

WINDSOR REGIONAL HOSPITAL FOUNDATION

GRATITUDE REPORT

2025 - 2026 | HISTORY IN THE MAKING





*Thank you for
making this a
historic year!*

A MESSAGE FROM OUR LEADERSHIP

To Our Valued Supporters,

We are thrilled to present our first Gratitude Report — a celebration of the incredible people making an impact right here at home.

This has been a historic year for Windsor Regional Hospital Foundation.

We are embarking on the most significant healthcare project this region has ever seen: a state-of-the-art acute care facility. Over the past two years, our community has witnessed unprecedented generosity. Visionary donors like the Solcz Family Foundation, Dr. Tony and Mary Pattinson, the Collavino families and the Chinese community of Windsor & Essex are securing the modern technology our region deserves.

Most notably, a transformational estate gift of approximately \$40 million from the late John Thomas Fancsy made history. It is the largest gift ever made in Windsor-Essex and among the largest estate gifts left to a single organization in Canada. This incredible legacy will help provide world-class care to patients and families for generations to come. In honour of John's immense generosity and years of quiet giving from his parents, Stephen and Antoinette, we are proud to name the new acute care hospital after the Fancsy family.

This year also brought historic leadership changes. After 17 years, President and CEO David Musyj transitioned to the London Health Sciences Centre. Karen Riddell smoothly guided the organization through this transition before capping off a remarkable 37-year healthcare career. We now warmly welcome our new President and CEO, Kristin Kennedy, who brings a wealth of experience from leading Erie Shores HealthCare. Additionally, the Foundation Board enters a new era of its own as John Jedlinski steps down after 3 years as Board Chair, welcoming Andrea Pontoni in his place.

Thanks to you – our donors, staff, partners and volunteers – this was one of our most successful fundraising years yet. If that success reveals anything, it's this: Windsor and Essex County is a special region made up of resilient, compassionate and forward-thinking people.

In these pages, you will see how you're transforming healthcare. We hope you're as excited as we are about the impact of your gift.

John Jedlinski

Chair
Windsor Regional Hospital Foundation

Cristina Naccarato

Executive Director
Windsor Regional Hospital Foundation

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Your **IMPACT**

When you give to Windsor Regional Hospital Foundation, you aren't just funding equipment or research — you are putting the best possible tools into the hands of our doctors and nurses. You are making it possible for our neighbours in Windsor and Essex County to recover, right here at home. For families and friends to find a sense of peace during their most difficult moments. Quite simply, you are the reason we can provide exceptional care to every person who walks through our doors. We are so grateful to have you by our side.

Equipment & Technology

Medical Research & Education

Healing Spaces

FOUNDATION OVERVIEW

At the heart of our healthcare community, Windsor Regional Hospital Foundation serves as the vital bridge between generous donors and frontline care. For over 40 years, we have partnered with our community to fund the advanced technology, essential equipment and pioneering research necessary to provide outstanding care for every resident of Windsor and Essex County.



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Vision

A fully engaged community supporting Windsor Regional Hospital



Mission

To promote public awareness and encourage philanthropy in support of Windsor Regional Hospital



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Because of you

2025-2026 HIGHLIGHTS

You are the quiet champion in every room of our hospital – and the one to come. These highlights are more than just achievements, they are the direct result of your kindness in action. Here is the difference you made this year.

New Cryoablation Unit For Local Cancer Treatment

After a generous gift from a private donor and a successful Giving Tuesday campaign, the hospital was able to purchase a Cryoablation Unit – considered the gold standard in treating kidney cancer and other types of cancer. This advanced care was brought to Windsor-Essex by community members who donated through our direct mail appeals and online.

“To the donors, I would like to say thank you for what you’ve given to the patients of our community. It’s truly something very special for patients – that we get to see, treat and follow up with – to be able to offer them this latest technology.”

— Dr. Matthew Rochon, Diagnostic & Vascular Interventional Radiologist



Dr. Matthew Rochon



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WATCH: Dr. Matthew Rochon explains how the donor-funded Cryoablation Unit is helping local patients beat kidney cancer.



The Stephanie & Barry Zekelman Atrium

Thanks to Transition 2 Betterness and their generous donors, including The Stephanie and Barry Zekelman Foundation, the atrium on 4 West at our Met campus was beautifully revitalized. Patients and families can now find comfort during their stay in this bright and serene space.



Record-breaking Year for Hats On For Healthcare

We capped off the 2025/2026 year in style! Local businesses, schools, sports teams – our whole community rallied and raised a record-breaking \$104,534 during Hats On For Healthcare, presented by Greg Monforton and Partners.

