

This is our cancer.

This is our cause.



\$21 Million Raised!

You've done something remarkable for cancer care!



In 2021, we launched *Our Cancer Campaign* with an ambitious \$20 million goal to bring our hospital system, the R.S. McLaughlin Durham Regional Cancer Centre, and its supporting departments to the next echelon of cancer care.

What's happened since has been an undeniable force of generosity. In three short years, your support has helped us exceed this goal and raise an incredible \$21 million to invest in every facet of cancer care, including advancements in diagnostics, laboratory, pathology, surgery, treatment, education, and technology.

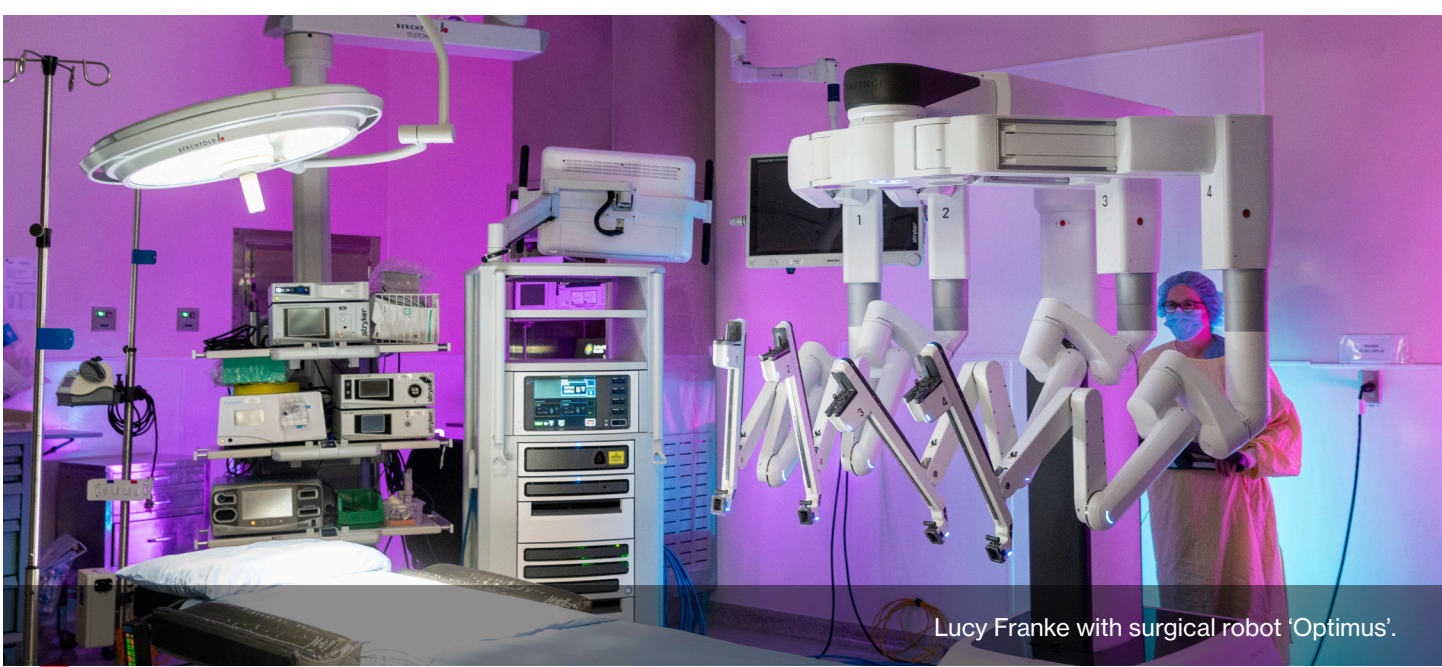
Countless stories of compassionate care, recovery and even loss inspired thousands of you to donate and invest in cancer care at Lakeridge Health creating significant impact at our Oshawa Hospital, the Jerry Coughlan Health & Wellness Centre in Pickering, and beyond.

Your support has made the dreams of our experts a reality. In three short years, cutting-edge technology has been announced and funded in record time and I hope you'll read on in this newsletter to learn how your gifts are revolutionizing cancer care in this community.

The culmination of *Our Cancer Campaign* doesn't mark the end of our journey. Instead, it's the beginning of something truly remarkable. Through your generous donations, and the establishment of endowment funds, we will continue to support cancer care in perpetuity.

On behalf of our Board of Directors, volunteers, staff and physicians, thank you for changing lives today, tomorrow and for generations to come.

Yves Gadler
CEO, Lakeridge Health Foundation



Lucy Franke with surgical robot 'Optimus'.

