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The Foundation Connection

Strong Foundation, Strong Hospital





Upgrading our ER defibrillators is a top priority. These life-saving devices use electrical current to stabilize dangerous heart rhythms. They are critical in emergencies and must work perfectly the first time, every time.

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Life Saving Equipment in Action Close to Home

Medical equipment is more than just machinery and technology; in the hands of our skilled local healthcare professionals, they are life-savings tools that make a difference in the lives of real people. People who are your family, friends, and neighbours. Peg Cameron had a distressing health concern that brought her into the Wingham & District Hospital emergency department where she experienced the importance of defibrillators – one of our top current funding priorities – firsthand. Here is her story in her own words:

“Back in May I was diagnosed with atrial fibrillation and was awaiting an appointment with a specialist. On Father’s Day weekend, I had an episode with my heart. I wasn’t feeling well so I had a friend take me to the Wingham Hospital where they got me in right away.

When they got me into the ER, they discovered that my heart rate was 256 beats per minute, which is a little excessive. The doctor on staff consulted with St. Mary’s Hospital in Waterloo and they decided they needed to perform a cardioversion. That’s where they use the defibrillators to get the heart back into a somewhat normal rhythm. Basically, they saved my life.

This was the first time something like this had happened – this atrial flutter – and it was actually quite scary. We’re so lucky to have our hospital here to help when we have situations like these. The care I received was the best possible. The nurses were wonderful and my husband and I were kept informed every step of the way.

Following the cardioversion, I was admitted to the hospital and put on bed rest for three days. Later that week, I was transferred and had an ablation procedure where they fixed the problem in my heart.

I’m feeling really well these days and am so grateful for the care I received. It’s so important to have updated equipment, like defibrillators, because without them I might not be here today. They help save people’s lives”.

--- Peg Cameron, Wingham ON

The Future Care Collective Celebrates One Year

The Future Care Collective – the Wingham & District Hospital Foundation's social giving club – has passed its one-year anniversary. The club aims to bring together like-minded locals who want to make a difference for their hospital while having a good time. Membership to the club is by monthly donation of $50 – think of it like the subscription service of giving – and in appreciation for their commitment members are invited to three exclusive social events per year.



Over the first year of the club's events, members enjoyed *Magic & Martinis,* an evening with a comedy magician and signature drinks, and *Southern Nights,* a special twist on music bingo featuring live performances from *Weekend Never Ends.*

The most important event each year is the *Showdown Reception* at which representatives from the hospital pitch the critical medical equipment their department needs. Club members then get to vote on how the club's collective funds will be used to benefit the hospital.



The inaugural *Showdown Reception* in March 2026 saw pitches for ER defibrillators, orthopedic surgical tools, and the winning project, a new ultrasound machine for the Diagnostic Imaging Department, receiving the club's $34,200.

The Future Care Collective kicked off its second year of events with *Viva Las Vegas* in September at which club members got to try their hand at blackjack, poker, and roulette with professional casino dealers. The competition got rather fierce!

The club currently has 60 members who will be invited to the 2nd Annual *Showdown Reception* in March 2027. New members are welcome to join at any time and will be invited to all future members-only event.

A big thank you goes out to all the members who helped kick-off the Future Care Collective and make the first year a success. A special thank you to presenting sponsor Howick Mutual Insurance and venue sponsor the Wingham Sportsman Association for making these events possible. Their generosity means that all donations by club members go directly to benefit the hospital.

To learn more and join the club visit: www.wdhfoundation.ca/future-care-collective







CKNX Healthcare Heroes Radiothon

$90,000 for ER Defibrillators

This was a very special year for the CKNX Healthcare Heroes Radiothon as it celebrated its milestone 25th year on air. After a quarter of a century the partnership between Blackburn Media and local hospital foundations remains strong.

The event is a unique and special collaboration between hospital foundations throughout Huron, Perth, Bruce, Grey and Wellington counties and radio stations CKNX AM920, 101.7 The One, and Cool 94.5. Each year, each Foundation sets a goal to raise funds for a specific piece of medical equipment and generous donors can call in on Radiothon day and specify which of their local hospitals they would like to support.





