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2022-2023

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Remembering Dr. Hak Ming Chiu and Steve Perry

In 2022 our Foundation was saddened by the loss of two loyal friends and supporters, Dr. Hak Ming Chiu and Steve Perry. Dr. Chiu and Steve were also honorary Chairs of *Our Cancer Campaign*.

Dr. Chiu spent over 40 years building his career at Lakeridge Health's Oshawa Hospital. His pioneering work in haematologic and medical oncology was the foundation on which the R.S. McLaughlin Durham Regional Cancer Centre was built.

Steve Perry, a long-time volunteer, donor and local business leader with deep family roots in Oshawa made a transformational \$5 million donation to Lakeridge Health Foundation alongside his family in 2018 ensuring that the best equipment, resources, research and education would be available to our Hospitals.

The impact of both Dr. Chiu and Steve is immeasurable and our Foundation and Hospital family will miss them dearly.



Dr. Hak Ming Chiu



Steve Perry

Excitement is Building Across Durham Region

A message from our Chair & CEO

If you asked us to describe the past year for Lakeridge Health Foundation, we'd use words like exciting, inspirational and even exhilarating.

It was exciting to slowly but surely see more of you in person. Whether it was out in the community or celebrating the return of our Annual Gala, this year was filled with opportunities to spend time together again.

In 2022 we continued to progress toward *Our Cancer Campaign's* \$20 million goal. Thanks to your support, we ended our fiscal year more than 82 per cent of the way there and by the time you're reading this we'll be even closer – how incredible is that!

In the fall, we announced our commitment to bringing the single-biggest surgical innovation in the last decade to our Oshawa Hospital – a surgical robot! Upon announcing the incoming robot, community support from donors like you flooded our offices making the Centre of Excellence in Robotic Surgery a reality in just a few short months. The excitement was palpable throughout the Hospital and Foundation. But this is just one small example of the generosity of our donors.

We want to thank you for reminding us time and time again that your support of Lakeridge Health Foundation is unwavering. Please take a moment to read through this report and be inspired by the impact you've made this past year. Learn about the exhilarating debut of our surgical robot and other inspiring stories of generosity from our community.

On behalf of our Board of Directors, volunteers, staff and physicians – thank you for supporting exceptional health care in Whitby, Oshawa, Durham Region and beyond!



A handwritten signature in black ink.

Janet Stewart

Chair, Lakeridge Health Foundation
Board of Directors



A handwritten signature in black ink.

Yves Gadler

Chief Executive Officer,
Lakeridge Health Foundation

Advancing Cancer Care in Our Community

Together we are changing the course of this disease

In October of 2021, Lakeridge Health Foundation launched *Our Cancer Campaign* and our donor family has been growing ever since. Thanks to the kindness of our community, new and current donors have helped us achieve over 82 per cent of the campaign's ambitious \$20 million goal by the end of our fiscal year.

In 2022/23, we raised nearly \$3 million in support of research, education, capital projects and equipment to advance cancer care across our Oshawa hospital, our region and beyond. Because of the generosity of donors like you, we are funding items that play vital roles in each step of a patient's cancer journey.

This includes new state-of-the-art staining equipment in the laboratory that helps rapidly diagnose cancerous tissue, critical capital costs required to bring a new linear accelerator to the R.S. McLaughlin Durham Regional Cancer Centre radiation therapy department and for the first time ever, surgical robotics.



Surgical Robot with Resource Nurse, Lucy

Lakeridge Health Announces Revolutionary Surgical Innovation

In September, Lakeridge Health made an exciting announcement: robotic surgery was coming to Durham Region. This innovation would transform the way our surgeons care for gynecology, thoracic, urology and colorectal cancer patients. Surgical robotics drastically improves patient experience, decreases readmission rates, increases cost savings for our health care system and attracts talented surgeons to Lakeridge Health.

Robotic surgery is a thrilling step forward for our Hospital's surgical department and is the single most important surgical innovation at Lakeridge Health in the last decade. The da Vinci Surgical System offers our expert surgeons unparalleled control, real-time high-definition 3D imaging, and four arms with 360-degree ranges of motion. Patients will also experience safer surgeries, less blood loss, faster recovery periods and shorter stays in our Hospital. The equipment does not replace any team members on the team, but rather enhances their skills and abilities.

