



ROSS MEMORIAL
HOSPITAL
Foundation



Exceptional CARING

Our Mission:

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

Our Vision:

Inspired donors
advancing care
close to home.

Spring
2025

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YOU CAN BE...
**SOMEBODY'S
HERO**

Jennifer Chipp-Smith's
calling to help others
came to her as a child.

Her family's experience
caring for her older
sister who suffered from
an evolving genetic
disorder exposed Jennifer
to the care providers at
Ross Memorial. They
made an impression that
inspired her career.

Today, Jennifer is the Director responsible for our community's critical care services, including the expansion of the Emergency Department (ED). **The need for emergency services is projected to increase by 30% in the next 20 years.** Plans include a new contemporary trauma room with airborne isolation capacity, as well as a Mental Health Emergency Services Unit, where patients in crisis will have access to 24/7 care in a safer and more private area within the ED.

"As a director, a nurse, a mother and wife, *and a sister* — I know how important it is for people to access timely care, in the right environment, close to home," said Jennifer Chipp-Smith. "This exciting expansion is one of several significant investments underway at the Ross — projects that cannot happen without community support. Donors make it possible."

"Over the next few weeks, people throughout Kawartha Lakes will receive a letter from Jennifer, outlining the highest priority investments underway at the Ross and how everybody can help make them happen," said Erin Coons, RMH Foundation CEO.

"I want to help other families get the best care," said Jennifer Chipp-Smith. "Just as Sara's care made a lasting impression on me, you can touch a life with your giving. **You can be somebody's hero.**"



Jennifer Chipp-Smith, RN, in the
Emergency Department at Ross Memorial Hospital

Thank you for sharing your



Jocelyn Osborne, with her parents, Tim and Sheila Shauf at Quiltiful in Bobcaygeon

The Shauf family has so many reasons to be grateful. After a frightening diagnosis of a rare form of leukemia, Tim and Sheila's daughter, Jocelyn, is cancer free.

They want everyone who needs hospital care to have the best chance at a positive outcome, just as Jocelyn had. That's why they shared their experience in the RMH Foundation's 'Hopeful Moments' holiday appeal letter.

With their help, and donors' heartwarming generosity, more than **\$205,480** was raised to support medical technology and bedside equipment that is critical to patient care at the Ross — but is not covered by government funding.

Our thanks to all who gave more people Hopeful Moments through their support for Ross Memorial Hospital!

Sweet support for RMH thanks to Tim Horton's Smile Cookies

Just as laughter is the best medicine, a smile always makes someone feel better.

During the week of April 28 to May 4, when patrons buy Smile Cookies, 100% of the proceeds benefit partner charities including Ross Memorial Hospital Foundation where they will support advancements in patient care.

Ross Memorial Hospital Foundation is honoured to be selected as a Tim Horton's charity partner by restaurant owners Nick and Meaghan Chapman.

This is the second year that Nick and Meaghan have chosen to support the Ross through their special fundraising event.

Following their very successful Smile Cookie campaign in the spring of 2024, the Chapmans presented a cheque for \$19,054.55 to Erin Coons, RMH Foundation CEO and Tim Shauf, chair of the Foundation's WE ARE THE ROSS capital campaign.

Be sure to drop by Tim Horton's and show your sweet support for your community hospital!



Where can I buy Smile Cookies and support Ross Memorial Hospital Foundation?

You can buy these special Smile Cookies at any of Nick and Meaghan Chapman's Lindsay Tim Hortons restaurants. These include all three Tim Horton's locations on Kent Street West, one at the corner of County Road 36 and Mount Hope Street, and one on Hwy 35 south of Hwy 7.

Kawartha ATV Association Poker Run

Members of the Kawartha ATV Association (KATVA) find adventure on the trails. They find care at Ross Memorial Hospital. Thanks to KATVA's generous support for the Ross through their annual fundraising Poker Run, patients at the Ross receive the best care possible with access to the latest medical equipment, life-saving technology, and services and spaces that grow with our community.

