



DONOR IMPACT NEWSLETTER

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FEARLESS SPIRIT, LASTING LEGACY

What does it mean to leave a legacy? For Sandra Jack, it meant creating a future where her compassion would continue changing lives for generations to come.

In 2026, Lakeridge Health Foundation learned of Sandra's legacy gift through her Will. In a final act of extraordinary generosity, she ensured she could continue to shape care in our community through a remarkable \$500,000 legacy gift to Lakeridge Health Foundation to support cancer care at Lakeridge Health.

Diagnosed with breast cancer in 2017, Sandra's journey brought her to the R.S. McLaughlin Durham Regional Cancer Centre (DRCC) where she formed a special bond with her oncologist, Dr. Leta Forbes.

"Sandra's support is incredibly meaningful and very touching," shared Dr. Forbes. "Her gift is going to have an incredible impact on cancer care at our Hospital and will benefit so many people."

Sandra was known for her spirit of generosity. In 2021, she completed the CN Tower EdgeWalk with Dr. Forbes and a close friend, raising more than \$15,000 for cancer care. In 2022, she hoped to complete the EdgeWalk again but sadly, Sandra passed away just one month before the event.

To honour her memory, the EdgeWalk went ahead, bringing the two-year fundraising total to more than \$30,000. And now, Sandra's incredible legacy gift will ensure that future patients and families will benefit from the same compassionate, high-quality care she received.

Creating your own legacy is easier than you think. To learn more contact Adrienne Burns at 905-576-8711 ext. 32784 or visit www.MyLakeridgeLegacy.com.

Supporting Care Close to Home

Behind every milestone at Lakeridge Health is a story of a community coming together to support one another. Whether it's funding new equipment, enhancing patient care, or supporting priority initiatives, donor support is making a meaningful difference for patients and families close to home.

Thank you for standing with us as we continue to invest in better care today and for generations to come. Together, we are building a healthier future for Durham Region.

Yves Gadler
Chief Executive Officer
Lakeridge Health Foundation

PEDALING WITH PURPOSE



This past May, the Foundations of Lakeridge Health hosted *RBC Ride for the 'Ridge*, a cycling event in support of our hospitals across Durham Region. Despite the rainy weather, our incredible volunteers, sponsors, and supporters joined a record 437 riders at Ajax Downs and raised more than \$313,000 for local health care.

This year's event also introduced a new 10 KM route, welcoming more than 100 riders of all ages and abilities! Families also enjoyed the Owasco Family Fun Zone, proudly sponsored by Owasco RV and The Bob & Sue Verwey Foundation.

The event would not have been possible without presenting sponsor RBC, our many generous community partners, volunteers, and of course, donors like you!

Proceeds from *Ride for the 'Ridge* will help fund state-of-the-art equipment, capital upgrades, educational opportunities, and research initiatives across the entire Lakeridge Health system, helping strengthen care close to home.

To learn about how you can get involved while supporting Lakeridge Health, visit www.LHFoundation.ca!



RECOGNIZING COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Launch For Care

We were honoured to be the charitable recipient for the inaugural *Launch For Care Invitational* and Long Drive Competition, which took place in July at the Royal Ashburn Golf Club. Thank you to presenting sponsor Ascendance Foundry and other generous community champions that supported this event, raising nearly \$16,000 to support the future new Whitby Hospital!

A Sweet Success

In April, the Tim Hortons location at the Oshawa Hospital raised funds for Lakeridge Health Foundation through the 2026 Tim Hortons Smile Cookie Campaign! Over \$6,600 was raised to support the Regional Stroke Program at Lakeridge Health.



Considering an event or fundraiser to support local health care? Contact Rebekah McMillan at [905-576-8711](tel:905-576-8711) ext. 34315 or rmcmillan@lh.ca today!

IMPACT UPDATE: CT SCANNER



Thank You for Helping Our Experts See Clearer!

Thanks to your generosity, a brand new CT scanner arrived at the Oshawa Hospital this Spring. Our teams were buzzing with excitement as the new machine was pushed through the doors of the Diagnostic Imaging department, replacing the existing unit that was well-used by thousands of patients over the past decade.

Countless patients who visit the Oshawa Hospital, in nearly every department, rely on CT scans as part of their diagnosis and treatment. You may remember hearing from Morgan, a young mother who stepped forward last winter to share her story. Morgan courageously shared how her cancer journey depended on the clarity and precision of this imaging, and inspired our donor community to make a difference.

Computed tomography scans, or CT scans, provide detailed images of the body that act as essential tools for our medical experts. CT scanners are the most heavily utilized pieces of equipment at the Oshawa Hospital with over 30,000 scans performed last year, and numbers expected to increase as our community grows.

