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2022/2023

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MESSAGE FROM THE DGH FOUNDATION PRESIDENT AND BOARD CHAIR

*Thanks to you, we had a lot of things to celebrate in 2022,
and we can't wait for you to read all about it!*

2022 saw record-breaking events, the launch of our Lead On Campaign, the largest gift to our Foundation in our 47-year history, and more donors than ever reaching out to *Show the Love* to the incredible healthcare heroes working at Dartmouth General. Thank you to all of the volunteers, Board Members, Campaign Cabinet Members, DGH Leadership and Staff, and Foundation Leadership and Staff.

We are proud to share that we are in the process of completing a new long-term strategic plan for the Foundation and have undertaken a review of Board Governance policies. We are making several changes to ensure we are always keeping up with best practices.

Much of 2022 was spent fundraising for the purchase of Dartmouth General Hospital's first MRI – a key piece of diagnostic equipment that is a long-awaited addition to DGH. We are happy to share that construction will begin this year with the first patient scans to be completed in the near future. Thank you to everyone who has supported the MRI component of the Lead On Campaign, and to the Government of Nova Scotia for choosing Dartmouth General as the site for the next MRI.

We are honoured to feature the J&W Murphy Foundation and their transformational gift to the Lead On Campaign. This gift is the largest donation in the history of our Foundation, and we are so happy to work with the J&W Murphy Foundation to drive patient-centred innovation at DGH. You can read more about what inspired this history-making gift on pages 12 and 13.

We are excited to feature stories from some of our amazing donors, like the Dickey family who chose to honour their parents, Bert and Joan Dickey, by supporting the Orthopedic Robot. We also want to spotlight the support of SaltWire who are helping us promote our campaign and celebrate our donors with ad space in the Chronicle Herald.

We want to extend a sincere thank you to all of our donors for supporting the Dartmouth General and its incredible staff. You are leaders in our community, thank you.

Dan Gibson

Dan Gibson
Board Chair



Steve Harding

Stephen Harding
President & CEO

MESSAGE FROM THE DGH MEDICAL SITE LEAD AND DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES

*Thank you for everything you do to support us.
Our hospital is constantly reaching towards new
standards of excellence, standing on your shoulders.*

As we come out of the COVID pandemic, our health care system continues to experience enormous pressures due to health human resource shortages combined with rising patient volumes and needs. However, the DGH Foundation, through the enormous generosity and support of our community donors, has been a constant shining light for the Dartmouth General Hospital throughout these challenging times. DGH continues to lead the way in terms of innovation and quality initiatives, largely due to the tremendous support of our donors, giving our health care workers the tools, technology, and spaces they need to provide essential care to our patients, and to innovate and collaborate to meet the ever-changing needs.

The population around Dartmouth and the larger Halifax Regional Municipality is anticipated to grow dramatically over the next 2 decades, and we are now embarking on an even larger provincial redevelopment project that will add over 100 beds and a new Emergency department at DGH, as well as many other new and expanded services within a larger Dartmouth Health Care Complex. We are striving to “Lead On” our current path of innovation and excellence, and will be seeking your input and support as we prepare for the future.

Every day, our DGH team feels deeply grateful for the tremendous support provided by the DGH Foundation and the Dartmouth Community. We see evidence of your presence everywhere in the hospital, in the new equipment and technology we use every day, in the bright and newly designed spaces, and in the gratitude of our patients. Thank you for everything you do to support us. Our hospital is constantly reaching towards new standards of excellence, standing on your shoulders.

