



Exceptional CARING

The RMHF Gratitude Report

Our Mission:

"Partnering with our donors and the community to support exceptional care."

Our Vision:

Inspired donors advancing care close to home.

**Spring
2023**

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In the Kawartha Lakes, everyone has some connection to Ross Memorial Hospital. Whether we were born there, experienced a life changing event there, received care following an injury, work or volunteer there ... **we all count on the Ross.**

As our community grows, hospital services become even more important.

So do you, our donors.

Ross Memorial's Chief of Medical Staff Dr. Bharat Chawla is proud of the team that works hard to care for our community — and he's grateful for the generous donors who ensure we have the tools and technology we need. **These connections are life changing.**

"At the Ross Memorial, we do our best to adapt our services to meet the needs of our community. As your healthcare needs evolve and grow, the Ross Memorial evolves and grows," said Dr. Chawla.

"We're grateful to be working with Dr. Chawla to raise awareness of essential technology and equipment needs from MRI and the CT Scanner to the new Clinical Information System that connects patients' digital health records to our diagnostic and clinical tools," said Erin Coons, RMH Foundation CEO. "We hope people throughout the Kawartha Lakes will watch for Dr. Chawla's letter and consider making a gift to the spring appeal. Together, we're making change that impacts every patient and advancing care close to home."



RMH Hospitalist Dr. Sara-Lynn Francis with a WOW (Workstation on Wheels) in the Medical Unit at Ross Memorial Hospital

Our Best To You

Dr. Sara-Lynn Francis provides life-saving care at Ross Memorial Hospital. **With your donations, you are helping her do it.**

Thanks to your support for the 'Our Best To You' holiday appeal, **\$250,722** was raised to help fund the hospital's new clinical information system! The CIS is an evolution in care, connecting bedside medical equipment and life-saving technology to patients' medical records and connects those digital records to care providers and patients — wherever they are.

COMING SOON: Our Community's New MRI!

The arrival of a Mobile MRI Unit at Ross Memorial marks an important step as the Hospital begins to decommission our aging MRI, and prepare for the arrival of the community's new MRI later this spring. The current MRI was installed in 2011 thanks to the generosity of donors who funded 100% of the cost through their gifts to the Imagine the Future campaign. The new MRI will also be 100% donor funded.

Physicians need as much information about a patient's condition as possible to create the best and safest treatment plan. **MRI plays a major role in gathering those critical details.** Those details might mean your injured joint requires surgery, or pinpoint the exact location of a gall stone. MRI can highlight herniated or bulging discs in the spine as well as arthritic changes. They can help doctors make complex diagnoses such as multiple sclerosis and dementia. And MRI is a critical tool in detecting cancer and for ongoing screening. With higher quality images, our new MRI will meet the precision requirements of specialty care hospitals and reduce the need for local patients to travel elsewhere for enhanced imaging. The new MRI will also integrate with the new Clinical Information System, which means the scans will be entered into your patient chart the moment they're reported and accessible at the Ross, or at partner hospitals including the regional cancer centre.



The Mobile MRI Unit will be in place at Ross Memorial Hospital until the end of June to ensure patients' continued access to MRI

The Bobcaygeon Legion is Advancing Care Close To Home

For 30 years, the members of the Royal Canadian Legion Bobcaygeon Branch 239 have generously supported priority needs at the Ross Memorial Hospital. Since 1992, the Legion's donations have helped to fund modernization projects in the Dr. Gargi Bhatia Family Birthing Centre, the construction of the Dialysis Unit and critical acquisitions in the Operating Suites, the Laboratory, Intensive Care Unit and Diagnostic Imaging.

On Dec. 19th, Legion President Gary Whelan visited RMH to present a gift of \$5,000 to Erin Coons to support the new clinical information system (CIS). The CIS is part of a digital transformation that connects bedside medical equipment and life-saving technology to patients' medical records and makes them accessible to care providers and patients — wherever they are.

"This exceptional gift from the Bobcaygeon Legion Branch 239 to the Our Best To You holiday appeal is just the latest gesture of generosity in their long history of community support," said Erin Coons. "Service organizations including the Royal Canadian Legion continue to have a profound impact on the Ross. We're grateful for their interest in ongoing efforts to modernize and enhance patient care in their community."



Bobcaygeon Legion President Gary Whelan and RMH Foundation CEO Erin Coons outside the Ross

Fenelon Lions Continue Quest to Support Community's CT

The members of the Fenelon Falls & District Lions Club work hard in their volunteer roles to make their community the best it can be. Part of that commitment involves support for their local hospital. For the past two years, the Lions have been focusing their fundraising work to help fund the community's new CT Scanner at Ross Memorial Hospital. On Nov. 16th, Lions Barry and Susan Tate and Lloyd and Deb McIntyre visited the Ross to present a \$1,000 donation to Kim Coulter, Foundation Communications Specialist. This gift — the second in a three year pledge to support local CT imaging — brings the Club's cumulative giving to the Foundation to \$33,500 since 1996.



