

# CARING TIMES

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*Providing Growth for the Future*



## DONALD B. GREEN DEDICATION CEREMONY

On September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020, Shirley Green, friends, family members, representatives of Brockville General Hospital (BGH) and the Brockville and District Hospital Foundation (BDHF), gathered for a dedication ceremony at BGH's new patient tower to recognize local business man and philanthropist, Donald B. Green. The dedication of the tower was due to a recent generous donation of \$2 million made by the Don & Shirley Green Family Charitable Donation to the BDHF. In turn, the BDHF, and BGH, recognized Don Green's generous contribution to the hospital, and to the community, by naming the patient tower after him. Don Green passed away in 2016 and the tower naming was a fitting tribute, for a fitting man.

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A gift to BDHF helps to ensure your hospital has the resources to provide quality care.

### YOUR DONATION MAKES A DIFFERENCE!

To learn more about how you can support your community hospital, please contact:

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## BOARD CORNER

## UNDER ONE ROOF CAMPAIGN TO DONALD B. GREEN TOWER

*Celebrating Success – Expressing our Thanks*

There is so much for the Brockville and District Hospital Foundation to be thankful for — the historic opening of the new Donald B. Green tower at Brockville General Hospital, the culmination of the very generous spirit of the elected leaders, citizens, and many businesses of Brockville and area.

On October 24, 2020 the Donald B. Green tower of Brockville General Hospital received patients from the Garden Street site — formerly St. Vincent de Paul Hospital, who will now be “Under One Roof” to receive care in this new state-of-the-art medical facility. With this milestone realized, it is important to look back, reflect upon our success and thank those who were so critical to our unprecedented achievement.

While this capital project was years in the planning — it was in February 2017, that the Foundation embarked upon the largest campaign in the history of Brockville and area to raise the \$20 million local share for this \$178 million dollar project. Thanks to the leadership of BDHF board members, whose decisions over many years ensured significant funds were available to immediately direct to the campaign.

Our heartfelt appreciation is extended to Mary Jean McFall and David Beatty who agreed to serve as co-chairs of the Under One Roof campaign. We could not have been in a better position with two such highly respected and passionate advocates for the redevelopment campaign. They assembled a cabinet comprised of individuals from Brockville and the surrounding area who were instrumental in planning for and achieving success.

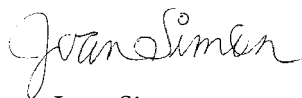
An important first step in achieving our goal was the positive responses from Brockville City Council with a donation of \$4.76 million and from the Counties Council of the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville with a commitment of \$2.15 million — we thank them for their vision, leadership and commitment — ensuring all citizens would have access to the best health care possible long into the future.

The Cabinet then turned to individuals and businesses from Brockville and area who stepped up giving so generously in support of Under One Roof — allowing us to reach our goal.

The culmination of this campaign was the dedication of the new tower, in memory and recognition of Donald B. Green. The philanthropy and generosity shown by Don & Shirley Green has had immeasurable impact on the lives of so many, both through their support of Brockville General Hospital and other important causes locally and globally.



Marilies Rettig  
Chair



Joan Simon  
Executive Director



*Farewell  
and  
Welcome*

On Tuesday, September 22nd, the Brockville & District Hospital Foundation (BDHF) held its Annual General Membership meeting.

At that meeting, the BDHF Board bade Board Member, Mary Lynn O'Shaughnessy a fond farewell after six-years of sitting on the Board.

Also at that meeting, the BDHF Board welcomed new Board Members, Tom O'Shaughnessy and Brian Normandin.



## Brockville and District Hospital Foundation 2020 Annual Appeal

Brockville General Hospital (BGH) strives to provide an excellent patient experience by utilizing the latest state-of-the-art equipment, technologies and techniques.

This year, the Foundation's goal is to raise \$140,000 to purchase a new Yttrium Aluminum Garnet (YAG) laser for BGH's Surgical Services' Ophthalmology Department. A YAG laser is used to provide treatments for a variety of eye diseases, such as glaucoma and cataracts.