Natalie Cheng

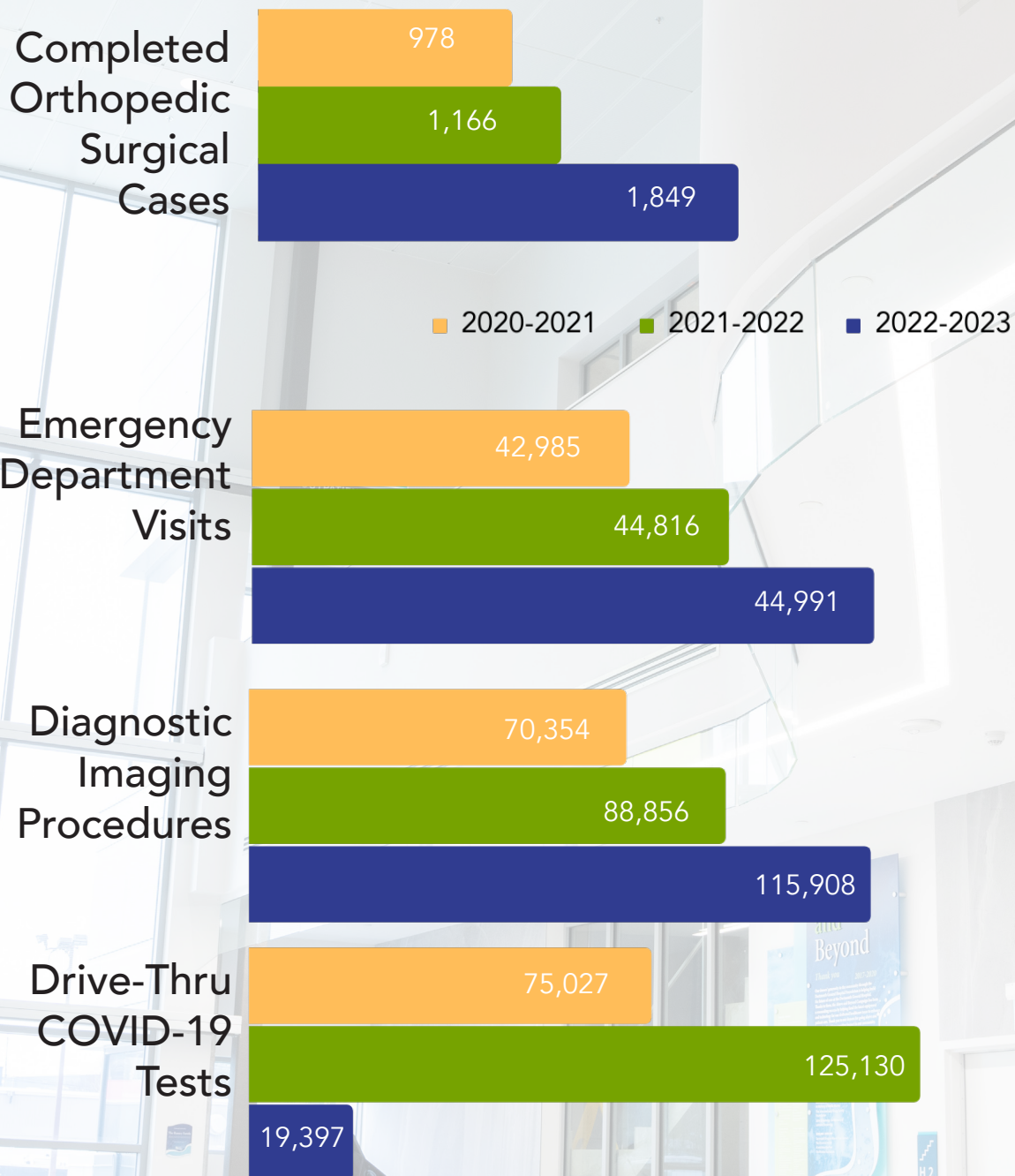
Dr. Natalie Cheng
Medical Site Lead



Lori Sanderson

Lori Sanderson
Director of Health
Services

CARING FOR OUR COMMUNITY BY THE NUMBERS





March 2023 marked the 15th anniversary of Get Up There (GUT), an event dedicated to raising funds and awareness to support colorectal screening and prevention. In total, **more than \$100,000** was raised to support the fight against colorectal cancer!



Thanks to our incredible sponsors, and wonderful donors who kept our phone lines ringing all day long we were able to **raise over \$80,000**, making 2022 our most successful Radiothon ever!



For 37 years our community has gone above and beyond to support the Dartmouth General Hospital, and in 2022 you went even further! **We are now over \$260,000 closer to the purchase of DGH's first MRI** thanks to the amazing support of the community and a \$100,000 matching donation from the J&W Murphy Foundation.



Thanks to an incredible group of golfers and sponsors, we were able to **raise over \$100,000** at the 33rd Annual DGH Golf Classic. Thank you to everyone who made this a great day on the course!



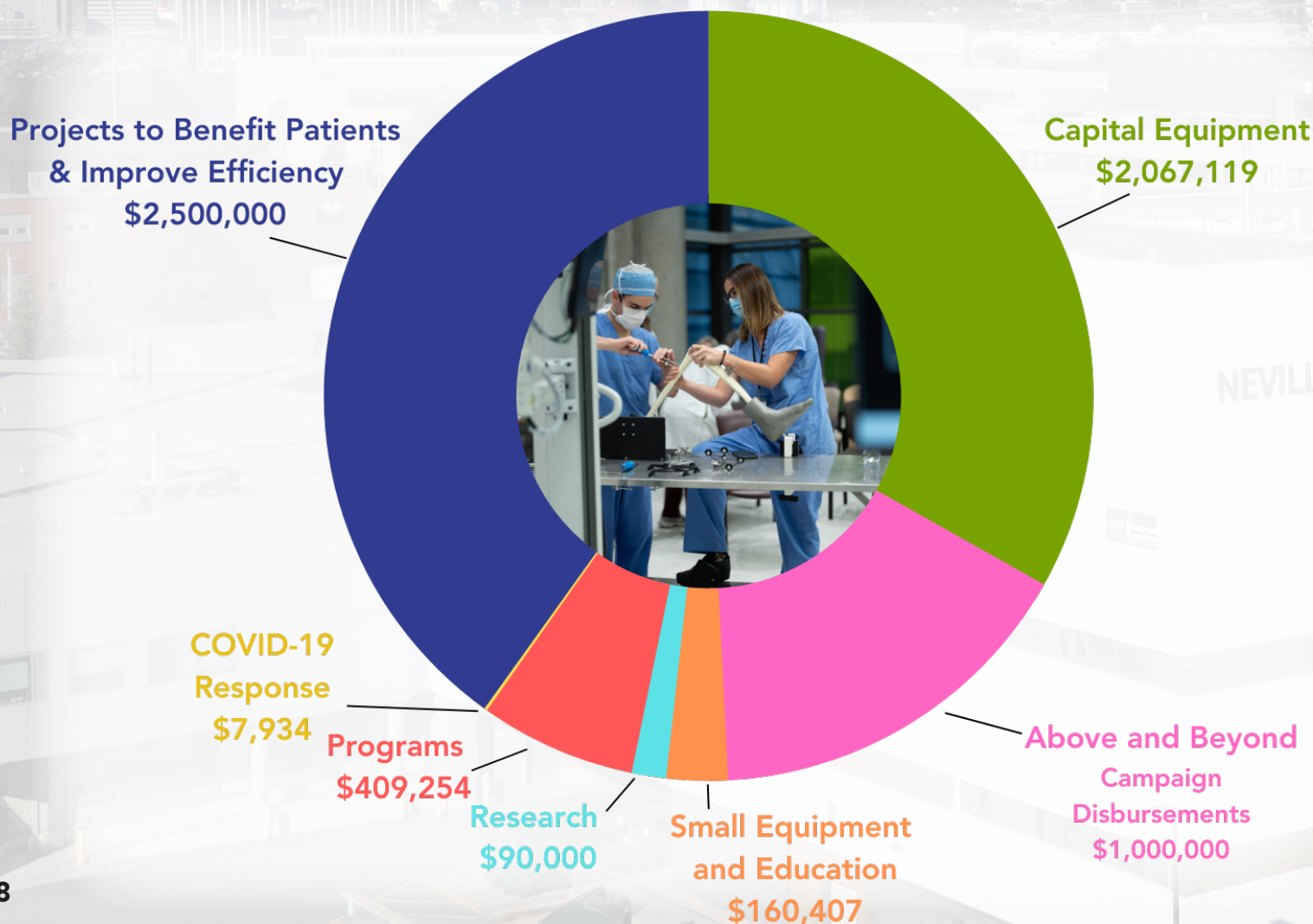
The support of all of the viewers and donors means that we are now **more than \$85,000** closer to the purchase of Dartmouth General Hospital's first MRI! These incredible donations allowed us to activate a generous \$50,000 match from J&W Murphy Foundation as well!

