



# The Celebration Times

## Together We Care

Dundas Manor Long-Term Care Home Fundraising for Excellence. Winchester District Memorial Hospital

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## Note from the Executive Director & Foundation Team:

To our valued donors and supporters,

We're thrilled to welcome you to the very first edition of our newly combined newsletter! *The Celebration Times – Together We Care* is bringing together the best of our three former publications: *Because of You*, *The Dundas Manor Dream*, and *Your Legacy*. We've created one vibrant, unified space to keep you informed, inspired, and connected to the impact you're making possible – both at Winchester District Memorial Hospital and Dundas Manor. As a recipient of one (or more) of these newsletters, you are automatically subscribed to this new version.

This new format is designed with you in mind—our incredible community of donors and supporters. Each issue will bring you closer to the stories, successes, and people behind the mission you care about. From heartfelt updates and behind-the-scenes insights to upcoming events and ways to get involved, we hope this newsletter becomes a favourite.

Our hope is to not only streamline our communication processes, but also to be fiscally responsible and work more efficiently. We plan to send out this newsletter three times each year: February, June and October. We hope to also add monthly emailed newsletters to ensure that you receive the information in a timely manner. If you're not already a subscriber to one of our emailed newsletters, please take a moment to sign up – just give us a call or send us an email to let us know and ensure that we have your current email address. Having your email address will also help us with our project for emailed receipts.

Please let us know what you think of the new format! Comments, concerns and questions can be sent directly to us at [cpeters@wdmh.on.ca](mailto:cpeters@wdmh.on.ca) – we appreciate your feedback!

Thank you for being the heart of our work. We can't wait to share this journey with you.

Warmly,

Cindy Ault Peters, Erin Kapcala, Justine Plummer and Hanna van Moorsel



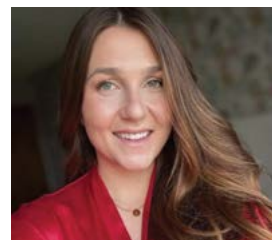
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## Because of you...

Thanks to a transformational \$1 million gift from Dale and Lois Keyes, we are thrilled to announce the arrival of a brand-new CT scanner in the Diagnostic Imaging Department!

On June 19th, we celebrated this milestone with a ribbon-cutting ceremony – just days after the scanner was installed and put into use.



*Dale and Lois Keyes*

This state-of-the-art technology will significantly enhance our diagnostic capabilities and elevate patient care in our community—an achievement made possible by the compassion and commitment of supporters like you.

### More Essential Care, Close to Home

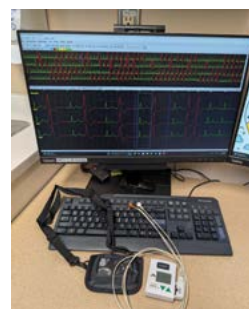
Thanks to the incredible response to our recent donor appeal, we were able to purchase a brand-new **operating room table** at a cost of **\$51,417**. This essential upgrade replaces a broken table and ensures that surgeries can continue without delay—keeping patients safe and care on schedule. Your generosity made this possible, and we're so grateful for your continued support.



We're proud to share another milestone in expanding access to care right here in our community. Thanks to the generous supporters of the **WDMH Cancer Care Fund**, the hospital has acquired specialized equipment to perform **breast biopsies**—a \$152,112.54 investment that's already making a

difference, with four biopsies taking place in the first couple of weeks. This new capability means shorter regional wait times and a more streamlined diagnostic journey for patients. From initial screening and follow-up to biopsy and surgery, it can now all happen at WDMH—bringing compassionate, comprehensive cancer care closer to home.

### Other purchases made possible by you:



**Simulator Accessories** for the WDMH Chemo Department, were purchased at a cost of \$551, allowing the simulator to be used once again. This tool is used to teach patients about their central ports and supports informed decision-making about their care. Having this tool available here at

WDMH, allows the oncology team to provide essential teaching here – eliminating the need for patients to travel to Ottawa.