Lakeridge Health Foundation committed to \$5.1 million as part of *Our Cancer Campaign* to bring the equipment to our Oshawa Hospital and implement the program.

“We are so grateful to each and every one of you for stepping up and joining us. Together we’ve done something incredible and made a big impact on the future of cancer care in Durham Region!”

– Bob and Sue Verwey



Bob and Sue Verwey with Dr. Igwe

A Million Thanks to the Verwey Family!

Bob and Sue Verwey know the impact that a cancer diagnosis can have. Loved ones, friends and team members at their various businesses have all used the services at their local Cancer Centre. Their family wanted to step up in a big way to help change the course of this disease – and so they did!

Through the Bob and Sue Verwey Family Foundation, they pledged to match all donations to surgical robotics, up to one million dollars.

An outpouring of support was inspired by the Verweys and in a few short months the match was met. In December, the da Vinci robot arrived and training commenced between then and March 2023. The first robotic procedures were performed by Dr. Julie-Ann Francis and Dr. Elena Igwe, gynecologic oncologists, the first week of April.

Thanks to you and an infusion of support from the Verweys, the arrival of the da Vinci Surgical System was expedited and is already making an incredible impact on cancer care in this community.

“One of the Most Remarkable Surgeries I’ve Ever Seen”



One man’s journey as the first patient to have two robotic surgeries

When Joe found out he had cancer, the news was difficult to hear. He was diagnosed with Lyme Disease in 2022 and was struggling with some respiratory issues. Joe’s team was investigating his symptoms when they discovered two tumours: one on his abdomen and one on his lung.

A series of tests ensued and Joe found out the tumour on his lung was so close to his aorta that a biopsy wasn’t possible. Thanks to donor support, Joe’s surgeon, Dr. Daniel Sisson, had options.

“Dr. Sisson told us about a new robotic surgical system at the Hospital that would help him safely diagnose and remove my tumour,” recalls Joe. “He asked if we’d be open to it. We had no questions – we said yes, of course!”

On April 18, Joe was one of the first thoracic patients to undergo robotic surgery with the goal of addressing his lung tumour first.

Using the da Vinci Robotic Surgical System, the team delicately removed a piece of tissue from his tumour and sent it to the lab for immediate diagnosis. The expert pathology team at the Oshawa Hospital used staining equipment to make a high-level diagnosis of the type and severity of Joe’s tumour.

Within 20 minutes a pathologist reported back to the surgical team. With results in hand, the robot was used to remove only a small portion of Joe’s lung along with the tumour. Joe spent one night in the Intensive Care Unit (ICU) and was home 24 hours after his surgery. Miraculously back to his favourite hobby – hiking by the lake – within two weeks.

Cancer is complex, however, and over the course of a few weeks Joe’s care team studied his case and the biopsy of his tumour, determining Joe’s cancer was more severe than expected.



Joe Hunwicks and family

"Dr. Sisson told me my case was more complicated than he thought and additional tests had him concerned. I was told I needed to go back into surgery – right away – and I would need to have the lower lobe of my left lung removed."

A few weeks after his first surgery, Joe and his family returned to the hospital. The surgery, led by Dr. Sisson and supported by fellow thoracic surgeon Dr. Shannon Trainor, took five hours. Joe was warned that while they would begin his procedure using the robot, it was possible the team would have to forgo the new innovation and open his chest, resulting in significant surgery and a lengthy recovery.

"The da Vinci Robot makes it feel like I've been shrunk down inside the body," explains Dr. Sisson. "Laparoscopic, or the minimally invasive surgery most people have heard of, can feel like you are operating with two long sticks. There isn't a lot of flexibility. With the robot, I can address complicated areas in ways I couldn't before and the 3D high-definition camera gives me the best view possible."

Dr. Sisson and his skilled team were miraculously able to perform Joe's entire lobectomy using robotic methods. A scenario that stunned his colleagues.

"Joe's surgery was one of the most remarkable things I have ever been a part of," shared Dr. Shannon Trainor. "This equipment is going to do incredible things for our patients."

After just two nights in the ICU, Joe was back with his family at home in Whitby. "My recovery is on the same track as before. I am feeling great and I can even go spend the weekend at the cottage. I see the oncologist in a few days to talk about my next step in the journey and the start of my chemotherapy. I'm anxious but I know we are in the right place."