EQUIPMENT, RESEARCH, AND PROGRAMS FUNDED IN 2022/2023

Thanks to the exceptional donors who have supported Dartmouth General Hospital in 2022/2023, \$6,234,714 worth of equipment, research, and programming has been funded. This exceptional generosity means that DGH staff and physicians are able to continue their culture of innovation, and setting the standard for healthcare across the province.

Dartmouth General Hospital Foundation is so proud to see the connections between our communities and our hospital, and we would like to thank everyone for their generosity and their commitment to helping provide the best possible care for patients.

This is philanthropy in action - *thank you!*



Capital Equipment Funded in 2022/2023 - \$2,067,119

- Additional GI Genius Modules \$118,000
- Ambulatory Services Equipment: \$283,000
Hysteroscopes, Tower & Flexible Cystoscopes
- Emergency Room Equipment: \$153,825
Bladder Scanner, Vital Signs Machines, Stretchers
- Echocardiogram \$155,892
- Ear Instruments for Surgeries: \$252,000
Tympanoplasties, Mastoids, Cochlear Implants & Stapedectomies
- Palliative Care Patient Experience Enhancement: \$225,000
Equip 10 Palliative Care Rooms
- Surgical Robot, 1st Year Payment \$320,000
- Perioperative Services Equipment: \$187,361
Arthrex Cameras, C-MAC Blades, Waste Management
- Bi-level Ventilators \$67,041
- Urology Morcellator \$220,000
- Inpatient Unit Vital Signs Monitors, Stands, and Vein Viewers \$71,000
- Video Laryngoscopes \$14,000

Capital Campaigns in 2022/2023 - \$1,000,000

Above and Beyond Campaign Distribution to NS Health \$1,000,000

Small Equipment and Education in 2022/2023 - \$160,407

- Small Equipment Quarterly Funding \$110,227
- Educational Grants Quarterly Funding \$38,180
- Scholarships and Bursaries \$12,000

Research in 2022/2023 - \$90,000

Programs in 2022/2023 - \$409,254

- Promoting Leadership in Healthcare for African Nova Scotians (PLANS) \$82,699
- Geriatric Nurse Practitioner Pilot \$218,750
- Fred Smithers Cold Therapy \$7,244
- Other Programs \$100,562
- Patient Essentials Fund

COVID-19 Response in 2022/2023 - \$7,934

- Privacy Screens \$7,302
- ICU Waiting Room TV and Wall Mount \$633

Projects to Benefit Patients and Improve Efficiency- \$2,500,000

- Construction of a suite for Activities of Daily Living assessments
- Design for Rooftop Garden
- Café Furniture
- Meeting Pods for Emergency and Main Lobby
- Completion of Mural Project, Medical Staff Lounge

TREND IN THE LAST FIVE YEARS

TOTAL DONATIONS

NOT INCLUDING EVENTS, PARKING REVENUE, OR INVESTMENT REVENUE
FULL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AVAILABLE AT WWW.DGHFOUNDATION.CA

\$2,072,001
2019

\$2,724,202
2020

\$2,492,440
2021

\$2,333,081
2022

\$3,884,013
2023

"As a native of Dartmouth I can attest to the amazing care that I, and the other residents of our communities, have received at the Dartmouth General Hospital since the day the doors opened, and this wonderful community was blessed. The hospital saved my life with emergency surgery, and a month ago you saved my partner's life. To say that I am grateful to the Foundation and the Hospital is the biggest understatement."

*- Minister Barbara Adams at the J&W
Murphy Foundation Gift Announcement,
March 21, 2023*

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The J&W Murphy Foundation Makes Historic \$3,000,000 Gift to Dartmouth General Hospital

"Our genuine connection with the Dartmouth General Hospital team and their patient-centred campaign priorities meant a very easy yes for us donating to the Lead On Campaign. We want to be a part of that team, we want to help serve that mission, and we want to build on that culture."