In Cardiac Care, we've invested \$10,189 in **specialized software for our Holter monitors**. This advanced technology detects irregular heartbeats and enables staff to analyze reports with greater precision—leading to faster, more accurate diagnoses and improved patient outcomes.



# MAKING A DIFFERENCE

*Big or small, every community event makes an impact and we are so grateful.*



Contact Justine Plummer at 613-774-2422 ext. 6172 or [jplummer@wdmh.on.ca](mailto:jplummer@wdmh.on.ca) to learn more.

## Caring Community – WDMH

As part of a 'growing' annual tradition, the **Black Walnut Prostate Cancer Support Group**, with the support of **Winchester Foodland** and **Greely Foodland**, brought back the **Dare to Flash a 'Stach** event last November – and raised an incredible \$2,951.45 for the Cancer Care Navigator program at WDMH.



The spirit of teamwork and community was on full display as the **North Dundas United Soccer Club** proudly donated \$1,496.75 to the WDMH Family Care Fund. The funds were raised during their annual Fun Days event where soccer players, their families, and friends came together to enjoy a day of games, food, and fun. Attendees purchased hot dogs, pizza, and other treats, with **100% of the proceeds** supporting the donation.



A magical night enjoyed by many energetic snowshoe enthusiasts was held at Upper Canada Village, doing either a 5K or 10K trek – and the **Dion Ignite the Night Snowshoe Race** raised \$2,900 for the WDMH Family Care Fund.



After spending over a year growing mullets, two amazing young men led a group

of friends in a unique fundraiser to raise funds and awareness for cancer. Called the **Mullet Mas-a-Cure**, the head-shaving event was in honour of their friend **Derek Ireton**. **Cole DeVries** and **Hunter Wilson**, along with their friends **Easton DeVries**, **Jack Holmes**, **Mason Wilson**, **Isaac Frampton**, and **Kane Cooper**, raised an incredible \$6,970, with \$3,000 coming to the WDMH Cancer Care Fund.

**Shroomfest**, a popular men's fund-raising event, has made a powerful impact on local healthcare with a donation of \$6,000 towards the WDMH General Equipment Fund to help purchase a new LP 15 Defibrillator for the Family Birthing Unit.



Thank you to **Jane Sachs** who once again sold plants at the end of her driveway to support WDMH! She raised \$1,104.30 for the WDMH Cancer Care Navigator Fund. Thanks to everyone who stopped by to pick up a plant!





# Caring Community – Dundas Manor Redevelopment

Woodroffe United Church was filled with music as the **Ottawa-Carleton Male Choir** and other special guests joined together in song at a Christmas concert and raised \$2,500 for the new Dundas Manor.



The annual **Joyce's Joy Secret Santa** fundraiser by Kelly Windle of **Planted Arrow Flowers & Gifts** sold 124 beautiful arrangements which were delivered to Dundas Manor residents. The sale also raised \$1,240 to help build the new home.

The **Independent Order of Odd Fellows (IOOF) Lodge #428** provided a generous donation of \$10,000 to support the redevelopment of the new Dundas Manor, reinforcing its long-standing commitment to community service and charitable giving, and helping us move closer to having a modern, welcoming space for long-term care in our region.



The **Wellings of Winchester** residents came together for a Christmas party and gave donations in support of the new home – which was topped up by **Wellings of Winchester** for a total gift of \$2,000.



Local weather celebrity **Storm Chaser and Photographer Connor Mockett** was inspired to help fundraise for the new manor and donated \$300 from the proceeds of sales of his beautiful 2025 calendars.



Staff and volunteers from the **Foundation and Dundas Manor** spent some time at both **Winchester Tim Hortons** locations to decorate many **Smile Cookies** once again. At the end of a very busy week, an incredible \$11,607.63 was donated. Funds this year supported the purchase of a mobile hygiene chair for the new home.