Joe's cancer journey will have many working parts. From diagnostic imaging to surgery to treatment at the R.S. McLaughlin Durham Regional Cancer Centre, he'll have the support of several expert teams and the innovative equipment at their fingertips, all at his community Hospital.

"My family and I are incredibly grateful to benefit from all of this technology – equipment our own community helped fund!"

Monthly Donor Profile:

Hira and Family

Three and half years after Hira Ahmed-Tahir was first diagnosed with breast cancer at the age of thirty-six, she and her family are showing their gratitude for Lakeridge Health as monthly donors.

It all started when Hira had an unbearable itch, swelling and redness around her right breast area and immediately her husband advised her to go to the doctor.

The cause for concern was real, and after a series of tests Hira was diagnosed with breast cancer. She began chemotherapy in February of 2020 and completed 16 rounds at the R.S. McLaughlin Durham Regional Cancer Centre.

Hira also had genetic testing at Lakeridge Health Oshawa that revealed she was susceptible to two rare genetic mutations. Provided with the knowledge that she could face another difficult treatment journey if the cancer appeared in her left breast, Hira made the decision to undergo a double mastectomy.

"All I could think about was that I had this cancer in me and I wanted it removed," recalls Hira. "After I had my bilateral mastectomy in July 2020, the pathology results revealed that five out of eleven of my lymph nodes were cancerous. We knew it was the right decision."

Hira was nervous about her chemotherapy because she knew her treatment would be aggressive.

"My oncology nurse put me at ease," Hira shares. "I remember the fear and the anxiety. However, my nurse was so calm and that helped me. My entire medical team were my superheroes. I knew they understood what I was going through and what I needed without me having to say much."

Hira's family and friends were an important part of her support system. "I have a supportive network including my husband Mubasher Tahir, my three daughters, my parents, my parents-in-law, my extended family and friends. I will be honest, it was a challenging time for all of us."

Hira finished her chemotherapy and radiation treatments as of September 2020, and has been on endocrine therapy ever since due to the severity of her cancer. She will continue with this treatment plan for up to eight years.

"We have this renowned Hospital and Cancer Centre just 15 minutes away from our house. It's a blessing to have that," says Hira, who explains that this is a main reason the Ahmed-Tahir Family have chosen to become monthly donors.

"I want to support what's close to my home. Lakeridge Health is where my family, my neighbours and my friends will visit when they require medical care. As we continue to donate, our Hospital will have the resources to help our entire community."



Hira Ahmed-Tahir with husband Mubasher
and daughters Noor, Hiba and Salma

“I benefited because
somebody donated,
and I wanted to do
the same for others”

– Hira Ahmed-Tahir

Gratitude Spotlight

Circle of Gratitude is a Foundation program that enables patients and their families to recognize the exceptional care they've been provided by Hospital staff and volunteers.



It truly is a team effort when it comes to caring for our patients. That fact rang true for a patient who recognized the Radiation and Systemic Therapy teams at our Cancer Centre.

"Thank you is not enough for what you do," wrote a grateful patient to Amy, a social worker in our Emergency Department, who received her first *Circle of Gratitude* recognition.



Dr. Shannon Trainor, a thoracic surgeon at Lakeridge Health, received her 12th *Circle of Gratitude* recognition. "From my time of referral to Dr. Trainor until my full recovery at home, I was treated with respect and professionalism."

Dr. Thomas Cheung and the Emergency Medicine team at Oshawa Hospital were honoured with a *Circle of Gratitude* donation for their compassion and patience shown while caring for a family.



Giving Tuesday

Local Champions Continue to Inspire

Giving Tuesday is a global initiative that occurs every year to encourage people to support their favourite causes. Every year for Giving Tuesday, Lakeridge Health Foundation recognizes the community members and hospital staff who represent our most dedicated supporters.

Lakeridge Health's Chief of Surgery, Dr. John Dickie, received our 2022 Hospital Champion Award for his advocacy of the Foundation and the pivotal role he played in bringing the da Vinci Surgical System to our Hospital.

Our Community Champion Award recognized the late Sandra Jack who founded the Sandra Jack CN Tower EdgeWalk, an event that encourages brave R.S. McLaughlin Durham Regional Cancer Centre staff and patients to take cancer care to new heights. Sandra sadly lost her battle with cancer before the event in 2022, but five new team members took to the skies for a second year in her honour.