- Lisa Murphy

The Dartmouth General Hospital Foundation is proud to announce a transformative gift from the J&W Murphy Foundation, as they officially launch their 'Lead On' Capital Campaign. The \$3 million gift will support four key areas of the campaign: African Nova Scotian Healthcare Bursaries, the Geriatric Care Nurse Practitioner Program, Palliative Care, and the provision of priority equipment and technology.

- The African Nova Scotian Healthcare Bursary Program will fund annually four renewable bursaries to encourage and support African Nova Scotian learners who wish to pursue careers in healthcare, with the goal of building a workforce that is more representative of DGH's community and the people it serves.
- The Geriatric Care Nurse Practitioner ER Pilot Program will help facilitate care for ER patients aged 75 and older. Nurse Practitioners who are skilled in geriatric care will monitor and expedite care for seniors waiting in the ER by ensuring preliminary diagnostics such as bloodwork, blood pressure, and other key tests are performed while seniors wait.
- Upgraded Palliative Care Unit will better serve patients and families who are experiencing an end-of-life journey at Dartmouth General Hospital. Up to 10 rooms will be retrofitted to meet the unique needs of patients requiring palliative care, including convertible furniture for friends or family members who wish to spend the night, mini-fridges and microwaves for storage and heating of favourite meals, and soft bedding and linens that help create a home-like atmosphere.
- Investment in Medical Equipment – This gift will help support the purchase of Dartmouth General's first MRI, which will help to reduce

wait times across the province and will improve efficiencies in care for DGH patients. The MRI will be equipped with a special orthopedic package that will benefit patients undergoing joint replacement surgery at The Fred Smithers Centre for Orthopedic Care at DGH. Other equipment being funded includes the Thulium Laser for Urology and a Surgical Tower for the new Pelvic Health Suite.

- Investment in Dental Surgical Equipment for patients with special needs and patients on the autism spectrum. Much of the equipment being used by Dr. Albert and the O.R. Dental team is over 30 years old and in need of updating. This investment will help serve a historically underserved community, and is highly anticipated by Dr. Albert and his colleagues.

DGH Foundation President and CEO, Stephen Harding, and Campaign Chair, Al MacPhee, a celebrated Dartmouth business and community leader, hosted the announcement at the Delta Dartmouth on March 21, 2023 with many DGH donors, volunteers, staff, community leaders, and politicians in attendance.

Stephen Harding thanked the J&W Murphy Foundation on behalf of the Foundation and the hospital.

"We are so thankful for this strategic and thoughtful investment from the J&W Murphy Foundation which will have a profound impact in every corner of our hospital. With so many Nova Scotians focused on healthcare resources, the Lead On campaign comes at a critical point in time, where we are coming together to create solutions for improving the health and well-being of our communities. It is exciting to work with donors who want to be a part of the solution."



In Memoriam

Throughout the history of Dartmouth General Hospital, and its Foundation, people have chosen to recognize the care that they and/or their family members received from the exceptional staff at Dartmouth General. This care is recognized by the family requesting that donations in memory of their loved one be sent to Dartmouth General Hospital Foundation, or by expressing their thanks for the care their loved one received.

We are honoured to share everyone who listed the Dartmouth General Hospital Foundation as their charity of choice in their obituary, and friends of the foundation who we have lost recently.

The majority of these individuals are from the past year, but there are also situations where people will make donations for those who have passed away in years prior. We have also included messages from their families to the Dartmouth General Hospital staff. Our sincere thank you and condolences to the families of everyone listed below.

If your loved one is missing from this list, and you would like us to include them in the 2024 annual report, please contact Kiana Pace - kiana.pace@dghfoundation.ca

Annette Pauline Piccott

Audrey Ann Weir

Blair Graham Perrott

Brian Joseph Horner

- A special thank you to the staff of 4West at the Dartmouth General Hospital.*

Calvin Stanley Kilgar

Carol Ann Short

- Sincere thanks to the incredible staff at Dartmouth General Hospital. Your kindness and care are very much appreciated.*

Carole Trenholm

- We'd like to thank the doctors and nursing staff of the 3East Unit at the Dartmouth General for their compassionate care over the past few weeks, as well as the Palliative Care staff and MAID providers. With your help Mom faced this ordeal with dignity and grace.*

Cynthia Evelyn (Cindy Walker) Vincent



David Arthur Todd

Donald Francis McQuarrie

- *Special Thank you to the Staff on Unit 5East Dartmouth General Hospital.*

Dorothy (Dot) Ina Bray

Dr. Dook Tchoo Kim

Dr. Gordon R. Jr. Mahaney

- *His early career coincided with the establishment of the new Dartmouth General Hospital where he worked in the Emergency Department. He was loved and respected by his peers and patients alike.*

Dr. Wylie Verge

Edward Francis "Ed" Quigg

- *Special thanks to the staff of the Dartmouth General Hospital on 5 East and 3 East.*

Eldon Archibald Gunn

Elizabeth Martha Manthorne

- *It is with great comfort, we acknowledge that Mom's end of life was peaceful. Family wishes to thank the doctors, nurses, and LPN's at the Dartmouth General Hospital 5 East, and the Emergency Department for their compassion, support and heartfelt care.*