Thanks to the generosity of the **North Dundas Masonic Lodge #320**, fundraising for the new Dundas Manor is \$13,300 closer to the \$18 million needed to build and furnish the home! This busy group of men raised \$10,000 through local support of their events. They then applied to **The Masonic Foundation of Ontario** and received a top-up grant of \$3,300 to add to their donation.

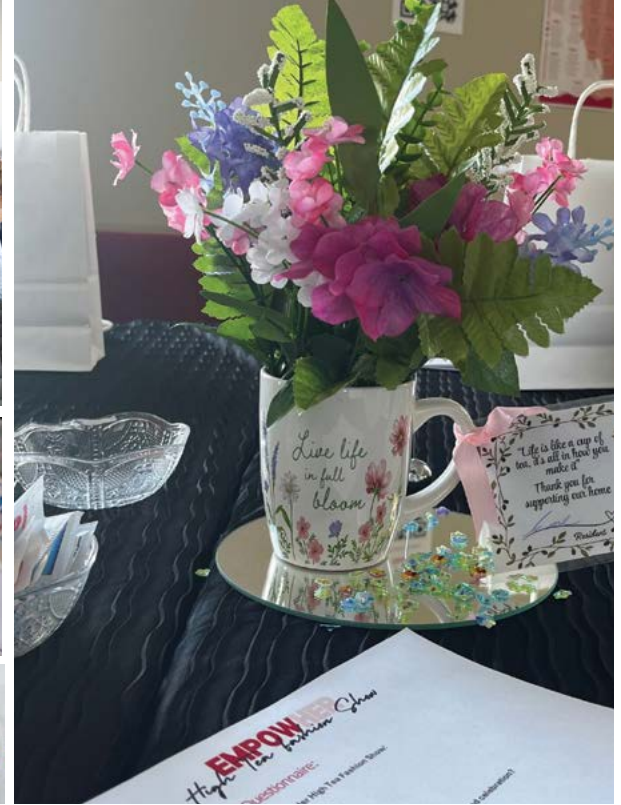
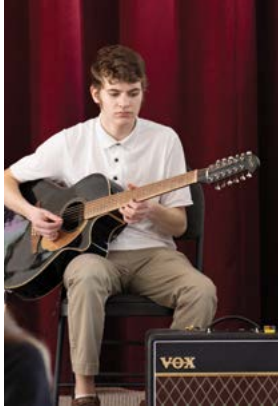


The community indulged in sweet treats for a great cause at the second annual **King's Day Bake Sale Fundraiser** by **Bitty Birds Bakery** in support of the new Dundas Manor. The sale was held at **Loughlin's Country Store** in Hallville, and store owner **Stephanie Redmond** stepped in to match the bake sale proceeds. Together with donations, a total of \$844.75 was raised.

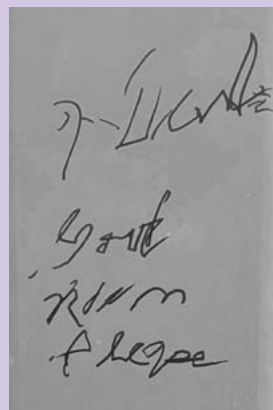




Thanks to everyone who joined us for great conversation, food, fun, and laughter on March 8th at the sold out **EmpowHer High Tea Fashion Show**. When the afternoon was over, close to \$10,000 had been raised in support of the WDMH General Equipment Fund!



Dundas Manor resident **Joan Dunlop** was the centre of attention as she signed the corner beam of the new Dundas Manor on behalf of the current residents at the 'Topping Off' ceremony. Joined by MPP Nolan Quinn, members of Dundas Manor Leadership, WDMH Foundation staff, and some of the construction crew, Joan took the opportunity to pick out her room at the time – signing her name with 'Good room please!' This event celebrated the progress of the construction with the milestone of the final beam being placed.







## Grateful for the Past, Planning for the Future of Care

**Our community is filled with some of the most compassionate and committed donors.** And Canada is home to some of the most generous charitable tax benefits in the world. The result is the chance to create a powerful impact on health care for you, your family, your friends, and your neighbours.

