including those who decline treatment because of the distance.

Discussions are already underway with Cancer Care Ontario and the Durham Regional Cancer Centre about the next steps in expanding radiation service to include more patients and more types of cancer.

As cancer is now the number one cause of death, a disease that will take the lives of 1 in 4 Canadians, investing in our current services and continuing to bring care closer to home will be a major and continuing focus of the hospital, and only possible with the support of our community through donations to the PRHC Foundation.

Equipment on the list after the Closer to Care campaign goal has been achieved includes:

- Tools to perform laparoscopic, minimally invasive surgery for bowel, prostate, bladder and kidney cancers
- Additional and improved lab equipment such as pathologist microscopes with enhanced viewing features to detect cancerous cells

- Cautery machine to be used on skin cancer patients during complex facial reconstructions

Dr. Scott Hamilton has requested the cautery machine for PRHC’s Medical Outpatients department and says that with this additional piece of equipment, he and his colleagues could



Photo: Medical Outpatients’ Dr. Scott Hamilton, Darlene Howran, RPN and Karen Hartwick, RN.

treat 600 more patients per year, further improving wait times for this critical procedure.

“There are some communities in Ontario where patients have to wait up to a year to have this procedure,” says Hamilton. “Our wait times are typically two months or less from referral. Many of these cancers don’t kill, but they can have an enormous impact on a patient’s life. Earlier treatment can often mean reduced anxiety for those waiting for surgery, less destruction to the surrounding skin and improved options for repair. So, the lower the wait time, the better for the patient.”

If we can exceed our Closer goal, it will give us a head start on the next part of the equipment list and allow us to be ready when we get approval for the next phase of service expansion.

Based on the response to the Closer campaign, we know our community will eagerly await and support these next steps to bring cancer care closer to home. For more information or to make a gift, please call (705) 876-5000.

You raised your hand. Now it’s time to celebrate!

Please join us for our annual Celebration of Giving as we celebrate the many successes of the Closer to Care campaign and reveal the final tally!

Date: Tuesday, October 11, 2011
 Time: Cocktails - 6:30-7:30 pm
 Presentation - 7:30-8:15 pm
 Dessert - 8:15-9:00 pm
 Place: Market Hall, 140 Charlotte Street, Peterborough

Please RSVP by October 1st at (705) 876-5000 or foundation@prhc.on.ca.