Ethel Winnifred "Winnie" Mason

Evelina Mancini

Georges Pandelis Stoupakis

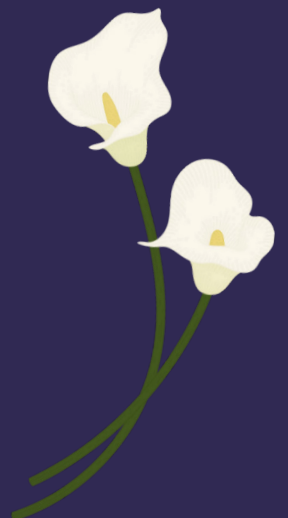
- *The family is grateful to the entire staff at the Dartmouth General Hospital. Their caring and professionalism is truly exemplary.*

Habib Khan

Harry Gilfoy

Henry Frederick Percival "Harry" Heselton

- *Special thanks to the staff of 5E of Dartmouth General Hospital for their gentle and kind care in his last days.*



Hilda Purcell (LeFort)

Howard Clement Windsor

Ina Pearl Beaver

Inez Joyce Earle

- *We wish to thank the staff of Dartmouth General Hospital Emergency Department for the compassionate care our mother received.*

Jeanette Ann Donovan

- *Special thanks to the nurses and doctors of the ER and 5 West. She had wonderful care.*

Joan Elizabeth Reid

- *Special Thanks to all the nurses on 3 West especially Holly, who always referred to her as Miss Joan, also the Doctors who took such good care of her.*

John Frederick O'Connor

John William Harlow

Julia “Julie” Frances Crawford

Keith Carroll Ramey

Kenneth Joseph Boudreau

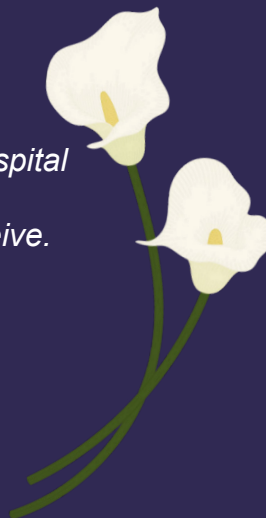
- *The family would like to thank the staff at Dartmouth General both in the emergency department and on 4 west.*

Lorraine Elizabeth Brownrigg

Lucy Webb

Lynn Hsiao-Lin Shih

- *She always believed that she would receive the best of care at Dartmouth General Hospital and she was correct, as usual. They provided the best care anyone could hope to receive. Their exemplary medical expertise aside, the entire staff from physician to nurse to support staff all provided true care and comfort in her final days.*
- *A deep, heartfelt thank you to the staff of the Dartmouth General.*



From physicians to nursing & bed manager to support staff, our mother received exceptional care during her time of greatest need. When we reached out, they were there and took her in.

Malcolm Bayne

Margaret Rose Mròz

Maria Elisabeth Funke

- *Special thank you to Dr. Lawless and the wonderful care that was shown to mom from the staff on the 4th Floor.*

Marie Genevieve Fraser

Marie Maude Embrett

- *Thank you to the staff of Dartmouth General Hospital, 3 East, and the compassionate nurses on 5 East, palliative care.*

Marion Grace Baldwin

- *Special thank you to the Staff of the Dartmouth General Hospital ICU and 4 West*

Marjorie Louise MacDougall

- *We would like to thank the doctors and nurses at the Dartmouth General in 5E. You cared for mom as if she was your own family.*

Mary (Mae) E. Neal

Maurice R. St. Onge

- *His family would like to extend their deepest gratitude to the medical staff at both the Dartmouth General and Twin Oaks Memorial Hospitals, Palliative Care team and Continuing Care Nurses.*

Michael Meagher

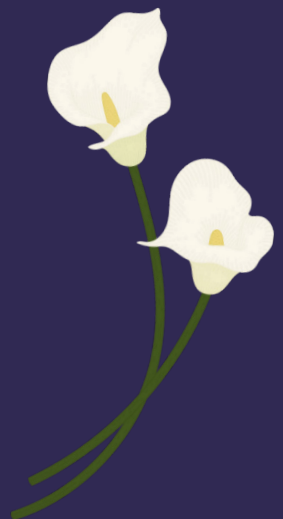
Mrs. Jean Margaret MacRae

Neil Elmer MacEachern

- *Special thanks to the palliative care staff at the Dartmouth General Hospital*

Neville J. Gilfoy

Patricia "Anne" Crews Walsh



Patrick William Terry

Paul Joseph Emile Patton

- *The family extends their heartfelt thanks to the staff of 5 West at the Dartmouth General Hospital for their compassionate care for Paul and support for family members.*

Philip Grantham Baker

- *The family would like to thank the team at Dartmouth General Hospital for their care and support during this difficult time.*

Rhonda Lynn Grantham

- *Special thank you to Dartmouth General Hospital staff*

Robert Brownrigg

Sean O'Regan

Stewart Allan Harding

- *The family would like to express their gratitude to The Berkeley Bedford; and the incredible staff at the Emergency Department and on 3 West at Dartmouth General Hospital*

Stuart Bradley McPhee

- *The family would like to thank the team of Home Care workers who provided such excellent support, and the staff of the Dartmouth General Hospital for their care during his final days.*

Una Mary Hingston (Mitchell)

Valerie Eva Hawley (Fader,Mooney)

- *Valerie's family would like to express their gratitude for the wonderful care she received from the emergency ward and the palliative care team at the Dartmouth General Hospital*

Velma R. Ibsen (Hancock)

Wayne Harrett

William Robert "Bill" Sanderson



HONOURING BERT AND JOAN DICKEY BY SUPPORTING ORTHOPEDIC INNOVATION AT DGH

Following a tour of the hospital, the Dickey family was blown away by the orthopedic innovation taking place at Dartmouth General and decided that they wanted to help further innovation however they could.

