



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.

Summer  
2025

## What's Inside:

\* When you support the ED expansion, you are **Somebody's Hero**

\* **Service Clubs** and the business community show support for RMH

\* **A message of thanks from the CEO and RMHF board chair**

\* **Introducing the Dr. Azhar Syed Memorial Golf Tournament**

## The RMHF Gratitude Report



## RMH Foundation invites support for new era of growth

With the Kawartha Lakes population surging, and advancing technology broadening patient care possibilities, the RMH Foundation is inviting the public to play an essential role in the transformation underway at the Ross. On June 19, the RMH Foundation Campaign team was joined by donors, hospital and foundation board members, hospital staff and physicians, and local dignitaries to celebrate the **public launch of the biggest capital campaign in Ross Memorial's history.**

"By supporting critical investments at the Ross, our community can ensure timely access to gold standard care close to home," said Tim Shauf, RMH Foundation Campaign Chair. "The WE ARE THE ROSS campaign is transforming the delivery of care in Kawartha Lakes, funding \$25 million in essential facilities and technology improvements that bring the Ross to the forefront of modern patient care."

"During a health emergency, everyone deserves the best care possible. That's why my family and I have promised our help to this campaign. The hospital team goes to great lengths for its patients and to do their best, they need the right tools, modern facilities, and access to the latest medical science. That's how we as donors can help."

Through the WE ARE THE ROSS campaign, **donors' gifts are making the hospital's highest priority projects possible:**

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RMH Critical Care and Emergency  
Director Jennifer Chipp-Smith

## When you give, you become Somebody's Hero

The need for emergency services is projected to increase by 30% in the next 20 years. Plans for our community's Emergency Department (ED) 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.

Jennifer Chipp-Smith's exposure to emergency care began as a child and inspired her calling to be a nurse. Today she's the director in charge of critical and emergency care at RMH.

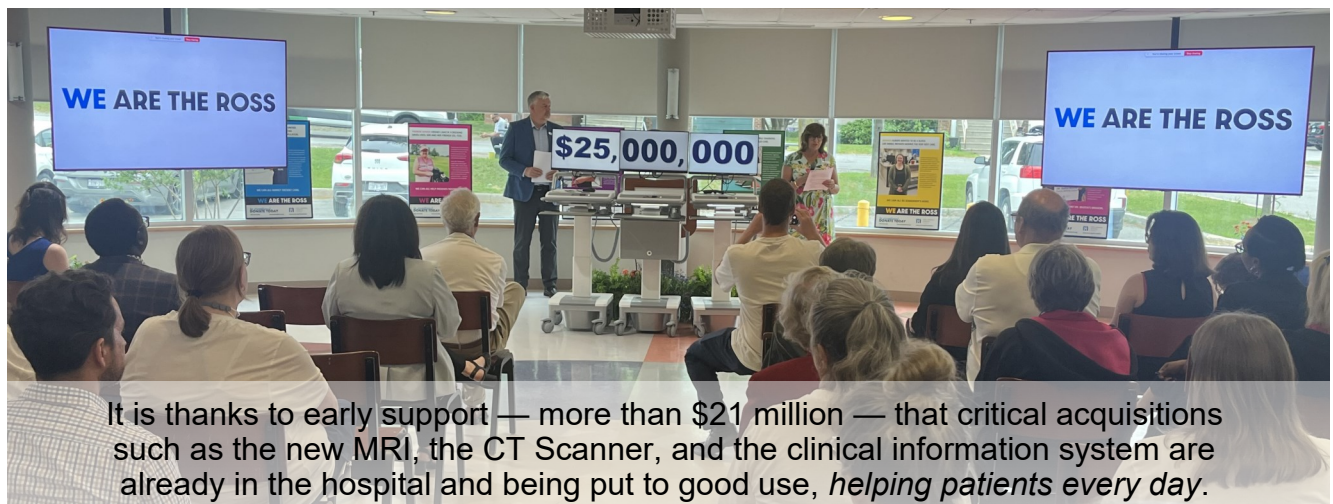
We're grateful to Jennifer for sharing her story, and to the donors who have responded to her spring appeal letter with donations for the ED expansion — more than \$107,200 to date! **Thank you!**

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- Responding to rapid population growth, growing our critical care capacity, and **modernizing our community's Emergency Department and Intensive Care Unit;**
- Ensuring access to **leading-edge diagnostic technology** and **bedside equipment** enabling life-saving care;
- Transforming the patient experience and **connecting real time test results and patient information...** making it available to every care provider — and to you — when and where it's needed.

