

Support

Report

OWEN SOUND REGIONAL HOSPITAL FOUNDATION



Anonymous Donor Gives \$1,000,000 to the MRI Campaign



Pictured here with the \$1 million dollar cheque are Dr. Colin McIver, Chief of Medical Imaging, Amy McKinnon, OSRHF Executive Director and Gary Sims, GBHS President & CEO.

received by the Foundation. “What an amazing family. I am privileged to work with them, and they are truly philanthropic leaders in our community,” said Amy McKinnon, Executive Director, Owen Sound Regional Hospital Foundation. “Thanks to their investment, the five foundations that support Grey

Bruce Health Services have now reached our target of \$4.7 million for the new MRI.”

The family hopes their donation will inspire others to support the ongoing needs for new and replacement medical equipment to keep our local health care services strong.

“Thanks to the generosity of this family, the many other individuals, businesses and organizations who have donated, and to our energetic Foundations, we will have our new MRI installed and up and running by this summer,” said Gary Sims, GBHS President and CEO. “This new technology is faster, quieter, produces extremely high quality images, and will help reduce wait times for patients in our area.”

An anonymous donor has given \$1 million to the Owen Sound Regional Hospital Foundation for the MRI fundraising initiative. A local family made the donation in recognition of the great care they have received at Grey Bruce Health Services, and their wish is to ensure that same quality of care continues.

“It is an honour for our family to support this important piece of medical equipment,” said a family representative. “We have enjoyed living in this community, and we are grateful and proud we have an opportunity to give back.”

This remarkable donation is the largest single donation from a family or individual

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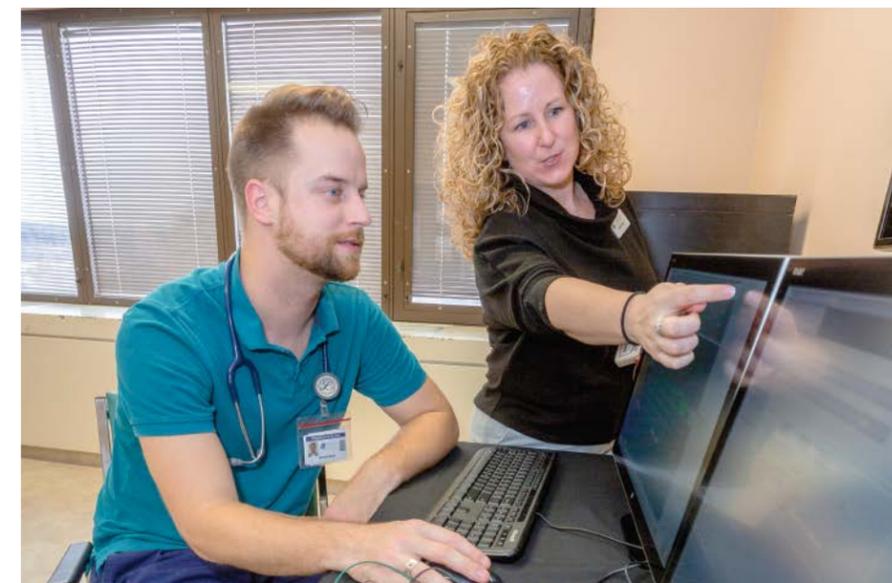


We invite you to stop by the Owen Sound Regional Hospital to see the incredible display of donor names on our brand new donor walls.

The Gift of Telemetry

Donor support has purchased telemetry units for the Medical Unit. The telemetry system is used to provide constant and safe monitoring of a patient's heart rhythm and rate. The units we purchased are portable so patients can move around freely while continuously being monitored by our staff. The equipment will benefit patients with a wide range of conditions – those with heart problems and chest pain, patients recovering from major surgery or trauma, patients with abnormal heart rhythms and pacemakers, those who need the most intensive monitoring, as well as those who are on their way to recovery.

Having this technology available in the Medicine Unit will ensure that patients who are considered high risk are supported with state-of-the-art cardiac assessment and will further enhance our ability to get patients to the right team, treatments and technology. When the monitor detects abnormal heart activity, staff are immediately alerted and can take appropriate action. This can include adjusting the patient's medication, ordering additional tests and assessments, or moving the patient to the Critical Care Unit where they can be given the treatment they need.



Michael Smith, RN being trained by Cindy Marr from Spacelabs Healthcare.



Courtney Young is grateful for the support she received from the tuition reimbursement program, supported by donors.