The 2022 Youth in Philanthropy Award celebrated Seneca Trail Public School's Clausen/Ducharme Day. Since 2018, this student-led initiative encourages classmates to wear colourful scarves and donate \$2 for cancer care at Lakeridge Health in honour of two beloved teachers who passed away from cancer.



PHOTOS:

1 Dr. John Dickie receives the 2022 Hospital Champion Award from Yves Gadler (L) and Janet Stewart (R) at a special event in November.

2 (L to R) Krista Tabur, Dr. Gursimran Chandhoke, Dr. Leta Forbes and Maggie Abbott celebrate the legacy of 2022 Community Champion Award winner Sandra Jack.

3 Launchpad Executive Dru Douglas presents Principal John McLeod and Seneca Trail Public School with the 2022 Youth in Philanthropy Award.

Lakeridge Health News

Queen's University and Lakeridge Health Collaborate to Address Physician Shortage

In 2022, Lakeridge Health launched a first-of-its-kind-in-Canada education and training approach that will help to address the ongoing physician shortage in many southeastern Ontario communities, including Durham Region.

Queen's University's School of Medicine has partnered with Lakeridge Health to create a satellite campus to train future physicians. The novel approach seamlessly integrates the training of medical students and residents, which are typically separate programs, to graduate practice-ready, community-focused physicians.

The Queen's-Lakeridge Health collaboration will begin offering 20 new medical school seats as early as 2023 at the Lakeridge Health satellite campus. Queen's University students will undergo classroom training at our Hospital and engage in workplace experiences embedded in communities across the region.

Emergency Department Launches Wait Times Tracker

In October, the Emergency Department Wait Times Tracker was launched to improve the Emergency Department (ED) experience. This online tool provides patients with an approximate wait time to see a physician in any one of the four Lakeridge Health EDs.

The web-based service is available at www.lh.ca. The data refreshes every 15 minutes and is based on an estimate that is calculated using the last four hours of data.

"Pinpointing the exact amount of time a person will wait to see a doctor in the ED is complex," explained Dr. Michael Howlett, Chief of Emergency Department, Lakeridge Health. "While the ED Wait Times Tracker provides an approximate wait time based on an estimate, providing this information to people will help to ease some of the distress, discomfort, and anxiety that is associated with coming into a hospital."

Lakeridge Health Receives National Award for Excellence in Surgical Care

In early 2023, the expert surgical team at Lakeridge Health was recognized by the American College of Surgeons National Surgical Quality Improvement Program (ACS NSQIP) as one of only 78 hospitals in North America to have achieved the "Meritorious" status for surgical patient care.

"We are very proud to be part of a select group of hospitals to receive this recognition," said Dr. John Dickie, Chief of Surgery. "This award acknowledges our unrelenting desire to ensure patients receive the highest quality of care and best experience."



Investing in Lakeridge Health's Incredible Staff

Lakeridge Health Foundation is committed to supporting the ongoing development of our medical professionals. In May 2022, during Nursing Week, 15 nurses pursuing a number of educational goals received support thanks to the Margaret Stainton Nursing Bursary.

Every summer, in partnership with the Academic Affairs program, we recognize Lakeridge Health researchers and educators with the Chiu awards named in honour of former Hospital staff and donors Deborah Chiu and her late husband, Dr. Hak Ming Chiu. Their awards acknowledge staff member contributions to the advancement of academics through both teaching and research.

In February 2023, the first-ever Allied Health Bursary was awarded to 10 allied health clinicians in roles such as physiotherapist, dietician, speech-language pathologist, and other specialized support staff. These team members are pursuing their goals thanks to new educational grants made possible by our kind donors.

Hak Ming Chiu Award for Strategic Contribution to Education

Interprofessional Practice, Human Resources, and Staffing and Scheduling teams were recognized for Clinical Extern Program, an initiative that recruits nursing students to provide direct care to patients and families under mentorship and supervision of Registered Nurses.

Interprofessional Practice:
Nicole Thuot, Jennifer Killin,
Melissa Monardo, Diane Short

Human Resources:
Josie Bruno, Kayla Hewitt,
Asfa Shaikh, Madeline Abbot,
Caterina Colangeli, Madison
Busch-Andersen

Staffing and Scheduling:
Cindy Brock, Ryan Smith

Deborah Chiu Research into Practice Award

Kelly Fusco, Manager, Research was recognized for her exceptional contribution to research, specifically, non-Oncology research that allowed for important studies within Cardiology, Infectious Diseases, Intensive Care, and Nephrology.