A HISTORIC \$40M GIFT

The late John Thomas Fancsy surprised the whole community when he quietly left a transformational \$40 million gift in his will toward the new hospital — showing us the power of planned giving. John's incredible generosity, together with that of his late parents Stephen and Antoinette, led to naming the new hospital the Fancsy Family Hospital.

“We miss him every day. But today, we raise our glass in gratitude, love and in celebration of our brother, John Thomas Fancsy, who continues to make a difference.”

—Terry Fancsy, John's sister





“The brand new Cardiovascular Information System will be integral in every procedure completed in the new Cath Lab. The CVIS system truly integrates everything from the patient at the table to the nursing staff to the various diagnostic components within the Cath Lab.”

—Sharra Rice, Director of Cardiology, ADC, Cath Lab & DI Nursing

Hemo Cardiovascular Information System a Game Changer for Patient Care

Major donations combined with community fundraising helped purchase a state-of-the-art Hemo Cardiovascular Information System (CVIS) which is essential to patient monitoring and outcomes in acute care settings. Carol Parent's sixth “Sail Into Summer” fundraiser and a generous donation from The Joan and John Vollmer Foundation Fund helped purchase this essential piece of technology for our Ouellette Campus.



Donor Support Funds Cath Lab Expansion

Thanks to the generous support of our community, \$7 million in donor dollars covered the full local share needed to expand a Cath Lab at our Ouellette Campus. The construction project will renovate the second floor to accommodate a second, critically-needed cardiac catheterization table and provide life-saving angioplasty procedures for cardiac patients in our region.



Major Gifts to the New Hospital

We held three incredible gift announcements to the new hospital this fiscal year from Dr. Tony & Mary Pattinson, the estate of John Thomas Fancsy and the Collavino families. The Chinese community of Windsor & Essex announced a major commitment and several donors made private contributions. These forward-thinking individuals are equipping our healthcare team for the future of patient care in Windsor-Essex, and they are inspiring the community in the process.

GRATEFUL PATIENT STORIES

Every recovery is a story of resilience made possible by the cutting-edge tools and compassionate care your generosity provides. These stories show how donor-funded innovation turns a crisis into a *second chance at life.*



Cardiac Care

Edward Johnston, 61
Puce, ON

What seemed like the flu rapidly became a life-threatening heart attack for Edward Johnston. Following a 2:00 AM emergency call, a “perfectly orchestrated” chain of care began. Paramedics diagnosed the event on-site, alerting the surgical team instantly. Thanks to this seamless coordination, Edward moved from ambulance to surgery in under five minutes. Technology in the Cath Lab, paid for by donors, cleared his blockages with two stents and saved his life.

“I would like to thank donors, from the bottom of my heart, for the donations that let our hospital staff get the equipment they need.”

— Edward Johnston



Renal Program

Jessica Morrow, 32
Windsor, ON

After dismissing symptoms as exhaustion, Jessica Morrow discovered she was in total kidney failure with less than 24 hours to live. Her survival depended on a specialized plasma machine — equipment entirely funded by donors. While this technology stabilized her, the renal team’s compassion guided her recovery. Now awaiting a transplant, this mother of two is a living testament to community support.

“The care I received was incredible. Without the plasma machine, I would be dead right now, and the hospital’s supporters funded that machine... Please know that you saved my life.”

— Jessica Morrow



Paediatrics & Neurology

Max Cook, 2 ½ years old
Amherstburg, ON

In May 2024, James and Michelle rushed baby Max to the Emergency Department after noticing alarming arm movements. Max was diagnosed with Infantile Spasms, a rare condition requiring immediate, intensive treatment. With the determination of hospital staff and resources purchased with donor dollars, the spasms stopped just two weeks later. Today, Max is a thriving toddler.

“Because of your generosity, Max received timely testing, expert care and the overall support we needed. Your gift matters more than you can imagine.”

— James Cook, Max’s father



Stroke Program

Morgan Smith, 32
Kingsville, ON

When Morgan experienced a severe headache and dizziness during early pregnancy, she never suspected a stroke. She woke up in the ICU to learn doctors had removed a blood clot from her brain. Thanks to those vital tools and dedicated staff, Morgan was able to walk and speak again. Seven months later, she gave birth to a healthy baby girl named Piper.

“If I hadn’t survived, my baby wouldn’t have either.”

— Morgan Smith



Morgan’s story inspired donors to give to our Giving Tuesday campaign in December 2025, raising over \$16,000 for the Stroke Program to purchase life-saving equipment like stents!



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WATCH: Dr. Maria Bres Bullrich explains the impact that giving has on areas like the Stroke Program.