Kim Coulter, Lloyd McIntyre, Deb McIntyre, Susan Tate and Barry Tate gather outside Ross Memorial Hospital to celebrate the Fenelon Falls Lions' generosity.

"With every event and good deed, the Fenelon Lions show that they are community champions," said Kim Coulter. "The \$2 million cost of the CT Scanner is not covered by government funding. Essential acquisitions such as this are not possible without the community's support through donations to the RMH Foundation. Service clubs including the Fenelon Falls and District Lions play an important role in ensuring our Hospital provides the best care possible."

At the Ross, the CT team conducts more than 12,000 scans every year.

Celebrating National Volunteer Week

We Are The Ross

Among the valued members of the Ross Team are our community volunteers on the Foundation's Board of Directors. The Board is responsible for the overall governance of the Foundation. Its members set the Foundation's strategic priorities and ensure they're met; they monitor the success of fundraising and stewardship efforts, and ensure financial resources are managed appropriately. In addition to monthly board meetings, members serve on various committees of the Board. They are valued members of the RMH Foundation family.

Mario Mazziotti joined the Board in 2022 to give back to the hospital that had done so much for his family.

The Ross has always been a big part of Mario's life; his mother and two sisters spent their nursing careers at the Ross Memorial. As a boy growing up in Lindsay, he remembers visiting his mom and sisters at the hospital. To this day, he drives by it and smiles thinking of the fun memories his mom created in there working with his sisters.

With an appreciation for the good living the hospital provided for his family, and an extensive financial background, Mario knew that he could contribute through a role on the Foundation Board.

"I do not have a great gift for science but I have strong understanding of finances so I thought I could share my experience with my peers and give back in a way I know will help. During my term with the RMH Foundation, I want to make the board a great place to be, I want to encourage other people to join when openings happen. Personally, I want the RMH to keep being a great hospital that the citizens of the City of Kawartha Lakes can depend on."



Mario Mazziotti was born and raised in Lindsay and currently resides in Omeme. He has a diverse financial background with 10 years credit experience at Wells Fargo Financial and 14 years at CIBC as Community General Manager overseeing, Lindsay, Fenelon, Coboconk and Bobcaygeon. He is now with IG Wealth Management.

Asked what the phrase 'WE ARE THE ROSS' means to him, Mario said "It means we are one community working together to make everyone healthy and happy."

Patients throughout the Kawartha Lakes count on the Ross.



We're here for you.

Donors make the difference when they give to:



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Patient Care Equipment



Education



Specific Program or Unit

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**JESSIE & RAY HARRIS LOVED THIS COMMUNITY.
SO THEY INCLUDED THE ROSS IN THEIR WILLS.**



Jessie and Ray are lifesavers to so many people. During their lifetimes, they helped fund life-saving medical equipment and technology at the Ross. They also supported medical students through an educational bursary.

And their impact continues. Naming the Hospital in their Wills ensured that the community they loved will have access to the best care for years to come.

WE CAN ALL HELP THE NEXT GENERATION OF PATIENTS

WE ARE THE ROSS

Given with compassion. Accepted with thanks. Used with care.

When we lose someone dear to us, it can be comforting to share stories of happy times, and to remember the things that made them so special. Often we want to do something special in their memory.

The RMH Foundation is grateful for the generous donations made in memory of these special people:



These gifts were made between August 2022 and January 2023

Marion Bartlett	Fiore Fattore	Lui Lozinsek	Jennifer Schofield
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Donations made in honour of someone special or in celebration of a milestone event have a ripple effect



The Foundation appreciates the donations made in honour of:

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RMH Celebrates a First



Patient Arthur Goard and Dr. Sebastian Heaven in the OR with nurses Christine Ham, Susan Dallas-Wood, Katie Oliver, Michelle McCombe and Kara Harman, and Anesthesiologist, Dr. Mohammed Hussein

Ross Memorial Hospital is the first hospital in Ontario to use an Insignia femoral stem implant in hip arthroplasty surgery.

Dr. Sebastian Heaven, an Orthopaedic Surgeon at the Ross, performed the inaugural surgery on February 15.

According to Dr. Heaven, there is increasing movement towards using collared stems in hip replacements that don't use cement, which is the majority in Canada and the United States, due to some large registry databases showing improved survival of these implants as compared to their collarless

versions. Ultimately, this translates to a lower likelihood of needing a second surgery after hip replacement when using this technology. RMH conducts around 150 hip replacements annually. Dr. Heaven foresees the majority of them using the Insignia femoral stem implant moving forward.

"Delivering on the promise of a better healthcare experience is at the heart of what we do at Ross Memorial Hospital," said Kelly Isfan, President and CEO at Ross Memorial Hospital. "We are very proud of Dr. Heaven for embodying that mission and being a leader when it comes to hip replacements in Ontario."



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"Yes, I want to impact care with a donation to RMH."

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