Past WDMH Foundation Legacy Donors have been fundamental in making Winchester District Memorial Hospital the well-equipped hospital it is today. Future Legacy Donors will be essential in shaping our hospital for generations to come.

Legacy Donors are making sure the new Dundas Manor is being built today, even though their gifts have not been received. These donors have recognized the need for a new home, shared their intent with us, and their future commitment to a legacy gift ensures the home is built now.

### There are different ways to include the WDMH Foundation into your legacy:

- Naming the WDMH Foundation as a beneficiary in your Will.
- Designating the WDMH Foundation as a beneficiary of an RRSP, RRIF, or TFSA.
- Listing the WDMH Foundation as a beneficiary of a life insurance policy.

Legacy Gifts to the WDMH Foundation not only support excellent local health care but can also reduce your taxes, leaving less for the government and more for what you are passionate about, including your loved ones and beneficiaries.

If you have included the WDMH Foundation, Winchester District Memorial Hospital, or Dundas Manor in your legacy, we deeply appreciate your generosity! Please let us know so we can personally thank you, discuss how you'd like your gift to make an impact, and share recognition opportunities with you.

## PLANNED GIVING WITH THE WDMH FOUNDATION

*Imagine the difference you can make!*

There are many ways to support local health care beyond cash donations—options that may not affect your current finances.

### Pledges:

Spread your gift over time. For example, a \$5,000 pledge can be fulfilled with monthly donations of \$83.33 over five years. You'll receive a charitable income tax receipt for each gift.

### Gifts of Shares, Securities, and Mutual Funds:

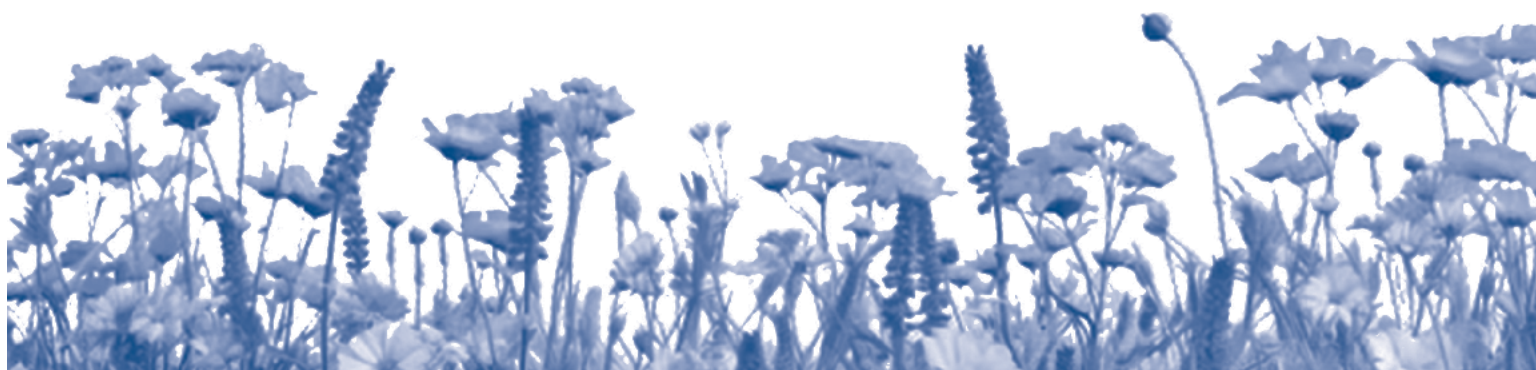
Donating your investments directly to the WDMH Foundation can help reduce or eliminate the tax on your capital gains – and you will receive a charitable income tax receipt for the settlement value of your shares of when they settle in the WDMH Foundation's account.

It's easy—just complete our Intent Form and your broker can electronically complete the transfer/gift of shares.