FANCY FAMILY HOSPITAL MILESTONES

The level of passion and commitment that our community has already brought to this vital project, both in public and in private, has been inspiring. Here is a look at the exciting announcements we have been able to celebrate so far:



Solcz Family Foundation

September 2024 • \$15 million

Gift Designation: Paediatric Emergency Zone and Family Birthing & Paediatric Care Centre

"We are strong believers in the need to support our community. The new hospital will transform healthcare for children, youth, families and all members of the Windsor-Essex community and serve as a testament to what we can achieve when we come together with a shared purpose."

— Kyrsten Solcz, Executive Director of the Solcz Family Foundation



Dr. Tony & Mary Pattinson

April 2025 • \$1.5 million

Gift Designation: Operative Birthing Suite

"Building a new hospital is a massive undertaking and will need a lot of community support. Current circumstances may make this more challenging, but our hope in announcing this donation is that it will encourage others to offer financial support to the most important healthcare project ever in this region."

— Dr. Tony Pattinson

Project Highlights

A tireless team of individuals from the Redevelopment team pushes this vital project forward every day. These milestones are the hard-won results of their relentless dedication.

DECEMBER 2024

RFP Issued for Phase 1 Construction Manager

The blueprint comes to life. We started scouting a partner to build our foundation: the Education and Administration Centre, parking garage and essential site infrastructure.

MARCH 2025

Technology Strategy Established

Setting the digital heartbeat. We've locked in a future-ready tech strategy to ensure our staff and patients are powered by proven digital technologies that support innovation, integration and efficiencies.



The Estate of John Thomas Fancsy

August 2025 • Approximately \$40 million

Gift Designation: The Fancsy Family Hospital

"With this legacy, John is helping to make the new hospital a reality. John is following in the footsteps of both our mother and father who wanted to see a new hospital built to serve the entire community of Windsor-Essex. We are honoured to have our family name on the new hospital."

— Terry Fancsy, on behalf of the Fancsy family



Chinese Community of Windsor & Essex

January 2026 • \$500,000 commitment

Gift Designation: Multi-Purpose Education Space

"This commitment reflects our shared values of care, education, and giving back, and our collective effort to help build a healthier future for generations to come."

— Stephen Tsui, President of the
Essex County Chinese Canadian Association



The Collavino Families

February 2026 • \$1 million

Gift Designation: Cardio-Pulmonary Diagnostic Lab

"Like many families in the region, we have first-hand experience with the cardiac and cardio-pulmonary care at Windsor Regional Hospital, and we understand how critical it is for our medical teams to have access to state-of-the-art equipment to help save lives. We feel privileged to play a part in the lifesaving care that will take place at the Fancsy Family Hospital."

— Loris Collavino, on behalf of the Collavino families

AUGUST 2025

The New Hospital Gets a New Name

A legacy carved in stone. In honour of a transformational gift from the late John Thomas Fancsy, we proudly unveiled the name of our future acute care campus: the Fancsy Family Hospital.

AUGUST 2025

EllisDon Selected for Phase 1

The heavy lifting begins. EllisDon joins the team as Construction Manager to deliver the project's first phase.

JANUARY 2026

RFQ Issued for Phase 2

A massive milestone. The search has begun for a team to design, build, finance and maintain the largest phase of the new hospital project: a state-of-the-art, five-storey Diagnostic & Treatment Block.

A Lasting Legacy **TO WINDSOR & ESSEX COUNTY**

Remembering John Thomas Fancsy

On August 12, 2025, Windsor Regional Hospital Foundation announced a transformational gift of approximately \$40 million from the estate of John Thomas Fancsy. This extraordinary donation represents the largest gift in the history of the Windsor-Essex region and ranks among the most significant estate gifts ever left to a single organization in Canada. In recognition of this generosity, the new acute care facility will be named the Fancsy Family Hospital.

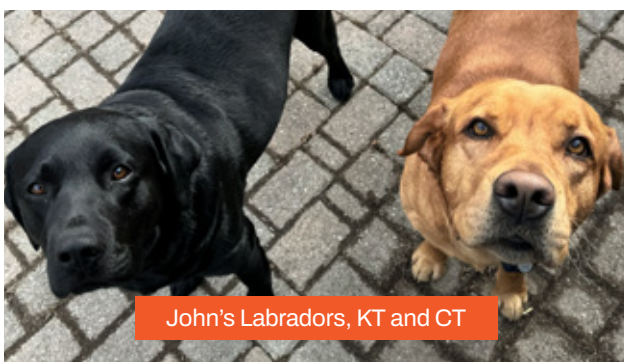


*"John saw the greater need.
He saw that it would
make a difference."*

-Sue Fancsy, John's sister



John Thomas Fancsy



John's Labradors, KT and CT

**“If you don’t have your health,
you really don’t have anything.”**

— Terry Fancsy, John’s sister

A LIFE OF INNOVATION

John Fancsy was a lifelong Windsor-Essex resident, known by those close to him as a brilliant engineer and a quiet philanthropist.