Your Incredible Impact

Establishing the
Centre of Excellence
in Robotic Surgery

In 2023, we welcomed the da Vinci Surgical Robot to our Oshawa Hospital to transform cancer surgery for urology, gynecology, thoracic and colorectal patients.

Robotic surgery drastically improves patient experience, decreases readmission rates and has already attracted new talented robotic surgeons to our Hospital. The robotic system offers surgeons unparalleled control just an arm's length away from patients.

Real-time high definition 3D imaging and four arms with 360 degree ranges of motion move in ways the human body simply cannot. Patients benefit from less blood loss, safer surgeries, faster recovery and shorter stays in hospital.

In the first year of operation, the surgical team has completed over 300 robotic surgeries, surpassing their original goal! Thank you to our Campaign donors for bringing the future of surgical care to our community.



"I've had more than my fair share of PET-CT scans. The news that patients like me won't have to travel into the city for this part of treatment is amazing to hear! It's been an honour to be part of this Campaign and help spread the word about the impact of your support. On behalf of my family – thank you so much!"

—Marc, Patient

"I was so amazed with the care and treatment available to me at the R.S. McLaughlin Durham Regional Cancer Centre and so thankful for the staff for their support, understanding, and advice. It was a blessing to have that level of care so close to home. My amazement continued when I became part of *Our Cancer Campaign* and saw how community support can truly transform patient care. From my family to yours – thank you for your gifts to Lakeridge Health Foundation."

—Hira, Patient





Ron Burke, Cindy Davis, Dr. Geoff Donsky, Wilson Yiu, Lisa Cochrane, Yves Gadler, Dr. Michael Kwan (front)

Game-Changing Cancer Care

Bringing PET-CT Technology to Oshawa

Lakeridge Health will soon provide innovative PET-CT scans for cancer patients. A fusion of positron emission tomography (PET) and computed tomography (CT), this technology will provide highly sensitive, detailed, three-dimensional scans that determine important information about a patient's cancer.

The addition of PET-CT technology will revolutionize our ability to detect and monitor cancer, determine the

size, location, and stage of a patient's cancer, and the exact area to biopsy. It will also provide our medical professionals with better insights into treatment and response.

Currently, around 30 patients per week are being sent outside Durham Region to receive PET-CT scans as part of their cancer diagnosis and treatment. Soon, patients will be able to have these scans at Lakeridge Health ensuring the best, most advanced care is available close to home.

And So Much More!

Since the launch of *Our Cancer Campaign* in 2021, your donations have helped us invest in every facet of cancer care from the laboratory and imaging suites to operating rooms, treatment areas, research and education. Newly funded equipment and capital upgrades you made possible through your Campaign donations include but are not limited to:

- 50 Smart Pumps to support chemotherapy and other treatments
- 5 Treatment chairs in the chemotherapy suite to boost patient experience
- 4 Phlebotomy Chairs to improve comfort during bloodwork
- 2 Gynecological Exam Beds for the Gynecologic Oncology Centre
- MyoSure Unit to drastically improve women's health care and cancer detection
- Linear Accelerator that provides critical radiation therapy
- Automated Stainers that help diagnose and stage cancer
- Operating Room renovations to support minimally invasive surgery
- Mammogram Biopsy Procedure Table in the Breast Assessment Centre
- Ultrasound System for Interventional Radiology
- Portable Echo Machine to care for patients at the bedside
- Bladder Scanner to support radiation therapy
- Vein Finder for systemic therapy staff to assist their patients
- Surgical Camera Hardware and Software Upgrades to enhance HD images
- Colposcope to help detect cervical cancer

Cancer affects everyone. And that's certainly had an effect on us all.

On behalf of the thousands of cancer patients and their families who rely on our hospital system, and the expert teams who care for them, thank you! You were inspired by their stories, impressed by their expertise and moved to make an investment in Lakeridge Health's vision. By pooling our philanthropy and injecting it into our leading cancer programs and experts, we are changing the course of this disease.

This is Our Cancer. Our Success. Our Future.

Campaign Stats

Wow! We did it—and more!

\$20¹ MILLION
Raised *Thank you!*

24,362
Gifts

12,029
Donors

138
Events

Cancer Impact

211,964
Cancer Centre
visits annually

7,000
New cancer
patients
each year

21,270
Cancer related
imaging procedures
annually

21,767
Mammograms
annually

7,800
Radiation treatments
provided by the new
linear accelerator
in its first year

300+
Robotic surgeries
in the first year

38,000
Tissue samples
diagnosed each year



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