Planned giving is a meaningful way to make a lasting impact on local health care.

To learn more about the impact you can have on local health care, please reach out to Erin Kapcala, Manager of Major and Planned Giving at the WDMH Foundation, at 613-292-7468 or via email at [ekapcala@wdmh.on.ca](mailto:ekapcala@wdmh.on.ca)

This information, gathered from various sources, is believed to be reliable, but its accuracy cannot be guaranteed. It is not intended as legal, financial, or tax advice. Before making any planned gift, you should consult with your professional advisors to ensure it applies to your specific situation.





## Dundas Manor Redevelopment

When our campaign to build a new Dundas Manor Long-Term Care home was launched in March 2020, the goal to reach \$18 million seemed like a dream. Together, with the support of donors like you, the dream is coming true!

With only \$3.5 million more to go, the Foundation team continues to work hard to connect with people who care about this community to share the magic of the new home.

The construction team is also working hard – and they are currently on time and on budget – and great news...we are **now officially over 50% complete!**

The new Dundas Manor will be more than double the size of the current home. Thirty additional residents will be welcomed, for a total of 128 residents.

There will be four resident home areas called Homesteads. Each one will have a wonderful gathering space as well as beautiful outdoor gardens nearby. Hallway dining will be a thing of the past as there will be four large, bright dining rooms with enough space for everyone. Rooms in the new home will be larger – and everyone will have a window.

By the end of this summer, the following items will be complete:

- The North wings (by Clarence Street) will be fireproof.
- All exterior walls will be in place, with windows being installed.
- Siding will be installed on the South wings (by Fred Street), and the brick work will begin.
- Roofing will be complete, for a 100% waterproof building.
- Painting and ceiling work will be underway.
- Ductwork, mechanical rough-ins, electrical work, drywall, etc., are ongoing.

Things are currently on track for a grand opening next fall – but we still need your help to spread the word and raise awareness and funds. Remember our lawn signs from last year? We still have some available for anyone who would like to have one in their yard! Reach out to any of the Foundation team for more information or pick one up at our office.





## Coming Events

**August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025** – HealthGirl Restorative Yoga & Mild Essential Oils (6:30 PM – 8:00 PM) – 12820 County Rd 43, Chesterville

**August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025** – SDG Geek Con 2.0 (10:00 AM – 4:00 PM) – Chesterville Arena

**August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025** – Winchester Rib Competition (10:00 AM – 4:00 PM) – Winchester Foodland

**September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025** – The Grand Parade (10:00 AM – 1:00 PM) – 530 Fred St, Winchester

**September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025** – Soi-ree in the Field (6:00 PM) – Lavender Mills Farm

**November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025** – WDMH All-Stars Hockey Game (6:30 PM – 11:00 PM) – Winchester Arena

**December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025** – Judy Lannin Christmas Wish Tree Lighting Ceremony – WDMH main lobby

**January, 2026** – Family Fun Day

**February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026** – Morewood RA Winchester Carnival 50/50

**February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2026** – Sapphires and Snowflakes

**June, 2026** – EmpowHer High Tea Fashion Show

**August, 2026** – Wishes on the Water: A Night of Light for WDMH & Dundas Manor

## With heartfelt gratitude

*We are deeply thankful to each and every one of you for your unwavering support of the Foundation, Winchester District Memorial Hospital, and Dundas Manor. Because of your generosity, our community continues to benefit from modern equipment, accessible local services, and compassionate care for those who need it most. We hope this newsletter helps you to see the incredible impact you make with each gift.*

**Together, we are making a difference.**

3<sup>rd</sup> Annual  
**WDMH ALL-STARS HOCKEY GAME**  
NHL GREATS VS WDMH ALL-STARS  
JOEL STEELE COMMUNITY CENTRE & SAM AULT ARENA  
617 Main St W, Winchester, ON N0C 5A0  
**Saturday NOV 08 2025** Doors: 6:30 PM Game: 7:30 PM

**IN ORDER TO PLAY:**

- Pay a registration fee of \$100
- Wear an additional head
- 30 minutes practice

**\*The player that scores the most goals will win the game and the MVP (Most Valuable Player) will be awarded.**

**TO DO:**

- Photo Booth
- Refreshments
- Entertainment Games
- Cash Bar
- 50/50 Raffle
- 50/50 Auction

**VIP:**

- 1st & 2nd Row in Seats
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Visit the website below or scan the QR code to purchase tickets, register to play and help your friends function.