“If you came to him with hat in hand, he would give you the shirt off his back,” said his brother James.

After graduating with degrees in mathematics and engineering, John became a pillar of his family’s manufacturing business, driving innovation at plants in Windsor and Guelph. His creative spirit extended beyond the factory floor. In 2002, John co-founded the award-winning Viewpointe Estate Winery with his brother, Stephen.

“My brother had the biggest passion for wine, and I had more of a passion for growing the grapes,” said Stephen. “He was the winemaker of Viewpointe.”

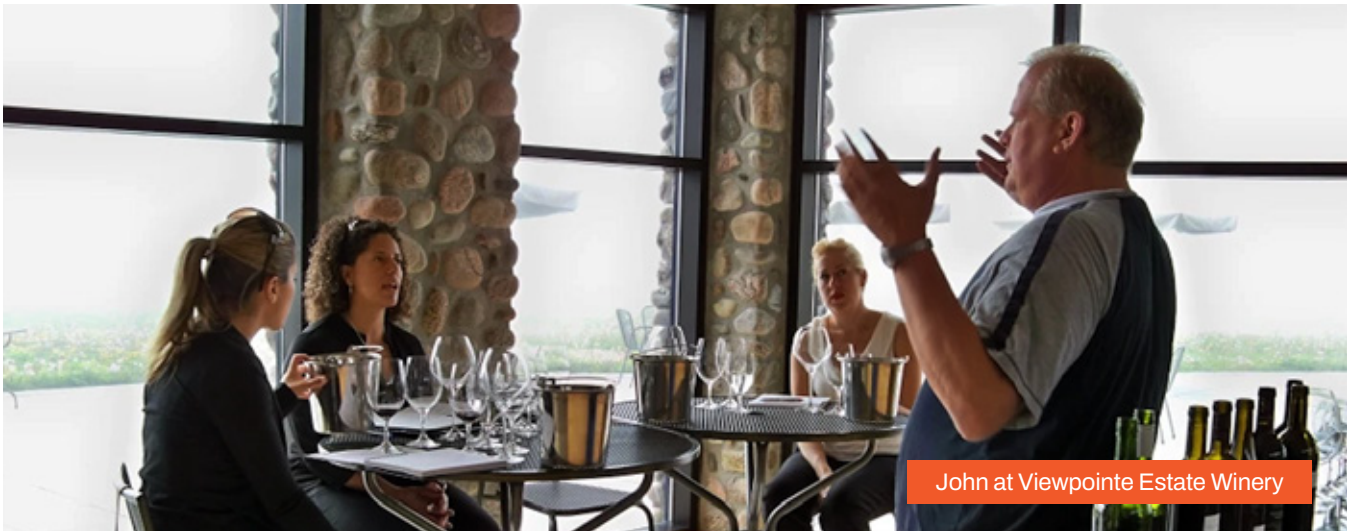
Together, the brothers successfully campaigned for the official “Lake Erie North Shore” appellation, a move that helped define and protect the local wine industry.

Despite his professional success, John remained a private man who enjoyed music, hockey, muscle cars and his beloved Labradors. Standing 6-foot-7, he was described by his sister Martha as having a heart and wisdom that matched his stature.

A Multi-Generational Legacy

The Fancsy family’s roots in Windsor-Essex run deep. John’s grandfather was instrumental in building the region’s automotive manufacturing sector, and his father, Stephen, was a hands-on leader who supported local businesses through various economic cycles.

Healthcare was also a family priority. John’s mother, Toni, was a nurse at Hôtel-Dieu Hospital (now the Ouellette campus). Toni’s maiden name was Goyeau and it was her family that settled the land where the Ouellette campus hospital stands today. Both of John’s parents were long-time donors to local healthcare, and his mother even left a gift to the new hospital in her will upon her passing in 2016. As John’s sister Terry noted, “We were raised to believe that if you don’t have your health, you really don’t have anything.”



John at Viewpointe Estate Winery

Personal Experience Meets Vision

John's decision to leave this historic gift was solidified by his own experiences as a patient. While undergoing surgery at the Ouellette Campus, he witnessed firsthand the limitations of the current infrastructure — crowded spaces, shared rooms and a lack of privacy. He saw a clear opportunity for a modern hospital to better serve the community's evolving needs.