Special 2022 Hak Ming Chiu Memorial Award

Recognized for their incredible efforts at Lakeridge Health, across the community, and provincially to ensure exceptional patient care by way of engagement and education of Lakeridge Health physicians, clinicians, and administrators, as well as Primary Care Providers across the Central East region.

Dr. Joel Kennedy,
Hospitalist
Dr. Dan Ricciuto,
Infectious Diseases
Dr. Brad Wiggers,
Infectious Diseases
Dr. Rebecca Wray,
Hospitalist

Margaret Stainton Nursing Bursary Recipients

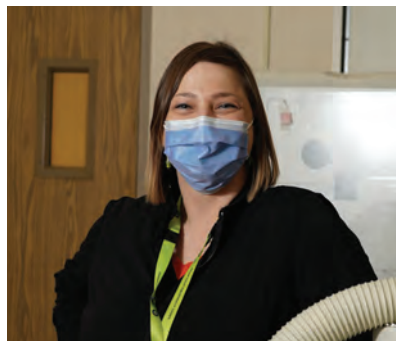
Afsheen Abedi, *RN*
Marie Andres, *RN*
Claire Bishop, *RN*
Brenda Bowskill, *RN*
Danielle Boon, *RPN*
Holly Caithness, *RN*
Glen Gardner, *RN*
Maggie McNabb, *RN*
Katherine Partington, *RN*
Anna Poida, *RPN*
Ashwini Ram, *RN*
Alia Rautiainen, *RPN*
Marissa Smith, *RN*
Sandy Thompson, *RN*
Ashley Wicks, *RN*

Allied Health Bursary Recipients

Wajiha Ahmed, *Medical Radiation Technologist*
Tanya Bigg, *Medical Radiation Technologist*
Joanne Boyle, *Occupational Therapist*
Stacey Cervini, *Medical Radiation Technologist*
Cara Coghlan, *Physiotherapist*
Sadie Gallant, *Medical Radiation Technologist*
Gagandeep Mann, *Medical Laboratory Technologist*
Sara Praetorius, *Medical Radiation Technologist*
Jennifer Steininger, *Medical Radiation Technologist*
Heather Tysick, *Medical Laboratory Technologist*



Anna Poida is pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Nursing by bridging from RPN to Registered Nurse.



Jennifer Steininger will put her Allied Health Bursary towards her pursuit of an Advance Bachelor of Allied Health Sciences.

Signature Event Highlights

A Night Two Years in the Making

After two years of hiatus, we were thrilled to welcome back our Annual Gala with an eventful return to the Harmony Event Centre on May 28, 2022.

It was an evening of great food, long-awaited laughs, and inspirational stories hosted by Emmy-nominated, award-winning writer, actor, and cancer survivor Neil Crone. But most importantly, we raised an incredible \$235,000 in support of *Our Cancer Campaign*.

This memorable evening would not have been possible without our Gala Committee, and the support of our donors and sponsors.

2022 Gala Committee:

Janet Stewart, *Co-Chair*
Dana Reedman, *Co-Chair*
Robin Burns
Helen Gibson
Hoda Kayal
Debby Kryhul
Elizabeth Roy
Mary Watson

Chipping in Fore Our Cancer Campaign

Lakeridge Health Foundation's Golf Classic teed off on July 20, 2022, with over 140 golfers and volunteers hitting the links in support of cancer care.

With Wyndance Golf Club as the backdrop, it was a picturesque day of straight drives and perfectly read putts. We even had a hole-in-one from Lakeridge Health's own Steve Harvey to celebrate!

With our Golf Committee's leadership and generous sponsors, community partners, volunteers and golfers, we raised nearly \$162,000 for cancer care at Lakeridge Health.

2022 Gala Committee:

Chris Keillor, *Co-Chair*
Jeff Mackie, *Co-Chair*
Matt Cannon
Travis Cook
Steve Kee
Neil MacLeod
Tofiq Mohiuddin
Nancy Osuszek



Launchpad Bounces Back with Two New Events

The Launchpad Committee returned in 2022 with two heart-pounding events.

Lakeridge Health Foundation's young professional fundraising committee unveiled *Fire'd Up* in June where community members stopped, dropped and rolled in a unique team-building event in partnership with Oshawa Fire.