The Annual Appeal runs from Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> to Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

***Your support would be very much appreciated!***

Help us to sustain these important services and keep this care close to home. By supporting this year's Annual Appeal in support of the Brockville General Hospital, your gift directly sustains and serves the healthcare needs of our families, friends and neighbours throughout Leeds and Grenville.

Please complete and return your donation form, using the enclosed self-addressed envelope. Or, you may visit the Foundation's website at [www.bdhfoundation.com](http://www.bdhfoundation.com) to make an online donation. Thank you for your continued generosity. We hope we can count on your support. ***Your donation will make the difference!***

Sincerely,

Marilies Rettig, Board Chair  
Brockville and District Hospital Foundation

Ophthalmologist Dr. Kevin Leonard, shares with us why the YAG Laser tool is a vital equipment item needed at Brockville General Hospital.

*"The YAG laser is a critical tool for the ophthalmologist to provide treatments for a variety of eye diseases.*

*It allows for quick, safe treatment of various types of glaucoma and certain conditions related to cataract surgery.*

*It is also needed to treat certain eye emergencies, including attacks of high eye pressure. These procedures were once complex surgeries in the operating room and are now done using this clinic based device in a much safer and straightforward way."*



Dr. Kevin Leonard  
Ophthalmologist





# Doing Things a Different Way...

## FRIENDS OF PALLIATIVE CARE GOLF DAYS

Friends of Palliative Care Golf Tournament raised

SEPTEMBER 1  
TUESDAY | 2020

**\$177,350**

SEPTEMBER 2  
WEDNESDAY | 2020



### FRIENDS OF PALLIATIVE CARE GOLF TOURNAMENT MORPHS INTO GOLF DAYS

The Friends of Palliative Care Golf planning committee changed up their event due to COVID restrictions and successfully held a two-day Golf Days for its supporters. While the sit-down dinner, shotgun scramble and live auction was put aside for this year, the event still raised \$177,350 for Brockville General Hospital's Palliative Care Program. The Foundation heard many compliments concerning the safety and how the event was executed. Our hats are off to the event's planning committee!

### INFUSION PUMP CAMPAIGN GETS A BOOST FROM GRENVILLE MUTUAL INSURANCE



*Pictured here in front of Brockville General Hospital's new main entrance are (l-r): Ruth Lockett, Board Member for Grenville Mutual Insurance presents Marilies Rettig, BDHF Board Chair with a cheque for a new Infusion Pump for Brockville General Hospital.*

For more information on the Infusion Pump Campaign, please contact the Foundation office at 613-345-4478.

*Your Donation Makes a Difference!*

### VIRTUAL HEART & SOLSTICE EVENT – JUNE 18<sup>TH</sup>

What do community minded individuals do during these strange times when physical distancing and social gatherings are not permitted? They think outside the box and decide that an annual event will take place virtually instead! Thanks to the planning committee of the Heart & Solstice Event that is exactly what they did in a very short amount of time. With today's technology, some perseverance, and a significant number of donors/supporters over \$30,000 was raised for Brockville General Hospital's Cardiac Rehabilitation Program. Thank you to all who made this virtual event possible.



*Pictured Top l-r: Joan Simon, Executive Director, BDHF, Sherri Fournier Hudson, Heart & Sol Sponsorship Committee Co-Chair, Travis Coughlin, BGH, Kinesiologist with BGH's Cardiac Rehabilitation Program and Tom O'Shaughnessy Heart & Solstice Sponsorship Committee Co-Chair during a Zoom videotaping.*

## Donor Spotlight

### Catherine and John Macdonald

**D**onors, like Catherine and John Macdonald are making a difference every day. Without their support, our work wouldn't be possible.

Recently, during the 2020 Tim Hortons Smile Cookie Campaign, Catherine and John Macdonald arranged with the BDHF to donate 750 Smile Cookies to Retirement Residences and Long Term Care Facilities in Leeds & Grenville. The BDHF spoke with Catherine and John to ask them about why they supported this initiative.