Building the Future

In Ontario, while the province covers the majority of hospital costs, the local community is responsible for 10% of construction and 100% of the equipment and fixtures. John's \$40 million contribution provides a critical funding boost toward equipping the new facility.

"John saw the greater need," said his sister, Sue. "He saw that it would make a difference."

Just as his family helped build the foundation of Windsor's industry, John's final act of innovation has built a foundation for our community's health.

By naming the new facility the Fancsy Family Hospital, the community honours a man whose vision and quiet generosity leaves a legacy of world-class healthcare to Windsor-Essex residents for generations to come.



John's parents, Stephen and Antoinette Fancsy



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WATCH: John's siblings share touching memories of John and reflect on his legacy.

PLANNED GIVING AT WINDSOR REGIONAL HOSPITAL FOUNDATION

Planned giving allows you to turn your personal story into a lasting legacy of care for our community. Through a gift in your estate, you can ensure that future generations have access to the life-saving technology and compassionate support they need.

This year, our community's commitment reached new heights through an incredible \$1.64 million in legacy gifts! That was on top of the transformational gift left by John Thomas Fancsy.

While these gifts varied in size and supported different areas of care, they shared a common heart: each was a deeply personal expression of gratitude that will leave a profound, lasting mark on local healthcare for generations to come.

*This is Danny's
story.*



A LEGACY BORN ON THE ROAD Danny Petrilli's Meaningful Gift

Danny Petrilli was always proud of how he made his entrance into the world. He kept a yellowed clipping from *The Third Page* newspaper dated August 7, 1955, which detailed the "race with the stork" that he ultimately won. Born to Mrs. Catherine Petrilli in the back of a Windsor ambulance en route to Hôtel-Dieu (now the Ouellette Campus), Danny was a local celebrity before he even made it home.



Danny worked in Windsor at The Beer Store and was an avid collector of sports cards and nostalgic family heirlooms. He lived a life of modest means and his birth story stayed with him. Grateful for the care he and his mother received during those frantic first moments, Danny chose to leave a gift in his will to Windsor Regional Hospital Foundation.

Danny's motivation was simple: he wanted to ensure that every baby, regardless of how or where they arrive, has access to the best possible technology and care. Neonatal Intensive Care Units (NICU) didn't exist back in 1955. So, Danny specifically designated his gift to support the NICU and Birthing programs, helping to provide the vital equipment that wasn't available all those years ago.

His contribution serves as a powerful reminder that you don't need to be wealthy to leave a lasting legacy. By planning a gift in his will, Danny ensured that his headline-making arrival would continue to impact the lives of Windsor's youngest patients for generations to come.



The John Thomas Fancsy Legacy Society

In recognition of his inspiring vision and generosity, the Foundation renamed its planned giving program **The John Thomas Fancsy Legacy Society**. Remembering Windsor Regional Hospital with a planned gift ensures a lasting legacy of care for our community.

Here's How You Can Change Lives

Your gift will help us:

- Acquire new equipment & technology
- Ensure our new hospital will be a state-of-the-art facility
- Purchase comforting amenities for patients and their families
- Continually improve our facilities for the best patient experience

THE JOHN THOMAS FANCY
Legacy Society

Key Information You Need

If you choose to leave a gift to Windsor Regional Hospital Foundation in your will, you will need these details when you visit your lawyer.

Legal name and address:

Windsor Regional Hospital Foundation
1995 Lens Avenue
Windsor, ON N8W 1L9

Charitable registration number:

11930 0275 RR0001

We're Here To Help

A gift in your will is one of the easiest ways to support us. For more information about planned giving, we're just a phone call away at 519-985-2656.



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For more information, visit
wrh.on.ca/WaysToGive

YOUTH IN PHILANTHROPY

Today's young change-makers are transforming local healthcare through passion and action. Their creative initiatives prove that every act of giving, no matter the age, makes a lasting impact.

A Taste for Giving

Divya Bagga

Académie Ste-Cécile student Divya Bagga and her family hosted a "Samosas and Chai" fundraiser at Windsor Regional Hospital, raising vital funds for the Fancsy Family Hospital. She also asked for donations to the new hospital in lieu of birthday gifts! Her selfless initiatives raised over \$5,200 this year alone, setting a wonderful example for other young leaders in Windsor-Essex.

Leadership in Action

Odette School of Business

Celebrating a decade of support, Odette students raised a record-breaking \$9,250 this March for Hats On for Healthcare, presented by Greg Monforton and Partners. As the community's "Top Team" for two years running, their commitment reflects a deep-rooted culture of giving back.

Winning On & Off the Ice

Remarkable Kids

Led by team captain Brooke Renaud and Windsor Spitfires player Wyatt Kennedy, Remarkable Kids raised \$2,648 as the top fundraisers for the Hockey Helps challenge. Their inspiring teamwork scored big for local healthcare needs.