“The arrival of the new CT scanner is incredibly exciting for our team, and more importantly, for our patients,” explained Dr. Ghassan Awad Elkarim, Chief of Diagnostic Imaging and Medical Director of Diagnostic Services. “Having this state-of-the-art-technology in place so quickly means we can improve access to timely, high-quality imaging, which is critical for accurate diagnosis and treatment planning.”

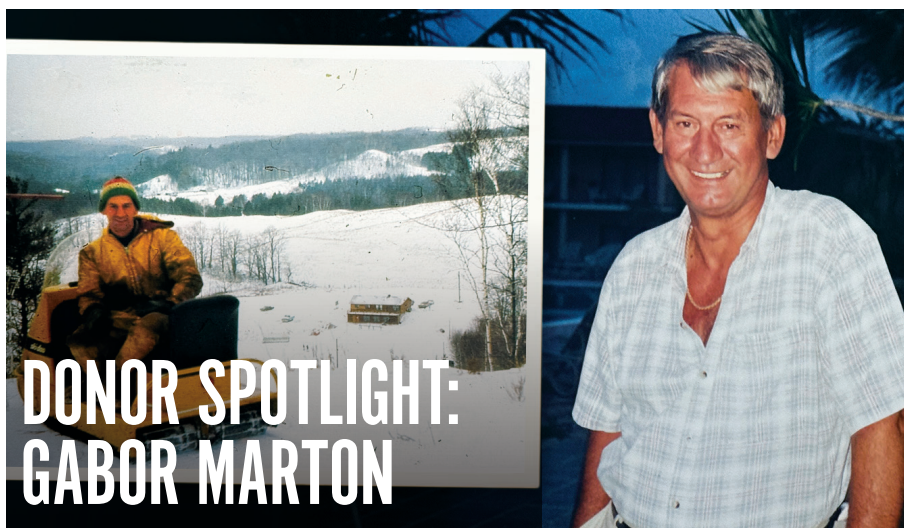
This replacement CT scanner will help our medical teams deliver answers

quickly, start treatment sooner, and give patients the best possible chance at recovery. It provides sharper, more detailed imaging for the most accurate diagnoses, AI-assisted technology that will help our radiologists pinpoint issues faster and enable quicker scan times to help keep up with growing demand.

“We are deeply grateful to our donors for making this possible,” Dr. Elkarim shared. “Your generosity directly translates into better care for patients and supports our ability to provide high-quality diagnostic services close to home.”

Whether a cancer patient like Morgan is waiting for treatment results, a child is in our emergency department with a broken arm, or a loved one is experiencing a stroke, countless lives are impacted by the arrival of the new CT scanner and your generosity.

On behalf of our staff, the Diagnostic Imaging team, and most importantly, our patients, thank you for your support in bringing this life-saving equipment to Oshawa!



Gabor Marton built his life around helping others, and his transformational legacy gift to Lakeridge Health Foundation will continue that spirit for generations to come.

"His legacy was to help people," shares Eva, Gabor's friend of nearly 60 years. "That's what he spent his whole life doing - helping people and making them happy."

Before his passing, Gabor asked Eva to help with his estate planning and thoughtfully considered how he could continue helping others. Because their families rely on the hospital for care, he chose to support Lakeridge Health Foundation through a gift in his Will,

supporting the new CT Scanner and the Lakeridge Health-Grandview Kids partnership that provides anesthesia-supported care to children and youth.

"Children were such a big part of his life," Eva says. "He'd be very happy and proud to support this."

Having built Dagmar Ski Resort from the ground up, Gabor spent many years bringing joy to families across Durham Region. "Dagmar was everything for him," shared Eva. "He built it for the people."

To read more about Gabor and learn about creating your own legacy, visit www.MyLakeridgeLegacy.com.

Thank you for your support – Connect with us!

Have a story to share?

We'd love to hear it. Contact Leah at lpearson@lh.ca or **905-576-8711 ext. 33139**.



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CIRCLE OF GRATITUDE



The CAIP Team

The Oshawa Child & Adolescent Inpatient Program (CAIP) Team was recently recognized by a grateful family for the exceptional care, compassion, and kindness they provided to a loved one.



Whitby Gratitude Wall

A new Gratitude Wall was recently unveiled at the Whitby Hospital, highlighting recognitions made through the Circle of Gratitude program. Located near the Tea Room, it creates a meaningful space to showcase the compassion and dedication that staff provide every day.

Did you receive exceptional care from Lakeridge Health staff or volunteers? Learn how you can share your gratitude at www.CircleofGratitude.ca!