



## NEW HOSPITAL UPDATE

The long and the short of it is that we continue to wait for the go-ahead for our Rural Health Centre (hospital plus Community Health Centre). We are all disappointed that that our project was not amongst those hospital construction projects approved by the government recently.

At the same time, the central question continues to be “when”, not “if”. Reactions to our proposals from the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care, Infrastructure Ontario and the South West LHIN

continue to be very positive. We are simply caught in a funding squeeze that has numerous hospital rebuilds across the Province waiting in queue for dollars to become available.

The lack of tangible progress on our Rural Health Centre has us disappointed, frustrated, and

occasionally angry. It most certainly does not have us resigned to failure. **We fully expect to see action at our new hospital site in the foreseeable future and will do our utmost to promote that outcome.** In the meantime we will continue to raise funds to keep our current hospital operating on the front line of modern health care. Our community deserves no less.

## NEW AT THE CENTRE GREY HOSPITAL

Last winter the one and only facility available to bath patients in our hospital malfunctioned and could not be repaired – another indication of how our dear



hospital is ageing. The Foundation is pleased to have been able to provide the funding for a new patient shower, which has now been installed. It has been in use for some time now. The new facility is fully accessible and meets all of today's health and building codes. It is an extremely important part of hospital patient care and comfort.

## 2011 CHARITABLE TAX RECEIPTS

Centre Grey Health Services Foundation will release its 2011 charitable tax receipts during the first and

second weeks of February 2012 for all those who are on our Annual Receipting Program.

### CGHSF'S ANNUAL RECEIPTING PROGRAM

If you are a frequent and/or regular donor to the Foundation and would like to receive your receipts all at once on an annual basis, please contact the Foundation office to join the CGHSF **Annual Receipting Program**.

## BED REPLACEMENT AT CENTRE GREY HOSPITAL

The Foundation and the Centre Grey Hospital Auxiliary are working to raise funds to replace all of the current beds at Centre Grey Hospital in the near future. The new **Carroll H-Low Beds** come with an excellent frame and mattress and are equipped with a scale so that the hospital patient can be weighed while they remain comfortably situated in the bed. The beds are also outfitted with an alarm so that if the patient leaves the bed, the nursing staff will be notified immediately. The new beds are easy to sanitize and move around and can go up and down to as low as 6" from the floor. This will make it easier for patients to maneuver in and out of their beds and will allow hospital staff easier access to patients when delivering care.



## NEW CHAPLAIN AT CENTRE GREY HOSPITAL

CGHSF is pleased to announce that the Rev. Adam Nickell has been hired as new Day Chaplain at our hospital. Rev. Nickell, Senior Pastor at Gentle Shepherd Community Church, replaces Don Prince who retired from the Hospital Chaplaincy earlier this year. Rev. Nickell indicates that his goal is “to be a comforting and supporting presence for those patients who desire spiritual/pastoral care

while in hospital and to be supportive and encouraging for the hospital staff and community clergy”. He invites patients who would like a visit from the Chaplain to notify hospital staff, who will contact him or another chaplain on their behalf. CGHSF extends a warm welcome to Rev. Nickell and wishes him every success in his Chaplaincy role.



### DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that the **Chaplaincy Program** at Centre Grey Hospital is supported financially by both CGHSF and **LutheRanch**. Our thanks to LutheRanch for its continued generosity and for their thoughtful contribution to health care in our community.



## STORIES FROM THE HEART ROSS & JOAN RYAN



*This edition of Foundation News offers the first in a series of stories about people in our community and the role that Centre Grey Hospital has played in their lives.*

Ross and Joan Ryan's story opens on a March morning in 2007 when Ross began to experience mild chest pains while working on their back deck. Having no history of cardiac problems, he ignored the symptoms at first. However, the pain didn't go away and when nausea developed the Ryans asked a close neighbour to drive them the few blocks to Centre Grey Hospital. Immediately upon arrival Ross told the admissions staff about his symptoms – at which point events went into overdrive. Let Ross and Joan tell the story in their own words:

**Ross:** "The admissions clerk literally ran to get me a wheelchair. She wheeled me into the examining room and then I completely blacked out. The next thing I knew I was waking up with 3 doctors and a lot of nurses around the bed. One of the doctors was holding the (defibrillator) "paddles" and someone was saying to him "you've done it again". They told me later that I had suffered complete cardiac arrest and wouldn't have survived if I'd waited five more minutes to get to the hospital. If we'd waited for an ambulance it would have been too late.

**Joan:** "After they took Ross into the examining room I could tell that something had happened. A nurse came out right away to tell me the situation. Just a few minutes later our neighbour, who had returned home, walked in. Without me knowing, the hospital staff had called to ask her to come and be with me through this ordeal. As soon as Ross had been revived they brought me into the room with him. The hospital staff were so caring and personal, they were just so kind".

After being revived and stabilized Ross was sent by ambulance to Owen Sound. However, while he was en route doctors in Markdale and Owen Sound determined that more highly specialized treatment may be required. An emergency helicopter was waiting when he arrived in OS and barely an hour later he was in Kitchener Waterloo being prepped in case major surgery was required (which turned out not to be the case). "Absolutely everything went exactly as it was supposed to that day", he recalls. "There wasn't a glitch anywhere in the whole process". Five days later



Ross was home again with a fresh lease on life. His summary of the story: "I wouldn't be alive without the Markdale Hospital".

*Ross Ryan now lives in good health and can be spotted on local golf courses throughout the summer months. He and Joan have celebrated 56 years of marriage and counting. Let us wish you "Happy 57th" in advance, Ross and Joan!*

Do you have a **Story From The Heart** that you would be willing to share with us? We would love to hear it!  
Please contact the Foundation office

### Centre Grey Health Services Foundation's 2011/2012 EXECUTIVE BOARD

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### NEW FOUNDATION BOARD MEMBER

The Foundation is pleased to welcome Marilyn Crawford to its Board of Directors. Marilyn will be familiar to many readers in her role as a nurse at Centre Grey Hospital. In addition to her Board membership, Marilyn will also serve on the Foundation's Capital Allocation Committee.

### CGHSF COMING EVENTS



## 2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL CONCERT EVENT

FEATURING

**"MUSIC FROM THE 70's"**

BY THE KENNY MUNSHAW BAND

**SATURDAY, MAY 12TH, 2012**

Will take place at the Markdale Golf & Curling Club



## CGHSF's BIENNIEL SILENT AUCTION

COMING - **SUMMER 2012** - DATES TBA

DONATIONS GRATEFULLY ACCEPTED OF THE FOLLOWING:

Antiques, Wood Working, Arts & Crafts, Gift Certificates, Tickets, Dinners, Baked Goods, Tools, Cash donations & other items in **excellent** condition

Will take place at the Markdale Golf & Curling Club