Thank You

I am writing this letter to express my gratitude for the \$1,000 from the tuition reimbursement program. The money that I will receive, will provide assistance towards my continuing education goals. I am currently studying part-time online through Queen's University; as an intern student in the Health Sciences non-degree pathway. This option allows me to continue working at

Grey Bruce Health Services while studying from my home. It is my hope to enter the Bachelor of Health Sciences degree pathway. My plan will then be to transfer into the Nursing degree program. Thank you for helping to make this possible!
Courtney Young, RPN
Grey Bruce Health Services
Outpatient Mental Health Program

Doris Hillis Adds to Cancer Services Endowment

In January, the Owen Sound Regional Hospital Foundation received a \$124,678 gift of securities from the Estate of Doris Hillis. Born on the McKay home farm on Williams Lake in 1922, she married Earl Hillis and lived in Chatsworth, where she was Clerk/Treasurer for the Village of Chatsworth for 35 years. Mrs. Hillis served as organist at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church and volunteered at the Owen Sound Regional Hospital. She passed away on September 24, 2019, aged 97. The Hillis' only daughter, Barbara, fought cancer in her 40's and died in 2001, aged 49. During that time, Mrs. Hillis made a number of donations in appreciation of the care Barbara received at the hospital, including a \$20,000 gift to establish a Cancer Services Endowment with the Foundation. Paul & Brenda McKay helped manage Aunt Doris's care and finances and now serve as her Estate

Trustees. "The shares donated were given to her by her father and uncle as shares in National Trust," said Paul. "They originally invested in the 40's, but National Trust had amalgamated with Victoria & Grey Trust and more recently, with Bank of Nova Scotia." Shares found in a safety deposit box were thought to have little value – but when converted to Bank of Nova Scotia shares, they were worth a considerable amount. Through her Will, Mrs. Hillis gifted the shares to five charities including Owen Sound Regional Hospital Foundation and Centre Grey Health Services Foundation. "Donating securities is a very efficient way to give to charity," adds McKay. Giving them in-kind avoids the capital gains and their resulting taxes. Her Estate also received charitable receipts to help reduce other income tax". The Foundation will add Mrs. Hillis' generous gift to the Cancer Services Endowment. There, it will be invested, and the annual income used to purchase medical and diagnostic equipment related to cancer care. With more than 19,000 patient visits for cancer care each year at the Owen Sound hospital, Mrs. Hillis' gift will have a profound impact on patients for generations to come.

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Doris Hillis continues to help local healthcare through her estate.

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We are making the move to electronic receipting.

To keep your donations working hard for the Owen Sound Regional Hospital, we hope that you will consider receiving email receipts. For every stamp we save, the hospital will benefit. Please contact us today with your email address. Call the office or send Shelby an email sgrahlman@gbhs.on.ca to let her know you're ready to make the switch.



Recent Donor Supported Equipment Purchases

Chemistry Analyzer

GBHS is excited to share that the brand new chemistry analyzer is now in operation. At our medical laboratory we process over 500,000 blood samples every year - that's more than 1,000 per day.

To do so, we use the chemistry analyzer.

This diagnostic tool provides a fast and precise analysis of blood specimens and is used for many things, including testing liver, kidney and heart function. It's also used to detect blood glucose levels, a critical test used in the diagnosis and treatment of diabetes.



Cell Saver

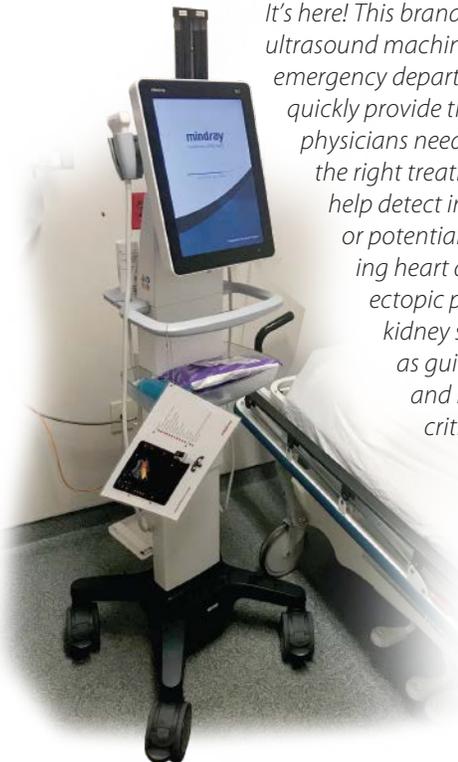
We welcome a new Cell Saver to GBHS.

A cell saver is a blood "scavenger" unit used for surgeries involving blood loss. A patient's blood is stored in the unit, washed/cleaned and re-transfused into the patient.



Portable Ultrasound Machine

It's here! This brand new portable ultrasound machine, in our emergency department, can quickly provide the answers that physicians need to prescribe the right treatment. It can help detect internal bleeding or potentially life-threatening heart disease, uncover ectopic pregnancy and kidney stones, as well as guide resuscitation and monitor the critically ill.



Patient Lifts

Recently GBHS purchased two new patient lifts. These lifts operate hydraulically for a smooth, more secure lifting transition for patients. As a result, patients and staff experience reduced physical stress.



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