"The WE ARE THE ROSS campaign marks a pivotal moment in our hospital's history," said Erin Coons, RMH Foundation CEO. "With you, we are building the foundation of an era of growth and change at the Ross. We are grateful to those who have committed their support to this campaign, and we invite everyone to join us in supporting these projects that would not be possible without donor support."

"From the outset of the quiet phase of the campaign, we have been connecting with residents and cottagers and we consistently hear two resounding messages: first, the Ross is the heart of the community; and second, the hospital must keep up with the growth in our population," said Mona Malcolm Sharman, RMH Foundation board chair. "Thanks to our community's generosity, and the trust they place in the Ross, we are thrilled to say that 85% of our goal has already been met! Donors are bringing our mission to life: advancing care close to home."



It is thanks to early support — more than \$21 million — that critical acquisitions such as the new MRI, the CT Scanner, and the clinical information system are already in the hospital and being put to good use, *helping patients every day.*



## Sweet Support from Tim Hortons

The Ross Memorial Hospital Foundation is grateful to Nick and Meaghan Chapman, owners of 5 Tim Hortons restaurants in Lindsay, for selecting the Ross as a partner charity during the spring Smile Cookie campaign. When patrons bought Smile Cookies, they were supporting critical hospital projects, including the expansion of the community's Emergency Dept. and ICU, advanced diagnostic technology and bedside medical equipment. On May 21, RMH Foundation board chair Mona Malcolm Sharman visited Tim Hortons to celebrate the success of the Smile Cookie campaign with owners Nick and Meaghan Chapman and Mark and Nancy Hutchinson, operations manager and general manager. Together, the Tim Hortons team presented a cheque for \$21,066.55 to help fund several significant investments underway at the Ross.



Mark Hutchinson, Meaghan Chapman, Mona Malcolm Sharman, Nancy Hutchinson and Nick Chapman at Tim Hortons on Mount Hope St.



Bob Kish, Chris Pellow, Susan Reeds, Sharon Logan & Rhonda White of KATVA join Catherine Mantle RN, Sarah Jackman RN (ED Manager), Laurie Hoy RN, Erin Coons (Foundation CEO), Kaleigh Biduke RN and Ashley Hutchings RN

## KATVA support storms ahead

Members of the Kawartha ATV Association worked extra hard to prepare for their annual Poker Run this year after the ice storm caused major damage to the trees along the trails. Their hard work paid off with one of their most successful fundraising events to date! KATVA's Poker Run on Sat. June 7 attracted more than 275 participants with 45 volunteers supporting the ride, the silent auction, draws and dinner. On June 26, KATVA representatives visited the Ross to present their biggest donation since they began supporting equipment and technology needs at RMH through their Poker Run in 2017. "Raising \$19,000 this year for the Emergency Department expansion — and over \$84,000 to date — is truly a privilege," said Rhonda White of KATVA. "It means so much to us as an organization to give back to a project that will benefit the entire community."

## Paramedics are Partners

Paramedics know the importance of receiving timely care in the safest environment. Their life-saving work throughout Kawartha Lakes is highly valued by the RMH team. During National Paramedic Services Week in May, local Paramedics and their logistical staff across the City of Kawartha Lakes went even further to support the best care possible with a generous donation to the RMH Foundation. The \$5,000 gift by OPSEU/SEFPO Local 371 will support critical hospital projects including the expansion of the community's Emergency Department.



OPSEU/SEFPO Local 371 members gathered with the RMH team in the hospital ambulance bay to present their donation to the 'You can be Somebody's Hero' spring appeal



## SIGNS of a Supportive Community

RMH Foundation invited businesses, clubs and organizations throughout the Kawartha Lakes to share their support for the Ross by showing their 'vital signs'. As the WE ARE THE ROSS capital campaign was launched to the public on June 19, signs began popping up on windows, doors and on signposts everywhere. Thank you for sharing the love for our community hospital! It takes everyone to ensure the Ross continues to grow with our population and is equipped to care for patients today and for years to come. Would you like a WE ARE THE ROSS sign to display? 'Sign up' by contacting the Foundation at [foundation@rmh.org](mailto:foundation@rmh.org) or call 705-328-6146.



Needing a gift for someone sweet? Or a hostess gift for a summer gathering? Consider **WE ARE THE ROSS** candy mix! Sold in the Reflections Gift Shop at RMH and at Needful Things (15 Cambridge S., Lindsay), this fun mixture created by Burns Bulk Food is the perfect remedy for any sweet tooth and it supports the WE ARE THE ROSS capital campaign! \$6 and \$12 per bag. **Enjoy — and thank you!**

## Coming Soon!

The RMH Foundation is excited to reveal significant updates to our Donor Recognition Walls this fall!