The 2025 Poker Run takes place

Saturday, June 7

**Log Chateau Park/
Burnt River Community Centre**

Visit www.katva.ca or email
info@katva.ca for details.



Swing Fore Mental Health

Mental health is an integral part of every person's wellness.

The Swing Fore Mental Health golf tournament aims to raise awareness of mental health care in the Kawarthas, to eliminate stigma, and to support the recovery journey.

Proceeds will benefit Ross Memorial Hospital's Mental Health Unit and Peterborough Youth Services.

Black Diamond Golf Club
September 16, 2025

For details, contact Barb Timms
btimms@blackdiamondgolfclub.ca
705-879-7564



Valued Volunteers Receive Special Recognition

Celebrating recipients of the King Charles III Coronation Medal

Paddles up! We are over-the-moon to see Dragon Flies founding member and RMH alum, **Nancy Hanna**, presented with the King Charles III Coronation Medal!

Following her 40-year career at the Ross, Nancy turned her full focus toward the Dragon Flies Breast Cancer Survivor Group. Supporting people through their sisterhood, they also fundraise for local hospitals to enhance diagnosis and treatment of breast cancer. Their support for the RMH Foundation has been instrumental in the Hospital's development of an Accredited Breast Cancer Assessment Centre affiliated with Cancer Care Ontario. Since 2002, the Dragon Flies' cumulative giving to the RMH Foundation has exceeded \$430,000!

The Foundation was honoured to be included in Nancy's big night at the Oakwood Lions Club on March 12, along with family and friends, local dignitaries including MPP Laurie Scott and Mayor Doug Elmslie, and – of course – the Dragon Flies!



Nancy receives a special Dragon Flies welcome and MPP Laurie Scott presents her medal



Therese receives her medal from MP Jamie Schmale

Congratulations to **Therese Scheer**, who was presented with the King Charles III Coronation Medal by MP Jamie Schmale at a surprise event on Thursday, March 27.

Since 2007, Therese has focused her boundless energy fundraising for advanced breast cancer imaging technology at Ross Memorial. With her friends - and their friends - organizing special events, lotteries and golf days, together they have raised \$176,550 for breast health care at RMH.

Therese expressed her thanks to her fellow members of the Dunsford Lions Club who nominated her for the special honour: "I like people. I try always to find the best in people. And it's good to be involved, you learn so much."

Therese spoke about the excellent care she and her husband had received at the Ross. Kim Coulter from RMH Foundation was honoured to be invited to the celebration to offer congratulations and thanks for Therese's many years of exceptional caring.

CARING BROUGHT **JOHN & PAULINE** TOGETHER.
THEIR COMMITMENT HAS LASTED A LIFETIME.



John and Pauline Hunter met while working at a British hospital. They moved to Lindsay in 1963. John established Ross Memorial's first Physiotherapy Department and Pauline was a nurse on the Medical and Continuing Care Units. Both of their daughters were born at the Ross.

John and Pauline retired together in 1994, but that didn't stop their involvement. John served 10 years on the RMH Foundation Board and Pauline volunteered 16 years in the Auxiliary Gift Shop.

The Hunters remain proud supporters of the Ross, enhancing care through monthly donations. We are honoured to be a part of their story.

WE CAN ALL SHARE OUR PASSION TO HELP.

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be exceptional...
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Philanthropy On Board

Meet Dr. David Kazhila, RMHF Board Medical Representative

As an internal medicine specialist, Dr. Kazhila knows a good heart when he sees it — both in his practice at Kawartha K2 Cardiac Care Inc., and in his role as Medical Representative on our Board of Directors.

What inspired you to volunteer on the board?

