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OWEN SOUND REGIONAL HOSPITAL FOUNDATION



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Nowhere has the impact of COVID-19 been more profoundly felt than in the health care system overall; and we have all adapted to the "new normal."

Thanks to you, Hospital staff know they are not alone.

Our healthcare team relies heavily on your financial support to fund equipment essential to first class care. Little did we know that your partnership and moral support during this pandemic would help to ease our fears and keep us focused on doing what is needed.

From the beginning, back in March, personal protective equipment was arriving from businesses and individuals throughout Grey and Bruce Counties to meet the urgent need.

Restaurants were delivering meals to feed hungry, exhausted staff and individuals were delivering sweet treats, bottled water, hand sewn caps, head bands and ear savers, all to boost spirits. Messages painted on rocks line our driveway and parades of vehicles with honking horns remind us we are together. Signs went up on lawns on businesses with messages of support to our healthcare workers.

Donations to support COVID-19 needs arrived allowing the Hospital to make some special purchases such as ipads for patients to keep in touch with loved ones.

Every dollar, every mask, every cookie is appreciated. We thank you all for these acts of kindness and support!



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## Grey Bruce Health Services is celebrating the arrival of its new MRI!

It is here! Thanks to donor support, on Tuesday August 4 the new Siemens Sola MRI arrived and was craned into place at the Owen Sound Regional Hospital. The replacement of our 17 year old MRI was a critical need for GBHS. And because of you the need was met.

The \$4.7 million required to purchase the MRI, and make required renovations inside of the MRI suite, was donated 100% by the community. The Five Foundations who worked collaboratively on all MRI fundraising initiatives include: the Owen Sound Regional Hospital Foundation, Bruce Peninsula Health Services Foundation, Centre Grey Health Services Foundation, Meaford Hospital Foundation and the Saugeen Memorial Hospital Foundation.

The new MRI offers many benefits including upgrades to perform new imaging sequences, some free breathing exams, meaning you will not have to “hold your breath”, a larger opening, crisper images helping the radiologists with diagnosis, the ability to image people with joint replacements.



There are also several patient safety upgrades. A camera on the MRI will allow technologists conducting the tests to keep a close watch on patients. The table can be removed from the MRI transferring patients from a bed or wheelchair easier and safer. Staff are being trained on the new system, and patients are being

imaged today. By mid October 2020 all MRIs will be performed on the Sola MRI.

The new 1.5 Telsa MRI will be used to care for over 12,000 patients a year from across Grey and Bruce, and beyond to diagnose a range of medical conditions. Thank you for making this happen – you should be proud.

## Case Carts are Up and Running!



In August, 51 of 75 new Operating Room Surgical Case Carts were delivered to our Medical Device Reprocessing Department (MDRD). The carts were unpackaged and sterilized and made ready for surgeries. A case cart is used to control sterility of medical devices during transportation. The new case carts are made of stainless steel so they are easier to clean. A lot of team-work was required to get everything unloaded off the dock, unpacked, and reprocessed, and ready to use.

The shiny new case carts are up and running, with the old ones almost fully out the doors.

MDRD expects to receive the remaining 24 new carts in the near future. All of the new Surgical Case Carts, had a price tag of \$300,000. All paid for with donor support.



## 9 New Physicians

A new group of 9 physicians has moved into the area this year and has joined Grey Bruce Health Services. These physicians include specialists in Obstetrics & Gynecology, Pathology, Medical Imaging, Adult Psychiatry, Respiriology & Critical Care and Family Practice and they will be working throughout the Grey Bruce region.

Welcome to Dr. Ashley Fraser, Dr. Jean Hudson, Dr. Shannon Vanderstelt, Dr. Gavin Bock, Dr. Michael Schmidt, Dr. Mariana Usatii, Dr. Angela Del Priore, Dr. Heather Thompson and Dr. Jatinder Juss. In addition to the physicians, GBHS welcomes medical students. The corporation's medical education program supports an

average of 20 medical students and residents per month from Universities across Ontario. The program is an excellent way to offer medical students an opportunity to explore the Grey Bruce area, and many return after graduation to practice on a permanent basis or provide short-term coverage at our local hospitals.

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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](mailto:sgrahlman@gbhs.on.ca) to let her know you're ready to make the switch.



## Hospital “House Call”

Join us on Zoom, Thursday, November 5 at 7:00 pm for a Hospital “House Call” and learn more about how your support improves patient care at Owen Sound Regional Hospital. Hosted by Foundation Chair, Cheri Knott, special guests on the call include

Kathy Beattie, Director, Medical Imaging & Cardiology, Dr. Christian Baldauf, Radiologist, MRI Lead, Michele Turcotte, Director Surgical & Women Child Programs | MDRD & IPC, Dr. Kyle Lehmann, Urologist. Have a question about the hospital or

foundation you always wanted to ask? Submit yours in advance via email to [office@oshfoundation.ca](mailto:office@oshfoundation.ca) before November 1 to have it answered on air during Hospital House Call. To join, visit [zoom.us](https://zoom.us) and join with meeting ID: 937 7784 2649 and passcode: 595545.

# Recent Donor Supported Equipment Purchase

## New Ultrasound!

*The unit features exceptional clinical performance, workflow and advanced intelligence. The ultrasound units provide physicians with diagnostic images and information to assist with their patient's care and treatment.*



## *Good healthcare starts early and lasts a lifetime.*

Donor support makes a significant difference to care provided at the Owen Sound Regional Hospital.

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