The new, refreshed donor walls will enable us to expand our recognition program and provide even more opportunities to highlight donors' impact at the Ross and encourage more people to play a role in patient care.

We look forward to sharing updates with our donors in the coming months, complete with pictures and detailed directions to help you find your plaque. Stay tuned!



## Mark your calendar!

The next Thankful Hearts Walk in support of Cardiac and Pulmonary Rehabilitation at RMH takes place **Thursday, October 2 at 1:30pm.**

Has your life been touched by the care you or a loved one has received for a heart or lung condition? Join us!

This fundraising walk around the hospital (the walk is 2km with a shorter option available) brings together rehabilitation patients and alumni, as well as friends and family.

**See you there!**



## Coboconk Lions are Heroes at RMH

The president of the Coboconk and District Lions Club describes it as a small but dedicated group with one goal: to serve the members of the community in the best way they can. The CEO of the RMH Foundation describes them as heroes. On May 29, Lions president Beverley Parsons and fellow members visited RMH to present a donation for \$1,250. "We're so grateful to the Coboconk and District Lions who have been responding to needs in their community and beyond for more than 70 years," said Erin Coons. "Their giving has enhanced care throughout the hospital, from the Dialysis Unit to the O.R. and the Diagnostic Imaging Unit. Today, their donation is supporting expansion in the Emergency Department and ICU as well as other critical hospital projects. The Coboconk Lions are indeed somebody's heroes."



**Back:** Dale Houghton, Elaine Rowden, Dave Parsons, John Byrne, John Krummenacher, Peter Visser, Ted Stone **Middle:** Bill Barber, Liz Cardno, Carol Parsons, Linda Krummenacher, Mary Visser, Pat Stone **Front:** Bev Parsons, Erin Coons



Grand Master Richard Lowery and Treasurer Edgar Carman with Kim Coulter of the RMH Foundation

## Grand Black Knights support Dialysis

Tradition holds great meaning to the Provincial Grand Black Chapter of Eastern Ontario – a Protestant fraternal organization that promotes Christian teachings, community charity and fellowship. Their long tradition of supporting dialysis care is greatly appreciated. On April 24, Grand Master Richard Lowery presented a donation of \$2,000 to Kim Coulter of the RMH Foundation, noting that the Provincial Grand Black Chapter of Eastern Ontario has been supporting patient care through their Dimes for Dialysis fundraiser for 25 years. That marks an entire generation of patients who have been touched by their giving.

## Omeme Swans are Somebody's Hero

The RMH Foundation is honoured to be included in the Omeme Swans' season of giving. On May 29, Darlene Hamilton and Joyce van den Broek of the Omeme Swans visited Ross Memorial to present a \$1,000 donation for the spring appeal. With the theme 'You can be Somebody's Hero', the appeal inspires giving for the hospital's highest priority needs. These include growing critical care capacity in the Emergency Department and ICU; ensuring access to the best diagnostic imaging technology and leading-edge bedside equipment enabling life-saving care... and all of this vital clinical information connected in real time, available to every care provider – and to you – when and where it's needed. The Omeme Swans are a non-profit volunteer group raising funds in and for their community.



Darlene Hamilton (Omeme Swans Treasurer), Erin Coons (Foundation CEO), and Joyce van den Broek (Omeme Swans Secretary)



Len Thornbury attended his last Annual General Meeting as a volunteer member of the Foundation Board of Directors on June 25. Len joined in 2017, playing a role in strategic planning, campaign planning, and the launch of the biggest capital campaign in our hospital's history! Thank you for your exceptional volunteer service, Len.

Health approval in November 2024. The expansion includes an additional Trauma Room with airborne isolation capacity and the creation of a Mental Health Emergency Services Unit where patients in crisis will receive safer and more private care.

We have been honoured to highlight our donors' stories, including the presentation of **King Charles III Coronation Medals** to two members of our donor family: Nancy Hanna, founding member of the Dragon Flies Breast Cancer Survivor Group, and Therese Scheer, whose fundraising events and golf days stretch throughout Kawartha Lakes. Congratulations to all of our community champions!

**We are profoundly grateful to all donors whose giving made it possible for the RMH Foundation to fund \$2,500,000 of hospital needs in 2024/25, and we look forward to a very exciting year ahead!**

**Mona Malcolm Sharman, RMH Foundation Board Chair**  
**Erin Coons, RMH Foundation CEO**

## A Message of Thanks

From the RMH Foundation Board Chair & CEO

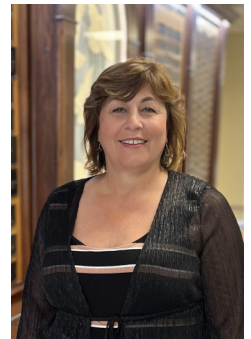
Patients, families, staff and the care team, students and volunteers, donors and the community - your experiences and your unique perspectives are what we mean when we say **WE ARE THE ROSS**. We get better together.