Their interest in supporting the incredible things happening at Dartmouth General led to a significant donation supporting the purchase of an Orthopedic Robot.

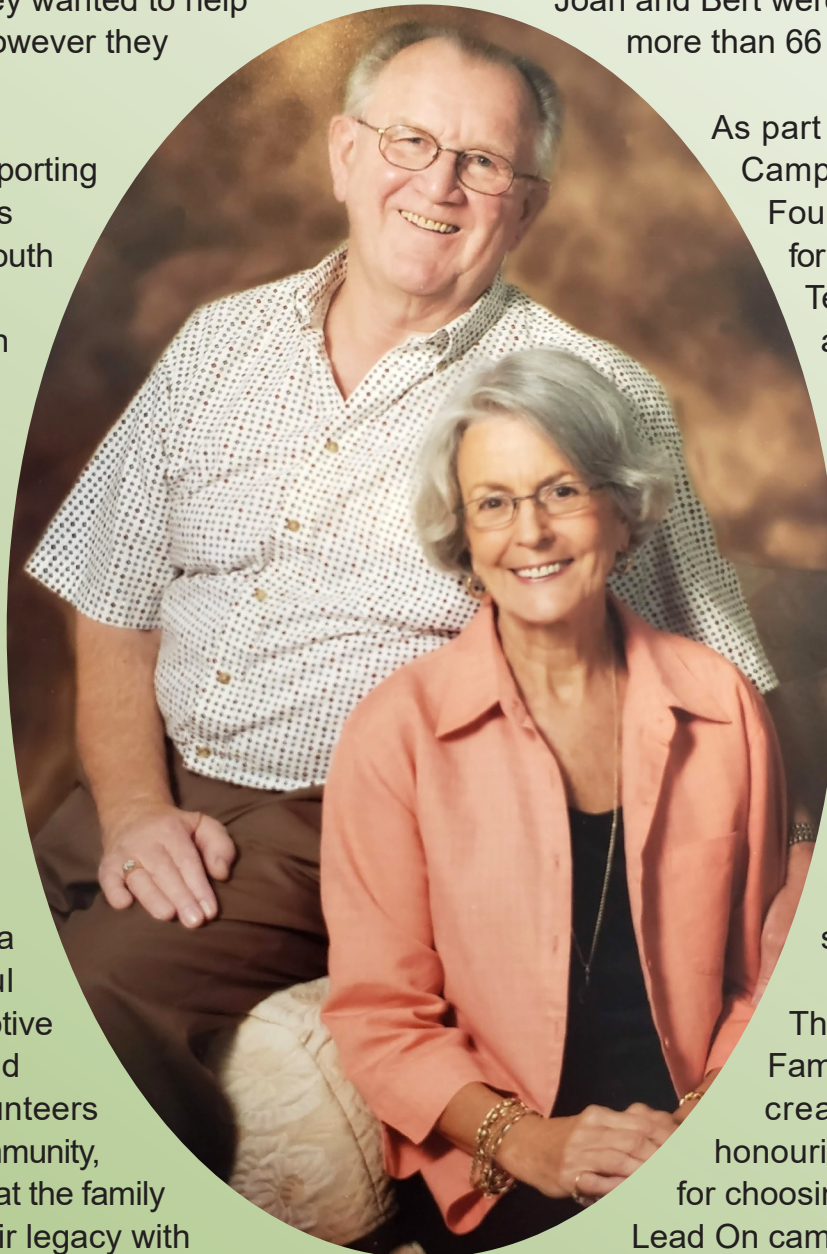
The family decided that they wanted to create a legacy to honour their parents, Bert and Joan Dickey.

Sadly, Bert Dickey passed away in 2021 after enjoying a long and successful career in the automotive industry. Both he and Joan were avid volunteers in the Dartmouth community, so it makes sense that the family chose to honour their legacy with this incredible gift.

Joan Dickey managed the family home, including raising her and Bert's three children, LuAnn,

Todd, and Mitch, and worked side by side with Bert in the automotive industry.

Joan and Bert were happily married for more than 66 years.



As part of the Lead On Campaign, the DGH Foundation is fundraising for Mako SmartRobotics Technology, which allows Orthopedic Surgeons to perform robotic-assisted knee and hip replacements. This advanced technology allows for even more precise placement of the implants, and will lead to increased patient satisfaction and the need for less revision surgeries.

Thank you, Dickey Family for choosing to create this legacy honouring your parents, and for choosing to support the Lead On campaign, driving patient-centred innovation at Dartmouth General Hospital.

You are leaders in our community.



Celebrating the partnership between The Chickenburger, Chicken Little Cafe, and Dartmouth General Hospital Foundation.

Every Tuesday in the summer of 2022 residents of HRM and beyond were invited to visit The Chickenburger and Chicken Little Cafe to support an amazing cause - bringing an MRI to the Dartmouth General Hospital. These Tuesday nights consisted of amazing food, lots of fun, and gorgeous classic cars.

We were in awe of how many people came out to have their supper, or a yummy after supper snack. We were also amazed by the cars that so many of our donors and new friends of the foundation brought to show off! Special thank you to Al MacPhee, Jack MacKinnon, and Kim Conrad who brought their gorgeous cars!

Thanks to the generosity of Mickey and Rose MacDonald, and everyone at The Chickenburger and Chicken Little Café we are now \$50,000 closer to purchasing Dartmouth General Hospital's first MRI!



