



Donations will help buy a digital upgrade for the Durham Hospital's X-Ray equipment. Funds may also help purchase a new CT scanner, to be shared by SBGHC sites.



The Durham Medical Clinic will be getting a new Kids' Room soon! This gift is from the Estate of Malcolm Price. Clinic staff and doctors are very appreciative.

Boots and Bling Gala

October 20, 5:30– 1 a.m.

'Country Glam'
Dinner and Dance
Info on webpage!

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GERDA MEYERINK— DEDICATED DONOR

When young, Gerda lived in Holland with her husband Henk, a skilled baker.

When Henk had to leave his profession for his health, the family decided to come to Canada where he could start his own business.

Arriving in Drayton in 1953, they found old friends, Henk and Jean Koeslag near Durham and followed them to the area a year later.

Henk was soon able to purchase a chicken farm on Hwy 6, south of Durham.

Bev and Diane Neff lived nearby and Bev became quite close, helping out whenever he could. This friendship meant a lot to Gerda and Henk. With no

siblings or children, being able to count on friends was important.

They travelled though the US and Canada, visiting every state and British Columbia several times. They loved camping trips to truly 'see' the countries. They also visited Australia and New Zealand.

In 2010, Gerda fell while shopping in Owen Sound, hitting her head quite hard. She was eventually sent to London with a serious concussion, where she stayed for several weeks.

When Gerda came home, Henk found it difficult to care for her and run the farm. Gerda moved to Serenity Place in 2011



and Henk joined her there in 2012. After Henk passed away in 2014 Bev Neff began taking care of Gerda. Bev's daughter Andrea now helps care for Gerda— a family tradition!

The Foundation appreciates Gerda's generous support for the Durham Hospital. She is grateful for the care she receives, and says it is important to support and keep our local hospital.

NEW EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT ENTRANCE FOR AMBULANCES



The Emergency Department at the Durham Hospital is getting a much-needed renovation! Right now, all emergency room patients-walk-ins, assisted and those arriving by ambulance- use the same entrance.

This can cause congestion in the narrow doorway and expose a patient's private trauma to others.

And sadly, if a patient passes away in the hospital, the same doorway is used for their departure.

This situation has bothered staff for a long time. It is not only a privacy concern, it can be upsetting to patients, family and visitors.

Thanks to a recent \$10,000 grant from Trillium Mutual Insurance, a new entry was

installed in 2017. A driveway and canopy will be installed in Summer 2018, creating a separate ambulance entrance.

The Foundation is hoping to raise \$40,000 to complete this project.

Corporate and private donations are welcome. Several opportunities for recognition are available.

Please be generous and help provide better access! Your family and friends will benefit from your gift.

NEW JOB, FAMILIAR FACE - LEE-ANN NEELANDS, DURHAM HOSPITAL CLINICAL LEAD

Congratulations to Lee-Ann on her recent promotion! After 27 years as a Registered Nurse at the Durham Hospital, she is the new Clinical Lead.

For 14 years, she also worked in the surgical and emergency departments in Owen Sound and all areas in the Walkerton Hospital, gaining skill and experience.

She has worked at the Durham Hospital exclusively for 13 years and has extra training in trauma and emergency nursing, advanced cardiovascular life support, coronary care and neo-natal and pediatric care.

Lee-Ann feels strongly about supporting the hospital 'family' or team at Durham. The cohesiveness among the staff not only adds to quality patient

care, but builds a strong health care team that can count on and support each other.

With such a strong background in nursing, Lee-Ann works as an extra set of hands when needed, consults with the medical staff and diffuses situations, as they arise.

She works hard to develop and maintain a good relationship with patients and staff, creating a positive and caring environment.

Lee-Ann lives near Holland Centre with husband Todd; they have been married for 27 years and have 2 adult daughters.

Lee-Ann loves country living and enjoys her downtime too. She keeps up with a large perennial



garden, plays ball and darts, enjoys both Nordic and Alpine skiing and running.

Lee-Ann appreciates the work of the Foundation, seeing them as part of the hospital 'family'!

THANK YOU AND FAREWELL- CHARMAINE OWENS RETIRES FROM FOUNDATION BOARD



After many years of service Charmaine will be retiring on May 24th.

She spent many years as a Director and Chair on the Durham

Memorial Hospital Board, then joined the Foundation to help keep this hospital viable and vibrant.

Charmaine is retiring as President after seven years on the Board and is confident she is leaving it in good hands with a strong Board.

She was involved in the fight to save Durham Hospital from closure, meeting with Ministry of Health

officials alongside several others. She was also on the Task Force creating the amalgamation of four hospitals, forming South Bruce Grey Health Centre. This change saved many hundreds of thousands of dollars over twenty years and was a model to the rest of Ontario.

Charmaine is most proud of the annual hospital Gala, raising \$220,000 over seven years! She Chaired six of the seven events and is Co-Chair of the 2018 event.