Around 2008, as Chief of Medicine at the Ross, I championed the upgrading of echocardiography services with fundraising to purchase a new Echo machine. That's when I came into contact with the Foundation board. They included the item in the Holiday Appeal and in no time we acquired a new machine. I realized the importance of community fundraising in the provision of quality healthcare to patients and when an opportunity arose in 2010, I enthusiastically joined the Foundation as Medical Representative for 4 years. I then returned on to the board in 2022. The impact the Foundation has on the community is what motivated me to be part of a successful team.

What do you hope to accomplish during your time on the board?

As the medical representative, I hope to bridge the gap between the Foundation and the medical staff when it comes to the needs of the Hospital. I have realized that there's need for someone with medical background and experience in the Hospital to put certain needs into perspective. As a member of the Governance committee, I hope to bring my many years of experience in governance in the medical ecosystem to the organization.

Are there things you've learned about the work of the Foundation of which you were in aware before joining the board?

Yes, I have learned a lot about good governance, accountability and transparency when it comes to the handling millions of dollars on behalf of the Hospital and community at large. I have also learned how important it is to constantly engage with stakeholders and inform them on the Hospital's needs as the government does not fund all the projects needed due to budgetary constraints.

My wife, Laurine, is a nurse at the Ross. My three children are now adults. From time to time, we have all needed some form of care at the Ross. Our collective experience has been amazing and wonderful care. My wife's dad received wonderful care at the Ross when he needed eye surgery during one of his visits from Africa. The staff were simply amazing!

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. For more information about the RMH Foundation Board of Directors, contact the Foundation Office at 705-328-6146.



Dr. David Kazhila, Internal Medicine Specialist

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
October 2024 and January 2025

Adam Stavert	Gayle LeMasurier	Leo Manion	Peter Gallagher
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Gary Winter	Lenore Pearson	Peter Reesor	Winifred Pooley



Donations made in honour of someone special or in celebration of a milestone event have a ripple effect

A celebration gift to the RMH Foundation expresses to others how much you care. With a celebration gift, you can recognize a loved one's special day or big event, or show gratitude to someone who provided you with exceptional care at RMH. You can mark the occasion and benefit the community through enhanced care at the Ross!

The Foundation appreciates donations made in honour of:

Barry & Grace Crowe's Wedding Anniversary
 Dr. Elizabeth Morrison Marian Mackey Dr. Graham Loeb
 Kurtis & Jocelyn Osborne RMH Ambulatory Care Unit
 RMH Ambulatory Care Unit RMH Dialysis Nurses Dr. Satvir Sahans
 Susan Smallwood's Birthday Dr. Tomas Stefopoulos

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At the RMH Foundation, we are committed to protecting the privacy of our donors.

We value our donors' trust and recognize that maintaining this trust requires that we be open and accountable in our treatment of the information that you choose to share with us.

We protect your personal information and adhere to all legislative requirements with respect to protecting privacy.

The information you provide will be used to deliver services and to keep you informed and up to date on the activities of RMHF, through periodic contacts.

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**Kawartha Lakes patients need access to
the best care — close to home.**



Your donations make it possible.

**Ask how you can ensure our hospital has the best equipment
and facilities to meet our growing community's needs.**

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*"Yes, I want to make a difference and
help patients get the best care possible!"*

Here is my donation of ☐ \$25 ☐ \$50 ☐ \$100 ☐ Other _____ Spring25

☐ I have enclosed my cheque (payable to RMH Foundation)

☐ I prefer to use my credit card. Please use my ☐ VISA ☐ Mastercard

Cardholder's name _____ Card # _____

Signature _____ Expiry: ____/____

Address _____ City _____

Province _____ Postal Code _____ Phone _____

Email Address _____ ☐ Email my receipt

I would like to direct my gift to: ☐ Highest Priority Needs (Current Appeal)

☐ Patient Care Equipment ☐ Other (specific department) _____

☐ I'd like information about how to include RMH Foundation in my Will.

☐ I'd like to make monthly gifts. Please have the Foundation contact me.

Prefer to give online? Please visit www.rmh.org/foundation.

Thank you!