INCREASING PATIENT SATISFACTION AND REDUCING WAIT TIMES

Dr. Jennifer Leighton describes the impact an Orthopedic Robot will have at DGH

Dr. Jennifer Leighton has been working at the Dartmouth General Hospital for close to 5 years, and in that time has made a name for herself as an innovator and a leader in her field. In November 2022 Dr. Leighton completed the first robotic-assisted total hip replacement in Canada!

“I’m currently the only one in Nova Scotia using this method, but it is gaining in popularity in other places.”

This method was a big success for patients like Gerard Lee, who you can read about on page 11.

Now, Dr. Leighton is continuing to be a leader in her field and is championing bringing an Orthopedic Robot to the Dartmouth General Hospital.

“The new surgical robot will help with hip and knee replacement accuracy and precision, and will hopefully make our patients even happier. The robot lets us plan in 3-D space, through the computer, the patients knee or hip replacement before we start surgery which helps us cut down on the amount of surgical equipment we use. The robot also helps us during surgery so we can provide a solution tailored to the patient, allowing us to cut down on the amount of

work we do in surgery, which helps with pain and swelling afterwards. This accuracy will also reduce the amount of corrective surgeries needed, increasing patient satisfaction and reducing wait times for first-time patients.”

This exceptional technology will be a fantastic addition to the Fred Smithers Centre for Orthopedic care, and will mean that patients can get back to their lives sooner.

The benefits of this robot will be incredible for patients from across Nova Scotia, and Dr. Leighton is happy to talk about it. Robotic assisted surgery is new for many patients, but she is eager to share the benefits patients will experience to calm their nerves before surgery.

“We know that surgery is very routine for us, it’s what we do day in and day out, but for patients it is a new experience, it can be scary, and it is a major impact on their lives.”

Want to see the Orthopedic Robot in action? Scan the code below with your phone to view a demo by Dr. Leighton!



HOLIDAY MAGIC

A VanWart Production Holiday Variety Show

Thank you so much to everyone for watching Holiday Magic's live shows and CTV/CTV2 broadcasts, as well as the incredible sponsors who made this event possible. It was a great experience having two live shows, a Salute to the Military and Veterans and a Tribute to Healthcare Workers, as well as two broadcasts on CTV and CTV2.

The amazingly talented artists who made these shows possible put on terrific performances and we are so grateful that they joined the fun! Thank you to our wonderful host Nancy Regan, as well as Heather Rankin, Reeny Smith, Linda Carvery, The Stadacona Band, Owen O'Sound Lee, Kate Hennessey, Andrew Machum, The Gilberts, Diaga

Irish Dancers, Dr. Vanessa Sweet, the Scotia Suzuki School of Music, and more!

The support of all of the viewers and donors means that we are now more than \$85,000 closer to the purchase of Dartmouth General Hospital's first MRI! These incredible donations allowed us to activate a generous \$50,000 match from J&W Murphy Foundation as well! Thank you all for taking the lead on bringing this critical piece of equipment to the Dartmouth General Hospital.

Thank you to Van Wart productions for choosing Dartmouth General as the new home for Holiday Magic - we can't wait to continue this new tradition.

THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS

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SALTWIRE PARTNERS WITH DGH FOUNDATION FOR LEAD ON CAMPAIGN

The Dartmouth General Hospital Foundation is pleased to announce that we have partnered with SaltWire for our Lead On Campaign. A generous donation from SaltWire will allow us to share campaign milestones in print and online, as well as thank all of our exceptional donors for choosing to Lead On.

Stephen Harding, President and CEO of the Dartmouth General Hospital Foundation, is thrilled by this partnership.

“We are so happy to be working with SaltWire to share the exciting updates from our Lead On Campaign and to celebrate the amazing donors who are joining us to drive patient-centred innovation at the Dartmouth General. SaltWire’s generosity is incredible and I am so pleased that we have the opportunity to work with them.”

Mark Lever, SaltWire CEO, agrees.

“SaltWire continues to be a proud sponsor of the Dartmouth General Hospital Foundation. The Dartmouth General has a compelling story to tell, and we are honoured to help make that possible. We strongly believe in making a positive impact on the communities we serve by supporting healthcare initiatives in our region. It is our hope that through this support, we can make a meaningful difference in the lives of those in need by helping to provide critical healthcare services and advance medical research.”

Be sure to keep an eye on local publications like the Chronicle Herald, and online at SaltWire.ca for all of our updates!

Driving patient-centred innovation.

Since 1976, Dartmouth General has transformed from a community health centre to a centre of excellence. Supported by a passionate workforce and diverse community, our hospital has been able to lead on, driving patient-centred innovation year after year.

Today, we call on our supporters to help us invest in the latest technology to improve patient outcomes and community programs to support equity deserving groups. We ask that you become a leader by supporting the Lead On Campaign for Dartmouth General.

LEAD ON
ADVANCING HEALTH CARE OUTCOMES

Dartmouth General Hospital Foundation

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When your hospital proves itself to be a positive force, does it stop, or keep going? **Dartmouth General Hospital Leads On!**

Community support is powering change at the Dartmouth General. This change will result in more effective health care for everyone. We are committed to driving patient-centred innovation at Dartmouth General Hospital - Join us, become a leader today!

Introducing our Advisory Committee

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Introducing our Leading Campaign Cabinet.

Meet our 15 passionate volunteers supporting the Lead On campaign for Dartmouth General. Together, they fearlessly take the lead so we can advance health care in HRM and beyond.

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ADVANCING HEALTH CARE OUTCOMES

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Prioritizing diversity and inclusion with health care bursaries.