Charmaine watched as the number of local doctors grew from four to seven and is helping to apply for an eighth doctor, needed as the West Grey population grows.

Charmaine and her husband Ray owned and operated the Durham

Home Hardware from 1985-1997. A former banker, she returned to TD as a financial advisor after the sale of the business.

Charmaine hopes to see the Foundation continue to grow and flourish, supporting the Durham Hospital as it becomes a Centre of Excellence for senior and family health care.

She is looking forward to spending more time with her two adult children and two hockey-playing grandsons.

She thanks all those who have worked together over the years to make the hospital a better, stronger place. We thank you so much, Charmaine!

NEW CARDIAC DEFIBRILLATORS SAVE LIVES WHEN SECONDS COUNT!



Thanks to generous donors, the Foundation recently purchased two Zoll Cardiac Defibrillators for the Durham Hospital. One unit will remain in the Emergency Department and one will be used wherever needed in the hospital.

These new models have many advantages. The pads will monitor heart activity as well as deliver shocks. Illustrated for easy landmarking and placement, they remain in place when delivering a shock.

A display tells users the correct depth and rate of compressions when applying CPR. The unit records and provide a print out, great for training purposes and for rhythm and drug changes.

The units monitor blood pressure and oxygen levels and can 'see' the patient's heart activity and the CPR rates at the same time.

Because the monitor can detect both rhythms, no time is wasted in delivering a needed shock. The units are easily transferred with the patient for travel.

What does this mean for the patient? Having these units handy and staff skilled in using them can make the difference between life and death! The advantages:

- * Saves time in treatment
- * Allows more effective CPR
- * Saves more lives!

Thank you for your generosity!

THE 'CHARITY CHILD'— YOUR COMMUNITY AS PART OF YOUR FAMILY

When thinking about preparing a Will most individuals divide their estate among their immediate family. They want to be sure that they can provide for the needs of their loved ones. But what people may not consider are the possible tax consequences to this decision.

Ask yourself, "If you had a choice to give a portion of your estate to the government in tax or leave a gift to a charity, which one would you prefer?"

The answer is probably obvious, but it might still be difficult to know how to make the gift a reality. One creative way to give to charity is to include a 'Charity Child' in your Will planning.

Some worry that the tax burden placed on their estate will prevent their children from inheriting all that they should. Some feel it's not their problem — "the children will work it

out."

Including a 'Charity Child' could be of real benefit to those who are interested in providing for their loved ones, leaving a legacy to their community and limiting their estate to the exposure of estate taxes.

Here's an example: Through careful estate planning a family with three children divides their estate into quarters, leaving the last quarter to go to not-for-profits or charities that have touched their lives.

Upon the passing of both parents, the Will outlines that each child will receive one quarter of their parents' estate. The fourth quarter is dedicated to the 'Charity Child' and directed to the causes that are dearest to their hearts.

By placing a charitable bequest in one's Will, the estate will benefit



and receive a charitable tax receipt for the gift. This will help to offset any taxes payable to the government.

The children will still receive the portion of the estate generously left for them as well. What is also very important is that the children can celebrate their parents' legacy of making a difference in the community through their philanthropic dreams.

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I would like to make a gift of: \$25 \$50 \$100 \$200 \$250 \$500 or \$ _____

Name: _____ Town: _____ Postal Code: _____

Address (1): _____ Phone #: _____

Address (2): _____ E-mail: _____

Cheque (payable to Durham & Community Health Care Foundation) or credit card

Name: _____ Card #: ____/____/____/____ Exp date: ____/____

Have you considered making Monthly Gifts? Here are a few great reasons:

- **Save time, postage and effort- be part of an exclusive group**
- **Get one receipt a year for easy tax filing- cancel or make changes at any time**
- **No gift is too small - budgeting is easy on a fixed income**

I authorize Durham and Community Health Care Foundation to deduct \$20 \$25 \$50 or \$ _____ on the 1st 15th or 30th of each month. I've enclosed a blank cheque marked "VOID". **OR**

I authorize Durham and Community Health Care Foundation to charge \$ _____ to my credit card (please add card information above) on the 1st 15th or 30th of each month.

Signature: _____

Upcoming Events

'We Love Our Donors'

**June 2, 2018 @10 a.m.
Durham Hospital Link**

Please join Foundation Directors in thanking generous donors for their cumulative and 2017 gifts.

Names will be added to the Recognition Walls for Milestone and Memorial Gifts
~Light refreshments will be served.

RSVP 519-369-2340 x 5267 or
e: durhamfoundation@sbghc.on.ca



SCRUBS & SCOPES

June 16, 2018 1p.m.

Highland Glen Golf Course, Priceville

Annual Fundraising Golf Tournament
Proceeds to the Durham Hospital

\$130*/pp or \$500/team

* Fee Receives Partial Tax Receipt

Golf, Cart, Dinner, Games, Prizes!

Call 519-369-2340 x 5267