Divya Bagga & family



Odette School of Business



Remarkable Kids

COMMUNITY FUNDRAISING INITIATIVES

The incredible spirit of our community never ceases to amaze us. While we are only able to highlight a few of these stories here, please know that we are deeply grateful to the countless groups, businesses and individuals who organize on our behalf throughout the year. To every person who has hosted an event, sold a ticket or raised a voice for our patients — thank you.

A Day for a Life Golf Tournament

Honouring the legacy of organ donor Trevor Louis Funkenhauser, Gunther and Judy Funkenhauser raised \$13,000 this year. Their incredible 18-year total has now surpassed \$200,000 in vital support for our ICU.

Essex County Chinese Canadian Association (ECCCA)

With a shared vision for the future, the ECCCA raised \$29,000 this year toward the Fancsy Family Hospital. They also made history by pledging an inspiring \$500,000 over the next five years, becoming the first community group to formalize a commitment to the new hospital. eccca.net

Rafih Auto Group Charity Golf Tournament

A beautiful day on the links became even more special when surprise boosts from TD Canada Trust and WFCU brought Rafih Auto's total to \$45,000 — providing essential equipment for our future hospital.

Run for Windsor

Organized by the Ahmadiyya Muslim Elders Association, 250 participants hit the pavement with purpose. Together, they raised \$30,000 for the new hospital to ensure a brighter, healthier future for everyone in our community. runforwindsor.ca

Sail Into Summer

Thanks to the vision of Carol Parent and the generosity of her guests, this 6th annual celebration raised \$80,000 to bring life-saving cardiovascular technology to Windsor-Essex. wrh.on.ca/sailintosummer

Shake the Lake Charity Fun Run

In a touching tribute to the late Shawn King and Brian Modde, local boaters rallied together for this inaugural event. Their collective spirit raised over \$66,000 to enhance trauma care at the Ouellette Campus. shakethelakefunrun.com

W.E. Care for Kids

Our smallest patients have a dedicated guardian in W.E. Care for Kids. Their remarkable \$268,000 gift provided 12 vital pieces of equipment, keeping specialized paediatric care close to home. wecareforkids.org



“It’s through grief that we really found our ‘why’ as a family and as a committee to continue to honour their memory and plan this event, carry on this event and continue to give back even after this tragedy.”

— Kaitlyn King, Shake the Lake organizer

DONOR SPOTLIGHTS

Giving starts with a story. Whether it's a way to say thank you for care received or a commitment to the future of our community, these are a few of the people who have touched the lives of our patients.



Dr. Tony & Mary Pattinson

Operative Birthing Suite at the Fancsy Family Hospital

Dr. Tony Pattinson is a retired OBGYN and his wife, Mary, is a retired nurse and therapist who worked in Dr. Pattinson's reproductive health practice. Together, they served Windsor-Essex for three decades. Inspired by their connection to the community, they donated \$1.5 million toward vital equipment at the new acute care hospital, where an Operative Birthing Suite will be named in their honour.

“Thirty years ago, when Mary and I came to Windsor, our intention was to address the physical and emotional challenges of failed reproduction. We have had the privilege of seeing couples become families and our babies come back to have their own — full circle. C-Section rooms can be scary places; having our family name on one is our way of saying ‘We are still there for you’ through the tough times. This is where we decided to put this nest egg to help the largest number of people over the longest period of time. Our hope is that this will encourage others to support the most important healthcare project ever in this region.”

— Dr. Tony Pattinson



Nolan's SMILE Foundation

Snoezelen Cart Program

Nolan's SMILE Foundation was born from the profound love of Beth and John, who established the non-profit to honour their son Nolan's brave battle with Juvenile Myelomonocytic Leukemia. Through this foundation, they carry forward Nolan's bright spirit and ensure his legacy continues to bring hope to other children and families whose lives are disrupted by life-altering and life-threatening illnesses.

One of the amazing ways they are doing this is through the launch of Nolan's SMILE Snoezelen Cart Program at our Met and Ouellette campuses. During his time at Children's Hospital in London, Nolan enjoyed visiting the Snoezelen room – a therapeutic multi-sensory environment that provides soothing and stimulating experiences.

To bring that comfort to children in Windsor-Essex, they raised funds for four Snoezelen Carts – mobile units equipped with items like water bubble tubes, a fiber optic light spray and other auditory, visual and tactile tools. Bringing this specialized sanctuary directly to bedsides will offer comfort and healing to patients young and old when they need it most.

“We are so proud to share Nolan's light in a way that brings comfort and hope to other families. Thank you for helping us continue his legacy and remind children that they are never alone.”