Teams paired with Emergency Medicine experts to participate in a high-energy relay race of firefighter training exercises. Together they discovered how Oshawa Firefighters train and prepare to serve and rescue loved ones before our medical professionals take over at the Hospital. The event raised \$7,500 for the *Dr. Benjamin Fuller & Family Endowment in Emergency Medicine*.

Five months later, Launchpad hopped back onto the scene with *Glow & Throw*, Durham Region's only glow-in-the-dark trampoline dodgeball tournament for cancer care.

On November 30, 2022, 14 teams packed SkyZone in Whitby to dodge, duck, dip, dive, and dodge to support the incoming da Vinci Surgical System. It was a one-of-a-kind party that included an obstacle course and a dunk competition. The thrilling finale saw Lipton LLP take down CRCS, coming back from near elimination in true underdog fashion.

Glow & Throw bounced past its \$20,000 goal thanks to our next generation of community leaders!

Launchpad Executive Committee 2022–2023

Adam Hare, *Chair*
Michelle Bell, *Vice-Chair*
Niko Anastassakis
Brandon Burtnik
Steve Conaby
Krum Dochev
Dru Douglas
Matt Douglas
Varish Hora
Samantha Mackie
Ben Shelley



Community Giving & Events

Stepping Up to the Plate

Olivia Villeneuve was searching for a way to honour her father, Bob, who passed away from lung cancer in 2021 after battling for six and a half years. Bob had always carried a passion for baseball, so Olivia grabbed a glove, bat and ball and started planning.

"Baseball was one of his favourite sports ever," Olivia explained. "So, we decided the best way to honour him was to get everyone together that he loved and play the sport that he loved." On June 11, 14 teams and 156 players took to the field for Bat for Bob in support of cancer care at the R.S. McLaughlin Durham Regional Cancer Centre.

Olivia will never forget how pleased her father was with the nurses, doctors and everyone else at Lakeridge Health that helped in his care. "The best way to recognize that was to donate all the proceeds from the event to Lakeridge Health Foundation," Olivia said.

The event raised over \$18,000, which Olivia graciously donated to *Our Cancer Campaign*.



Giving in Our Community



Mask mandates are still in place in our Hospital, even for cookies! Milene Bolland and the team at Compass raised over \$4,000 for Lakeridge Health through Tim Hortons' Smile Cookie Campaign.



All revved up! LHF Board Member Vanessa Benedict joins Corvettes of Durham to accept a cheque for \$1,000 towards cancer care at Lakeridge Health. This generous club has raised almost \$50,000 in support of the Hospital over the past 20 years.



Muraly Srinarayanathas ran in the 2022 Toronto Waterfront Marathon in support of four hospitals, including Lakeridge Health – our thanks to Muraly and the Srinarayanathas Foundation.



In September, Distress Centre Durham hosted their 18th Annual Suicide Awareness Walk. Over 150 people walked along the shores of Lake Ontario in Whitby, raising more than \$15,000 in support of mental health and suicide awareness.



Stella Kingsley and her mother Anna created gift bags for cancer patients. Their donation came on the seventh anniversary of Stella's father's passing.



Now that's just super! Our friends at Ontario Power Generation raised \$1,400 to purchase superhero-themed hospital gowns for children in our Paediatric Department.

It Takes Two

Endowment Funds Bring Comfort to Cancer Clinic

This past year, the Anne and Charles Morison Endowment Fund and Kelly Burger Legacy Endowment Fund came together to bring an essential piece of equipment to the Rapid Response Oncology Clinic (RROC) in the R.S. McLaughlin Durham Regional Cancer Centre. Similar to an urgent care clinic, the RROC provides timely access for cancer patients who are experiencing side effects from their care.

Endowment funds are held and invested by Lakeridge Health Foundation and income earned each year is applied toward patient care priorities, usually in consultation with the endowment fund donors or their family members.

Anne and Charles Morison have been friends and supporters of Lakeridge Health Foundation for decades and were very enthusiastic about establishing an endowment fund with our Foundation when the opportunity became available. When it came to spending the income from their fund last year, they wanted to focus on cancer services.

For Brooklyn Burger-Jacobs and her family, cancer care is a deeply personal topic. In December 2020, Brooklyn began her own fundraising campaign that would eventually raise over \$100,000 for an endowment fund built in honour of her late mother, Kelly, who passed away of pancreatic cancer in early 2021.