You **transform the patient experience** with your support for advanced technology and medical equipment. You **improve patient care and outcomes** with funding for critical tools that are not covered by government funding. You **grow services and spaces** with gifts for expanded and modernized facilities.

Together, we just publicly launched the **largest capital campaign in our hospital's history**. And we already raised \$21 million of the \$25 million goal! We can all transform care for our growing community.

**Thank you** for your generous response to our spring and holiday appeals. These efforts involved RMH Foundation board members, Erik Ellis and Tim Shauf and their families, whose healthcare experiences and care at the Ross encouraged them to share their stories and inspire support. Together, the **Hometown Hospital – First Rate Care** spring appeal and the **Hopeful Moments** holiday appeal raised \$319,424 for priority projects at the Ross.

These include the **expansion of the community's Emergency Department** – a project that received Ministry of

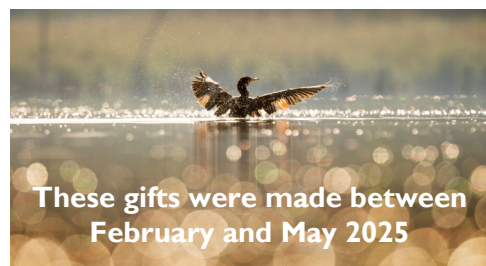




## Given with compassion. Accepted with thanks. Used with care.

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 February and May 2025

Betty Armstrong	Clinton Endicott	John Ley	Glenn Squire
Gordon Bird	Thelma Endicott	Charles Lyons	Percy Steele
Noreen Brasier	Fiore Fattore	Donald MacEachren	William Stewart
Helen Brasier	Betty Ford	Linden Mackey	Larry Stirling
Pauline Brien	Thomas Gould	Shawn Mahaffy	Sharon Stone
Morley Brown	Carol Graham	Blair Malcolm	Ronald Sundberg
Nancy Bryant	Elfriede Hagen	Gail Manning	Pearl Taylor
Charles Butterworth	Mary-Lou Hughes	Gerald McKeown	May Thayer
Dorothy Cameron	Wilma Hyland	Richard McKittrick	Gayle Thorne
Ross Chambers	Lorna Jackett	Eileen Newbigging	Glen Tracey
Margaret Chessar	Carol Jerome	Christopher Norman	Bryan Vernon
Bill Chirpaugh	Catherine Junkin	Helen O'Neill	Ann Walden
William Clarkson	Lorne Keeler	Shirley Penney	Margaret White
Robert Coles	Douglas Kelly	Kathryn Pett	Vivian Wilson
William Couvier	Cheryl Kennedy	Thomas Porter	Vera Wood
Dale Drake	Jhong-Jai Kim	Oswald Schaller	Paul Wooldridge
Edith Eastman	Beverley Lalonde	Ruby Slute	Swetlana Woytowich
Elinor Ellis	Kathleen Lawrence	Ann Smith	



### 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:

Josef & Annette Aigner

Aaron Shaw's Birthday

25 years of RMH service celebrations for Dr. Beverley Badcock, Dr. Bruno Helt, Julie Huschilt, Maryann Schneider and Amy Stinson

40 years of RMH service celebration for Dr. Graham Loeb

### We respect your privacy

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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Dr. Azhar Syed practised in Kawartha Lakes until his passing in April 2020.

### Introducing the

## Dr. Azhar Syed Memorial Golf Tournament

The family of the late Dr. Azhar Syed is organizing special event to honour a man who dedicated his life to helping others.

Dr. Syed was an Internal Medicine Specialist who practised in Lindsay and cared for patients in Ross Memorial's Intensive Care Unit for many years. He passed away in April of 2020. Due to the pressures of the pandemic, it was impossible to gather family, friends and colleagues for a large memorial service.

Focusing on the people and places that made him the happiest, his family chose to celebrate his life with a memorial golf tournament at his favourite course and with his favourite people gathered together.

The tournament is set to take place on Sunday, September 14 at Oliver's Nest Golf Course in Oakwood. Dr. Syed was a founding member at Oliver's Nest, where he taught his children to play golf.

Funds raised through the Dr. A. A. Syed Memorial Golf Tournament will support the future expansion and modernization of Ross Memorial's ICU.

For more information about the tournament, contact Imran Syed at [isyed@qmed.ca](mailto:isyed@qmed.ca).



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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 \_\_\_\_\_ Summer25

☐ 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 # \_\_\_\_\_

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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](http://www.rmh.org/foundation).

**Thank you!**