



## NEW HOSPITAL WATCH: The Task Ahead

Previous editions of Foundation News have voiced our frustrations over the lack of progress on the new hospital/rural health centre. We regret to say that there is nothing new to report at this time. However, we do



want to assure the community that Grey Bruce Health Services continues to pressure the Province at every opportunity for action on the project. GBHS is committed to keep our proposal front-and-centre in the Ministry's planning process and to use every available means to seek a positive outcome.

In the meantime we face the ongoing challenge of keeping our current hospital well equipped and as up-to-date as possible given its age and physical limitations. There is, of course, the ongoing need to replace and upgrade medical technology, the traditional role of our Foundation. In addition, we now also face costs associated with maintaining the facility and keeping it fully up to standard. Our community has always been wonderfully supportive of its hospital. That support will be even more important over the next handful of years.

## YOUR DONATIONS MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Thanks to YOU, the Foundation was able to fund the acquisition of many new items for Centre Grey Hospital in 2012, including:

<b>Orthopaedic Screw Set</b>	\$20,000
<b>Cannulated Screw Sets</b>	\$27,000
<b>Cardiac Loop Recorder</b>	\$ 8,000
<b>Endoscopic Processor</b>	\$15,000
<b>Istat Blood Monitor</b>	\$ 4,000

In addition, the Foundation has funded numerous medical software upgrades, replacement of the nurse call-bell system, and a variety of regional health services used by residents of Centre Grey. For example, we have assumed approximately 10 per cent of the cost of upgrading the mammography suite at the Owen Sound Hospital.

In total, the Foundation has provided approximately \$340,000 for medical equipment and related needs during the 2012/13 fiscal year. The Hospital Auxiliary has provided additional funding of nearly \$60,000.

As you can see, your donations play an absolutely essential role in maintaining quality health care services in our community.

*Thank You!*



## LOOKING BACK AT 2012

Once again the residents and visitors of Centre Grey, have come through with outstanding support for health care in our community, ensuring the quality care is available close to home for everyone. Here is a review of some of our 2012 fundraising activities that were a success because of your generous and on-going support:

### MAY 2012 – ANNUAL CHARITY CONCERT EVENT

The Tribute Concert to the '70's with The Kenny Munshaw Band was a great success thanks to the talented entertainment, the enthusiastic concert attendees, and to two very generous major sponsors: Scotiabank's Markdale branch and Miller Paving's Leo McArthur. The event raised over \$16,000!

### JUNE 2012 – SUMMER LETTER CAMPAIGN

The annual CGHSF summer campaign began in June 2012 and highlighted the need for a new nurse call bell system, among other equipment necessities. Once again, the Foundation's request for support was met and over \$21,164 was raised.

### JULY 2012 – BIENNIEL SILENT AUCTION

The Silent Auction held at the Markdale Golf and Curling Club during the week of July 7-14, was great fun and very lively. More than 175 individuals and businesses donated nearly 700 items and gift certificates; 336 people placed their bids and joined in the auction fun. Over 60 volunteers helped to make the 2012 auction a resounding success and we are proud to report that \$25,166 was raised.

### SEPTEMBER 2012 – GOLF TOURNAMENTS

In September Harry Hartrick and Terry McComb raised over \$2,250 through their much anticipated annual "Just for the Health of It" golf tournament. The funds raised were once again generously donated to the Foundation.



The Foundation was also the grateful recipient of over \$5,300 that was raised by staff members of Chapman's Ice Cream through their golf tournament held in memory of Mr. George Siambis, a long-time employee of Chapman's Ice Cream.

### SEPTEMBER 2012 - THE GREAT, HUMONGOUS, HOSPITAL PENNY & CHANGE DRIVE

The Foundation's annual penny & change drive took place during the last week of September amongst five elementary schools in Centre Grey. A special BBQ event

held at SideKick's Café hosted by JD, brought the event to an exciting close. Over \$2,120 in change was donated through the 2012 drive!



A very special mention goes out from the Foundation to Beavercrest Elementary School, Osprey Central School, Dundalk Proton School and to Holland-Chatsworth School for their enthusiastic participation and a **BIG CONGRATULATIONS to Dundalk Highpoint School** for winning the competition and being the school that raised the most money overall for the second year in a row – very well done everyone!



**Save your coins for the 2013 change drive – details TBA.**

**OCTOBER 2012 – CKNX RADIOTHON**

Once again, CGHSF took part in the annual CKNX Health Care Heroes Radiothon event. Sixteen hospital foundations put their resources together and, along with CKNX, held a unique all day fundraiser. The event was broadcast on air on three CKNX radio stations; 101.7 The One, 94.5 The Bull and 920 AM. Collectively, over \$783,562 was raised through the Radiothon.



**NOVEMBER / DECEMBER / JANUARY - LIGHT FOR LIFE**

The Foundation's annual Light for Life Christmas campaign is traditionally its most successful fundraiser of the year – this year kept this tradition alive. As of January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2013 a grand total of \$63,502 has been generously donated through the Light for Life campaign. Thank you very much for recognizing the needs of your local hospital during the busy holiday season!



**2012 - MEMORIAL DONATIONS**

Throughout the year, the Foundation receives many donations that are made in memory of a loved one. Memorial gifts have special meaning. They are personal and serve as a link to the treasured memory of a friend or loved one, and to the well-being of future generations. During 2012, over \$17,000 was gratefully received by the Foundation through memorial donations.



**2012 – BAYSHORE HEALTHY TOMORROWS PLANNED GIVING PROGRAM**

CGHSF is pleased to be a part of the Planned Giving promotional program that Bayshore Broadcasting runs in conjunction with its local hospital Foundations, stretching from Orillia to Markdale to Southampton. For six weeks each spring and fall,



Bayshore promotes legacy giving on their radio stations through public service announcements and a variety of talk radio shows. The Foundation is very grateful to Bayshore Broadcasting for the continuous support they provide through this program.

Please visit the Planned Giving website [bayshorebroadcasting.ca/healthytomorrow](http://bayshorebroadcasting.ca/healthytomorrow)

A very special thank you to Ross Kentner, Bayshore Broadcasting Corporation President and General Manager, for his tremendous work with this project over the past several years, including leading the development of Bayshore's new **Caring Nurse Award**, which was launched in the spring of 2012. **Shirley McCarthy**, Registered Nurse at Centre Grey Hospital, was one of the first winners of this award. Ross Kentner presented her with a plaque in October 2012 – **congratulations Shirley!**

**CANADAHELPS.ORG**

CGHSF has an online donation system available at [www.CanadaHelps.org](http://www.CanadaHelps.org). It is a secure website designed specifically for Canadian charities. By using this system to make your donation to CGHSF, you can receive your official tax receipt instantaneously.

During 2012 **over \$6,000** was contributed to CGHSF using

**CanadaHelps.org!**



**COMING EVENTS**

**Saturday, MAY 4<sup>th</sup>, 2013**

**ELVIS IS COMING TO MARKDALE!**

The annual CGHSF Concert Event will feature **Peter Irwin (as Elvis) & the Jailhouse Rock Band** performing "**Memories of Elvis**" at **Markdale Golf & Curling Club**

DOORS OPEN:  
**7pm**



SHOWTIME:  
**8pm**

**TICKETS \$25 – Available Soon!**

**Pre-order your TABLE of 10**

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