[www.wdmh-allstars-hockeygame.ca](http://www.wdmh-allstars-hockeygame.ca)

**YOU COULD WIN IT ALL!**

The WDMH Foundation  
**50/50 CASH RAFFLES**

RAFFLES	DRAW
APR 1 - JUN 1, 2025	JUN 2, 2025
JUN 3 - AUG 31, 2025	SEP 1, 2025
SEP 2 - NOV 30, 2025	DEC 1, 2025
DEC 2, 2025 - Mar 1, 2026	MAR 2, 2026

Help the WDMH Foundation purchase much-needed medical equipment for our local hospital and win some cash!

3 TICKETS	10 TICKETS	50 TICKETS	200 TICKETS
\$5	\$10	\$30	\$70

To purchase your tickets visit: [wdmhfoundationraffles.ca](http://wdmhfoundationraffles.ca)

Must be over the age of 18 to play. Tickets cannot be purchased on behalf of a person less than 18 years of age. Tickets can only be purchased by Ontario residents and purchasers must be physically in Ontario at the time of purchase. Technical Issues? Contact Justine Plummer 613-774-2422 ext. 6172 or [jplummer@wdmh.on.ca](mailto:jplummer@wdmh.on.ca)

**The BIGGER the JACKPOT, the GREATER the IMPACT!**

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[www.ontariogambling.ca](http://www.ontariogambling.ca)

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**THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

**THE Grand PARADE**

**Walk + Fundraise**  
**September 21, 2025**  
**Dundas Manor**

Join the family-friendly fundraising walk where we gather for local charities who support seniors and their families, happening all across Canada this fall!

Expanding the circle of compassionate care  
LET'S BUILD THE NEW DUNDAS MANOR

**Catch THE Ace** FOR WDMH OR DUNDAS MANOR

A WINNER EVERY WEEK!  
PLUS WEEKLY PROGRESSIVE JACKPOT LOTTERY  
DRAW THE ACE OF SPADES — WIN THE JACKPOT!

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PURCHASE TICKETS ONLINE AT  
[www.kinclubofrussell.ca/catch-the-ace-tickets](http://www.kinclubofrussell.ca/catch-the-ace-tickets)  
(Please be sure to select the WDMH Foundation (255) as your charity of choice)

PURCHASE TICKETS IN PERSON AT  
The WDMH Foundation Office, Loughlin's Country Store or Winchester Foodland to support the WDMH Foundation!

SCAN QR CODE ABOVE

**TICKETS \$10 EACH**  
To keep playing, a new ticket must be purchased each week.

Watch the weekly draw Sundays at 3:15 pm, streamed live on the Russell Kin Club Facebook page.

## Let's Chat!

*The WDMH Foundation team is here for you! We are always available to chat and look forward to getting to know you better. You can reach the Foundation office at 613-774-2422 ext. 6162 or 6169, [foundation@wdmh.on.ca](mailto:foundation@wdmh.on.ca) – or feel free to reach out to any one of us (see page 1).*

## Let's Keep the Conversation Going

We want to keep you up to date by sharing future issues of The Celebration Times.

Visit our main website at [www.wdmhfoundation.ca](http://www.wdmhfoundation.ca) to learn more about the Foundation and read past issues of Because of You and Your Legacy newsletters.

Visit [www.dundasmanordream.ca](http://www.dundasmanordream.ca) to learn more about the campaign to build a new Dundas Manor and read past issues of the Dundas Manor Dream newsletter.

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