— Beth & John Trepanier, founders of Nolan's SMILE Foundation



The Farrow Family Foundation

Breast Health Centre & Paediatric Cancer Clinic

Rick Farrow has been a long-time supporter of Windsor Regional Hospital Foundation. Rick and the members of the Corvette Club of Windsor have raised over \$180,000 for paediatric programs to-date. This year, Rick and his wife Donna established the Farrow Family Foundation, committing \$500,000 to two vital areas.

Breast Health Centre: Driven by a personal experience with breast cancer, the Farrows saw the need for advanced local care. Their gift introduces MRI Guided Breast Biopsies to Windsor Regional Hospital – a highly accurate, minimally invasive procedure previously unavailable in our region. Having this technology available locally will reduce travel and stress for women in Windsor-Essex who need the procedure.

Paediatric Cancer Clinic: The Farrow Family Foundation is also helping transform our local Paediatric Oncology (POGO) satellite clinic into a healing space. The current POGO outpatient unit has been serving the community for many years; however, the physical environment needed upgrades to better serve families. By refreshing the area, the Farrow Family Foundation is ensuring children can rest in a comfortable, welcoming space.

This funding will support additional needs for the Breast Health Centre and POGO clinic in the coming year!

“We believe every donation should make a real and tangible difference. Paediatric healthcare and breast health are deeply important to us, and we’re honoured to help strengthen these critical services for patients, families and the dedicated staff who care for them.”

—Rick & Donna Farrow



The Collavino Families

Cardio-Pulmonary Diagnostic Lab at the Fancsy Family Hospital

Motivated by family health history and a gratitude for the local workforce, cousins Loris, Paolo and Renzo Collavino made a \$1-million gift to fund equipment at the new hospital, directing their support to the Cardio-Pulmonary Diagnostic Lab.

“Supporting the Cardio-Pulmonary Diagnostic Lab was an important choice. My father passed away from pulmonary fibrosis, and I was fortunate to receive a double lung transplant. My uncle and extended family have also faced heart issues. It is only fitting that now we give back to our community. At a time when healthcare challenges feel increasingly urgent, we’re proud to work together with Windsor Regional Hospital Foundation to help create lasting change. So, whether it’s through volunteering, advocacy or financial support, everyone and anyone can make a difference.”

— Loris Collavino, on behalf of the Collavino families

SIGNATURE EVENTS

Every year, our community comes together to bring our signature events to life. We are grateful to the sponsors, committee members and volunteers who invest their time and expertise to create events that make a measurable difference in healthcare for Windsor-Essex.



Windsor Regional Hospital Foundation Charity Golf Tournament

Undeterred by a rained-out date, you powered forward in June 2025 and raised over **\$61,000** for The Dr. Richard Boyd Men's Health Program. Those funds directly supported specialized equipment and care for the Urology department. Thank you to the sponsors and golfers who make this event an incredible success every year!

Our Event Partners

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Mrs. Jane Boyd

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Hats On for Healthcare

In its 17th year, your support of Hats On for Healthcare (Hats On), presented by Greg Monforton and Partners, set a new record, raising over **\$104,000** in support of 40 programs at Windsor Regional Hospital! New to this year, we introduced Hockey Helps, Hatsquerade and proclaimed March 11th as our official Hats On Day in Windsor in support of this annual campaign.

Hockey Helps Hats On

We teamed up with the Windsor Spitfires to launch Hockey Helps, a youth fundraising challenge! Local schools and sports teams joined forces with Spitfires players in a friendly competition to support Hats On for Healthcare. Together, the Spits and 11 schools raised over **\$18,000** toward our campaign goal!

Hatsquerade

We shook things up this year and capped off Hats On with a lively new event – Hatsquerade, presented by London Hospital Linen Service Inc. Some of the best hat couture walked through the doors of the Skyline Ballroom at St. Clair College Centre for the Arts. Live music, cocktails and fabulous food – Hatsquerade guests helped us cross the finish line in the most memorable way!



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Scan the QR code to visit the Hatsquerade photo gallery!



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Special thank you to our Hatsquerade Planning Committee:

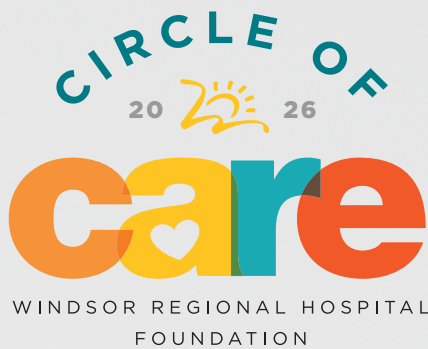
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“To everyone who donated and supported this effort, thank you. You’ve done something both simple and profound.”