Dartmouth General is a collection of ethnicities and cultures, both in the staff that work there and the communities it serves. This diversity means the hospital is well-positioned to address health disparities and be a leader in developing health care equity initiatives.

As part of the Lead On Campaign, we're investing in bursaries to recognize and encourage African Nova Scotian and Indigenous learners pursuing health care careers. Through this program, we strive to help African Nova Scotian and Indigenous learners overcome some of the obstacles they face and build a workforce at Dartmouth General that is more representative of the community. With your support, we can better care for equity deserving groups in Dartmouth and beyond.

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JOHN & JUDY BRAGG INNOVATION FUND

UPDATE ON INNOVATIVE IDEAS FROM 2021, 2022, AND 2023

Thanks to the John & Judy Bragg Innovation Fund, DGH staff is able to submit ideas annually that bring forth innovative ideas that will help patients, staff, and the community.

Thanks to this amazing funding, DGH was the first hospital in Canada to purchase GI Genius technology that uses artificial intelligence to help endoscopists find more polyps when performing colonoscopies.



Drive-thru Blood Collection

- Soft launch Dec 2, 2021
- 98% Patient Satisfaction Rate
- Located next to COVID-19 drive-thru test site
- Based on UK model
- First hospital in Canada to pilot program

2021
614

2022
16,305

2023 (projected)
20,000

Drive-thru COVID-19 Testing

- Use of land donated by hospital neighbour
- Started in tents; moved to refurbished shipping containers
- Successful implementation paved the way for piloting drive-thru blood collection unit

2023 (Jan/Feb)
19,080

2021
31,324

2022
88,531



“This new Holter and Loop cardiac monitoring equipment will be upgrading the obsolete technology we have now.

It will take less than half the time to analyze the data collected, and be much more comfortable for the patient.

We are going to be able to help get people back to their lives quicker when we can have all of this data.”

- Tonya Morell,
***Registered Cardiology
Technologist speaking about
equipment funded by the
DGH Radiothon in 2022***

ABOVE AND BEYOND THEIR SCOPES

A letter from Sara to those who helped her and her family through one of the hardest days of their lives.

Two months have passed since I lost my dad. Two months of countless thoughts and memories closing in on my mind. If you know me, or if you knew my dad, then I don't have to tell you about how much of a loving, caring and protective man he was. He always gave credit and praise where it was due and this is why I'm writing this. I know he would want me to.

For the last two months, through all the pain and all the tears there's been light. One light that I'll never be able to shake, never want to shake, is the memory of all the people who started out as strangers that day. By the end of the day they became people whose faces that I'll never forget and people that I hold in my heart with such high regard and respect and will do just that for the rest of my life.

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Today we see quite a lot about the negative side and side effects that our current healthcare system presents to our society. I understand its flaws and acknowledge that improvements need to be made, but I'm not here to talk about the negatives. I'm here to talk about what I experienced. What I experienced on the day I lost dad because of the people that make our health care system still stand. It's a day that despite what happened is one I'm also thankful for.

When it comes down to it, this post is to take a minute to shed light on all the first responders, 911 operators and hospital staff that continue day in and day out to provide the best of care both physically, emotionally and mentally to people they've never met before a single life changing moment. We often overlook them, not having a need for them until something drastic happens that leaves you standing there unable to express just how grateful you are that they chose this profession, how they do everything they can for people they don't know, for holding up complete strangers in one of the worst moments of their lives.

No words could ever truly describe how indebted I am to the 911 operator who answered my call that day, who spoke comforting and calm words, brought me down from a moment of great panic to a level that enabled me to provide the care that my father needed. Staying on the line with me



through every count, every second that felt like a lifetime, encouraging me and keeping me grounded despite the whole world falling out from under me. To the firefighters who respond so quickly, so calmly. Who took over for me with such calmness and compassion that I never doubted that my dad would be safe in their hands. The four of them continuing to speak encouraging and grounding words. All of them working tirelessly until the paramedics arrived and staying until dad was on his way to the hospital. Making sure before parting that my mom and I were ok and to remind me that I did an amazing job.

To the paramedics, each of them around my age. They never missed a step, they worked so cohesively, so quickly, never giving up on the thought of doing everything they could in order to save my dad. They worked so hard, so passionately for a man they didn't even know. Even staying until my mom and I left the hospital room after saying goodbye to tell us how sorry they were and how much they tired to keep my dad with us. I hope they all know that never once have I ever doubted them in what they for my dad.



Next to all the hospital staff at Dartmouth General who aided in the care of my father. Who enabled my mom and I to say goodbye to my dad in a calm and comfortable manner. To the charge nurse in the ER that night, I will never forget her kindness. Never leaving the side of my mom and I from the moment we walked into that family room until the moment we left. Her kind words, compassion, and support she offered while never letting go of our hands is something that still moves me to this day. She didn't know my mother and I, she knew our pain though and through the hours we were there she was the strong pillar of support that my mom and I needed in those moments that felt like a lifetime. I know some will say that all of these people were just doing their job. Yes, it is their job but at the end of the day each and every single one of them that day went above and beyond their scopes. They were real people, with real emotions, giving every ounce of themselves in order to help complete strangers in a time of need. I don't know if this will ever reach any of them but knowing that everyone reading this will get a glimpse into who these people are, what their hearts are made of is enough.

I hope what's also taken away from this is that our healthcare system is made up of so many amazing people who keep it together, keep it standing in order for all of us to keep moving onto another day.

- Sara

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