#### WHAT MADE YOU DECIDE TO DONATE TIM HORTONS SMILE COOKIES TO THE AREA RETIREMENT RESIDENCES AND LONG TERM CARE FACILITIES?

Thinking of all of our valuable seniors who have faced isolation during this health crisis is heartbreaking. It is so important to reach out in the ways possible to let them know that they are loved and valued. Collectively we have to work harder to provide safe and loving places for the residents of the homes in our communities. A cookie is such a small and simple thing to let them know they are thought of.

#### IN THE PAST, YOU HAVE DONATED TO THE BROCKVILLE AND DISTRICT HOSPITAL FOUNDATION, IN SUPPORT OF BGH. WHY IS SUPPORTING THE FOUNDATION AND BGH IMPORTANT TO YOU?

We feel passionately about supporting BGH and the invaluable work the Foundation does for our hospital and the community. As the town's largest employer BGH is the heartbeat of our community and essential in every stage of our lives. As a proud Board Member of the hospital I have had the good fortune to watch the dedication and hard work that goes into managing the complexities of the hospital. BGH is supported by the finest and most dedicated professionals that we have seen in our careers, working every day to deliver the best in care to each and every patient who walks through the doors of our hospital.



*Pictured are several residents from Mapleview Lodge in Athens, ON enjoying their Smile Cookies.*

#### IS THERE ANYTHING YOU WOULD LIKE TO ADD?

We respect the hard work and commitment that happens each and every day by dedicated staff and volunteers at the BGH Foundation. We are so fortunate to have an incredible MPP championing our cause at Queens Park, but we are one of many hospitals in the province. It is only through donations, fundraising and legacies that new and replacement equipment can be supplied to provide the best in care for the many patients who seek care at BGH.

*Pictured in front of BGH's Emergency Department (l-r) are: Jennifer Clarke, BGH RN for the Emergency Department; Nicole Valade, BGH Manager of Critical Care Programs; Natasha Avis and Shane Joyce, Owners of Tim Hortons Brockville locations.*



## Partner Spotlight

THIS YEAR'S TIM HORTONS  
SMILE COOKIE RAISED

**\$28,244**

**FOR BROCKVILLE GENERAL HOSPITAL**





# The Giving Continues...



*Pictured (l-r) Stuart Birnie, David Beatty, Campaign Co-Chair; Stephen Birnie, Joan Simon Executive Director (BDHF) and Ted MacMillan.*



THE BROCKVILLE AND DISTRICT HOSPITAL FOUNDATION, AND THE UNDER ONE ROOF CAMPAIGN CABINET, IS VERY APPRECIATIVE OF THE MANY PEOPLE WHO BY THEIR DEDICATED EFFORTS AND GENEROUS GIFTS MADE THE NEW PATIENT TOWER A REALITY.



*Pictured (l-r) Meredith Gorrell, Campaign Coordinator; Leo Chaput, Marel Contractors Ottawa District Manager, and Joan Simon BDHF Executive Director.*



*Mary Jean and Ian McFall (centre), are pictured at the redevelopment model room with campaign co-chair, David Beatty (left), and with BDHF Executive Director, Joan Simon (far right).*



*This donation was made in memory of David Mackenzie, husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather to those pictured (l-r) Sam Pollock Jr, Randy Brotto, Katherine Pollock, Karen Jackson, Marilyn Mackenzie, Laurel Mackenzie, David Beatty, Campaign Co-chair, Ken Mackenzie, James Pollock, Frank Rosso and Ève Rosso.*



# The Donald B. Green Tower Opens



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[ UPCOMING EVENTS ]

## THE FOUNDATION IS ON THE MOVE...



**YOU CAN NOW FIND US IN THE DONALD B. GREEN TOWER  
IMMEDIATELY BEFORE THE INFORMATION DESK.**



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