— Greg Monforton

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WRH EMPLOYEES RAISED \$60,000+

**for our hospital, our
patients and each other.**

Top 5 Programs We Chose
to Give to in 2025/2026:

- Most Urgent Needs
- Fancsy Family Hospital
- Oncology
- Paediatrics
- Cardiac Care



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EMPLOYEE GIVING: CIRCLE OF CARE

Circle of Care is a special community of Windsor Regional Hospital staff and volunteers who give a little extra to support the patients we serve every day.

Through simple payroll donations, our team turns their passion into action by funding the hospital programs that matter most to them. We come together to deliver outstanding care and secure the vital resources our community needs.



KELLY HERON

**Vice President of Women and Children, Inpatient Surgery,
Peri-Operative and Ambulatory Surgical Service**

"I wanted to be a nurse to make a difference in my community. Now, with the privilege of working at Windsor Regional Hospital for over 25 years, I can see how all the staff work daily to make the same difference for their patients. If my contribution can go towards a piece of equipment or item that can support work, it makes me very happy to do so."



DAVID LENZ

Administrative Assistant, Public Affairs & Communications

"As hospital staff, we are often the first ones to see the direct impact that community donations have on our patients and their families. By participating in Circle of Care, we show the community that we don't just work here - we believe in our mission enough to invest in it ourselves. It allows us to say with pride that we are leading the way in supporting the outstanding care we provide every day."



AUDREY LOGAN

Indigenous Chronic Kidney Disease Lead, Renal Program

"As an employee, I see where some program shortfalls are. Giving allows me to do my part in helping my co-workers be the best they can be! My passion for giving centers around gratitude for the people who helped me when I needed it."



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WATCH: Audrey talk
about why she gives.

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHTS

Our volunteers are the quiet heartbeat of our hospital, showing up every day with smiles and open hearts to support our patients and staff. Whether they are greeting visitors at the gift shop or helping raise vital funds at a bingo, they give their time quietly and abundantly to support our mission.

To our volunteers, we are endlessly grateful for the warmth and selfless spirit you bring to Windsor Regional Hospital Foundation.



Tom Marshall, Retired Banker

Volunteer Area: Nevada & 50-50 raffle ticket sales • **Campus:** Met • **Volunteering since:** 2023

What motivated you to start volunteering with Windsor Regional Hospital Foundation?

My husband volunteered up to 2020 at the Cancer Centre and only had positive memories.

Can you share a specific moment when you felt you made a real difference?

Each time there is a big \$100 winner at the Nevada ticket desk, I feel as if I've also won!

How has being a volunteer impacted your life?

I look forward to my shift two days a week. I've been fortunate to work with really nice people.

What would you tell someone who is considering joining our volunteer team?

If you enjoy working with others and helping others out, Windsor Regional Hospital Foundation is the best place to be.



Vickie Komar, Retired Supervisor of Social Work

Volunteer Area: Gift Shop • **Campus:** Ouellette • **Volunteering since:** 2017

What motivated you to start volunteering with Windsor Regional Hospital Foundation?

After retiring, I found that I had extra time and wanted to give back. The Foundation provided a variety of volunteer choices, including weekly and occasional options.

Can you share a specific moment when you felt you made a real difference?

The Gift Shop was closed during Covid and I was asked to help reopen the shop. Once we reopened, many patients, visitors and staff told us how glad they were to see we were open again. This Gift Shop is totally volunteer-run and it was very gratifying to learn we have a positive impact on those who shop with us.

How has being a volunteer impacted your life?

Giving back to the hospital and community has been an excellent experience. I have met many great volunteers and staff both at the gift shop and other areas of the hospital. It's very rewarding to know that we are a service to the community.

What would you tell someone who is considering joining our volunteer team?

Joining the volunteer team allows you to choose how much time you can offer and which area you are comfortable in. Volunteers receive great support from the Volunteer Department and the Foundation team.

“This Gift Shop is totally volunteer-run and it was very gratifying to learn we have a positive impact on those who shop with us.”



60

Volunteers



7,600+

Hours



7

Areas of Support



WINDSOR REGIONAL HOSPITAL AUXILIARY

For over 90 years, the Windsor Regional Hospital Auxiliary has been a cornerstone of local healthcare, with its dedicated volunteers running the gift shop at our Met campus and being a comforting presence for visitors at the hospital. Every dollar they raise goes right back into the hospital, making a real difference in the care and comfort our patients receive every day.



The gift shop that gives back



Thank you



Morgan Smith, Grateful Patient,
with her husband Brad
and daughter Piper.



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