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The Foundation Connection Strong Foundation, Strong Hospital



The Chemistry Analyzer in the lab works 24/7 to get patients like Maren the test results they need to feel better soon!



Care Matters in Big Ways and Little Ways

For families of all shapes and sizes having healthcare close to home matters, but for those with younger members having both up-to-date medical equipment and compassionate, professional care means just a little bit more. Mom, Emily Chester, had an experience bringing her 3 year old daughter, Maren, to the hospital. They received both excellent medical treatment and the above and beyond care our small, local hospital is known for.

"My daughter wasn't feeling great in the middle of the night, so luckily I could take her just up the road to the Wingham emergency room where we had the greatest experience with the staff and Dr. Puntillo.

He ran some tests and a chest x-ray. We brought along her stuffy sloth

for comfort and to keep her calm. When Dr. Puntillo was checking her out, she lifted up Slothy, and said, "Slothy, too?" Dr. Puntillo was amazing. He played along and checked out Slothy too assuring Maren that Slothy was ok and healthy.

Even though it was the middle of the night, he and the other staff took the time to do those little extras to make her feel safe and cared for in the hospital, which can be scary for kids, especially when they're tired and sick.



Slothy has a clean bill of health!

Maren ended up having a chest infection and croup, was given medication and fully recovered. With little kids in school and daycare, it can sometimes feel like a revolving door at the hospital, but every time we've been there we've had amazing care. The staff and doctors are just great. Having a hospital in our hometown, especially with little kids, makes us really lucky."

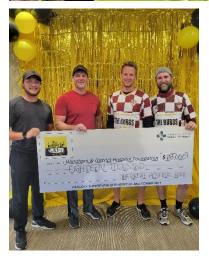


A Good Time for a Great Cause The Great Hospital Race









The 11th Annual Great Hospital Race took place October 14th. Nine teams of two competed in five goofy, messy, puzzling challenges to raise funds for endoscope reprocessors. Thanks to some friendly competition among the teams, this year's event raised the most ever bringing in \$18,000! Big thank you to all the teams for their enthusiastic participation and fundraising efforts and to all the volunteers and sponsors who make the event possible.

The challenges included: Frozen t-shirts, Catch a hot dog in your mouth, Crazy curling, Scavenger hunt bingo and, Holey sheet agility test.

1st place: The Burgs – Scott Dolmage & Tyler Jutzi. 2nd place: Shake 'n' Bake – Brad Robinson & Brett Jarvis. 3rd place: Sib Squad: Kendra & Kyle Parkinson. Top Fundraisers: The Farmers' Daughters – Emily Chester & Leanne Marks.







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Healthcare Heroes Keep Local Hospitals Strong \$80,000 Raised at Radiothon

Another successful edition of the CKNX Healthcare Heroes Radiothon is in the books. The event was hosted on October 21st for the 22nd year and raised \$487,000 collectively for the eight participating hospital foundations. This annual outpouring of support from the community is incredibly important for keeping our rural hospitals well equipped with the most up-to-date medical technology.

This year it was the goal of the Wingham & District Hospital Foundation to raise \$70,000 for endoscope reprocessors. This important behind the scenes equipment is responsible for infection prevention in the OR. It is an essential part of making scope procedures safe and effective for patients. Thanks to the generous support of our donors, we are happy to announce that we have exceeded the goal and have raised \$80,000. This means we are able to support additional scope equipment for the OR.



We are so grateful to each and every person who supports our hospital during the Radiothon. A special thanks this year goes to the Walter J. Blackburn Foundation for donating \$5,000 to all 8 hospitals in honour of their 40th anniversary.

Update – Lucknow Cyclist Completes Cross Country Trip to Raise Funds for Hospital



Jurjen Weerman of Lucknow set out from Jordan River, BC on his bike in May 2023 and after cycling 8,662kms he reached St. Johns, NFLD on September 2nd. This epic journey was done not only to reconnect with a lost love of cycling, but to raise funds for local healthcare organizations.

Thanks to Jurjen's fundraising and cycling efforts the Wingham & District Hospital Foundation has received \$8,165.

Of his three month journey, Weerman says the best memories are the kindness of strangers who opened their homes, donated to the foundations, and helped out with bicycle repairs.

Everyone at WDH Foundation is so grateful to Jurjen for harnessing his passion project for the greater good of local healthcare. The funds raised will go towards a chemistry analyzer for the lab.



\$10,000 Match!

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Leslie Motors Ford will <u>double</u> your gift to WDH Foundation on Giving Tuesday

McDonagh Insurance is passing the Giving Tuesday baton to **LESLIE MOTORS FORD!**All donations made on Nov 28th – Giving Tuesday – will be *matched up to \$10,000*. **Double** your impact for your hospital!

Celebrate with us Nov 28th
10am to 2pm at Leslie Motors
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- Coffee and holiday treats
- Tribute tree dedicate your gift and decorate the tree
- Raffles for gift baskets & <u>BIA Bucks</u>!

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Let's Unite in the Spirit of Giving

As the festive season approaches, I am reminded of how fortunate we are to be part of a community where so many people include giving as part of their holiday traditions.

This holiday season please consider giving the gift of hope, comfort and care by donating to the Wingham & District Hospital Foundation.

Your generous donations – big or small – will make an incredible difference in the lives of patients and their families.

When you support your local hospital, you are putting vital medical equipment in the hands of healthcare workers who are not only compassionate professionals but family, friends and neighbours who care for their patients like they are family, friends and neighbours.

This year, your annual holiday gift will go towards a chemistry analyzer for our lab. This means patients and physicians will have timely and accurate test results that are critical for your health.

Wishing you a wonderful holiday season,



Nicole Duquette-Jutzi

WDH Foundation, Executive Director

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