The strategy of working together to sustain and enhance high-quality healthcare throughout the whole region is both gratifying and successful. The 25th annual Radiothon, in October 2026, saw the cumulative lifetime dollars raised by the event surpass the $16 million dollar mark.

For this special edition of the Radiothon, it was the goal of the Wingham & District Hospital Foundation to raise $100,000 for four ER defibrillators. Thanks to the generosity of so many donors 90% of that goal has been achieved.

Whether someone has called, texted, or sent in a donation for 25 years or for the first time we are incredibly grateful to all the generous healthcare heroes for making this event such a success. A couple special mentions go out to Bruce Power, the Lucknow Kinsmen, Germania Mutual Insurance, MutualONE Insurance, Brussels Transport Ltd., Conway Furniture and the many Legions, Lions Clubs, Optimist Clubs and other service groups whose loyal support makes such a big difference.

Contributions toward the Radiothon goal will continue to be accepted until December 31st. Thank you for being a healthcare hero. *If we all give a little we all get a lot!*



CKNX HEALTH CARE HEROES RADIOTHON
25 years

The Lucknow & District Kinsmen Club remains one of the most loyal and generous Radiothon supporters. Thanks to the incredible success of Music in the Fields and the Dungannon Super Pull, they are contributing $10,000 to the WDH Foundation 's Radiothon project.

5th Anniversary

$10,000 BIG Match!

GIVING TUESDAY

Dec 1

Green's Meat Market *will* ***double*** *your gift to WDH Foundation on Giving Tuesday*

All donations made on Dec 1st – Giving Tuesday – will be *matched up to $10,000*.
Double your impact for your hospital!

Celebrate with us Dec 1st

10am to 2pm at Green's Meat Market
237 Arthur Street, Wingham

- Coffee and holiday treats
- Sign the holiday card for our doctors, nurses, and support staff
- Raffles for gift baskets & *BIA Bucks*!

Follow Wingham & District Hospital Foundation and Green's Meat Market on Facebook or Instagram for more ways to participate

Gratitude for a Year of Giving

This has been a year of meaningful milestones for the Wingham & District Hospital Foundation. Thanks to our community, the bone density scanner is now in operation, helping patients access important preventative medicine close to home.

It's also been exciting to see the Future Care Collective grow over its first year, bringing people together to invest in the future of our hospital. It was especially meaningful to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the CKNX Healthcare Heroes Radiothon, a testament to the enduring character of generosity in our region that makes such a difference for our local hospitals.

As we reflect on these accomplishments, we're also mindful of the challenging healthcare landscape. More than ever, our hospital relies on the Foundation and our community's generous spirit to sustain and enhance the services we all depend on. We remain committed to supporting the core services that patients and families rely on, while striving for improvements to local care. The support of our donors makes this work possible.

As the year comes to a close, please consider making a gift to your hospital part of your holiday traditions. Your support helps ensure that quality healthcare remains close to home, today and for years to come.

The holidays are a time to reflect on what matters most and give back in ways that have a lasting impact. This season, I invite you to give to your hospital and help us continue caring for our community.

Warmest wishes for a happy and healthy holiday,



Nicole Duquette
WDH Foundation, Executive Director

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Give the Gift of Health this Holiday





☑ *YES!* I will send my gift towards vital medical equipment *TODAY. My Hospital matters to me.*

☐ $500 ☐ $250 ☐ $100 ☐ $50 ☐ Surprise us! $_____

☐ One-time gift ☐ *Monthly gift*

☐ Cheque ☐ Cash ☐ VISA ☐ MasterCard

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☐ I wish to donate anonymously ☐ I would like to discuss my giving in person.

Your gift this holiday will help bring an ultrasound machine to our hospital. Good treatment starts with good quality diagnostic imaging

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Cheques payable to WDH Foundation. Mail to PO Box 1228, Wingham ON, N0G 2W0

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