The Morisons and Brooklyn learned about the impact a phlebotomy (blood drawing) chair could have on the RROC and decided to combine the disbursements from their funds to purchase the chair together.



“Although bloodwork is a vital procedure in the diagnosis and treatment of cancer, it can be a very scary and uncomfortable experience,” says Brooklyn. “The blood drawing chair aims to relieve this anxiety by keeping patients as comfortable as possible while they are having their bloodwork done.”

Both patients and staff have benefitted from the new chair. Patients requiring bloodwork now have a comfortable seat that can adjust to meet their physical needs, and this specialized chair is also easier for patients to get in and out of.

The chair operates at a height that allows RROC team members to comfortably prepare patients for these procedures, alleviating pressure and strain on team members’ necks, legs and backs.

“I would like to give a huge thank you to the donors,” says Darrilyn Lessels, Patient Care Manager, Durham Regional Cancer Centre. “Thank you for seeing the value in investing in equipment that supports safe patient care in our Cancer Centre.”

Planned Giving and Endowment Listing

Gift of Great Health Care for Future Generations

Donors looking to make an impact now, and in the future, have generously set up an endowment fund with Lakeridge Health Foundation with a donation of \$25,000 or more. These funds are invested through the Foundation in perpetuity, providing a reliable and ongoing commitment to various areas of Lakeridge Health. Endowment funds are a deeply personal and impactful way to address both the immediate and long-term needs of our Hospital.

1907 Society Endowment Fund
Anne and Charles Morison Endowment Fund
Beryl Soldin Endowment Fund
Dr. Benjamin Fuller and Family Endowment Fund in Emergency Medicine
Dr. Hak Ming Chiu and Deborah Chiu Education & Research Award Endowment Fund
Harry Peleshok Family Endowment Fund
Herman Kassinger Foundation Endowment Fund
Kelly Burger Legacy Endowment Fund
Margaret Stainton Nursing Bursary
O'Regan Family Endowment Fund

Leaving a Legacy Beyond your Lifetime

The following group of distinguished individuals have planned a gift to Lakeridge Health Foundation in their Will. These future donations will help deliver exceptional health care to Durham Region residents in the years to come so that our Hospital can advance beyond their lifetime.

Paula E. Arscott	Gavin F. Machado
Lil Beamish and Katherine Helleur	Bruce and Sue MacKenzie
Stan and Jackie Bezaire	Doug and Arlene Marshall
Dorise V. Bilenduke	Dennis Mastroianni
George Boeck	Jill McClurg
Jim Brewster and Family	Carolyn McCutcheon
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Sandra M. Cole	George and Anna Mitchell
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Jane Froese	Margaret Ronco
Gadler/Lam Family	Freda Ryder
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Lynda Hatfield	
Helen Hedge	
Marilynn and George Henderson	
David and JoAnn Linklater	

Annual Donor Listing

Lakeridge Health Foundation's Annual Report is based on our fiscal year, ranging from April 1, 2022 to March 31, 2023. Out of appreciation for the kind donors who gave between January and March 2022, this year's list also includes their generous gifts.

\$1,000,000+

Jeremiah F. Coughlan Foundation

\$250,000-\$499,999

OWASCO and The Robert &
Susan Verwey Foundation

\$100,000-\$249,999

Estate of Donna M. Barwell
Deborah Chiu
Mark and Jennifer Coleman
John and Isabelle Foundation
In honour of David and
Carol Meadwell

\$50,000-\$99,999

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John Konarowski Memorial
Golf Tournament
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Centre (MTC)
Lois McDonald
Mercedes Benz-Durham
Oshawa Centre
Perry Family
Scotiabank
Dr. David Spurrell
Rick and Lynda Williams
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The Dragon Flies Breast
Cancer Survivor Group
Fraser Auto Group
Galderma Canada Inc.
Edward and Sharon Hanewich
Isabel and Wayne Daniel
Foundation
J.J. McGuire General Contractors
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April 1, 2022–March 31, 2023

Total Revenue

\$5,491,654

Revenue from Fundraising

\$5,212,847

Revenue from Investments and Other Income

\$278,807

Expenses

\$3,076,904

Grants to Lakeridge

\$3,571,478

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38,000+

New Donors

2,800+

Signature Event Attendees

450

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349

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Program Recognitions

63

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5

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