

BECAUSE OF YOU

DONOR IMPACT REPORT
2022/2023

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GRATEFUL FOR YOU

It is such a privilege to present this year's Donor Impact Report to you. Watching the community come together in support of the Niagara Health Foundation this past year has been humbling for us at the Foundation, the Niagara Health team, and the entire Board of Directors.

When we called, you answered. Whether we picked up the phone, sent a letter or talked to you in person, you responded and chose to invest in local healthcare. Your overwhelming support has provided our hospitals with state-of-the-art equipment, including some examples you will read about in this report.

The most exciting equipment update we would like to share is that Niagara Health is currently installing two new Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) machines at the St. Catharines Site. After delays due to the pandemic, we are thrilled that this is finally underway. This will significantly decrease wait times for MRI testing in Niagara. **The physicians at Niagara Health, our donors and the entire community came together for this project in an unprecedented way.** Again, we thank you for your support.

Another highlight that stands out as we look back on this past year, is the Speakeasy Hospital Gala, which we held in March to raise funds for the *It's Our Future* campaign. **It was an amazing evening not only because it was our largest gala attended to date but also because the community rallied around supporting the future of healthcare.** It represents how the community has shown up for the South Niagara hospital since our campaign started. We were excited to announce that night that we have secured over

\$50 million in pledges to support the project's local share. **Your commitment to adding this new hospital to the region is the reason we now have shovels in the ground.** We look forward to continuing the work on this important campaign.

The donations you make, no matter how big or small, have a real impact on the lives of patients and their families. This past year has shown that together we can do great things for our local healthcare.

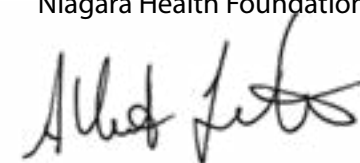
With gratitude,



Andrea Scott
President & CEO
Niagara Health Foundation



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Board Chair
Niagara Health Foundation



BY THE NUMBERS

Niagara Health serves the over 480,000 residents in Niagara. Below are some of the incredible examples of how many patients are cared for across Niagara Health.

DID YOU KNOW...

Each and every dollar donated to the Niagara Health Foundation stays in Niagara.

Your support allows Niagara Health to treat and care for hundreds of thousands of patients each year, close to home.

INPATIENT



1,045

BEDS



34,648

ADMISSIONS



7,115

SURGICAL CASES



3,189

INTENSIVE CARE
PATIENTS



32,116

SURGICAL CASES

OUTPATIENT

CARE BY NUMBERS



75,486

CANCER CARE/ ONCOLOGY
PATIENTS



3,343

BABIES BORN



745

STROKE CARE
PATIENTS



719

CARDIAC CARE
PATIENTS



72,171

ULTRASOUNDS



25,209

MENTAL HEALTH &
ADDICTION PATIENTS



62,902

KIDNEY/DIALYSIS CARE
PATIENTS



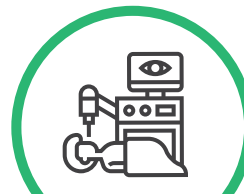
2,331

HEART INVESTIGATION
UNIT PROCEDURES



1,906

CHILDREN'S CARE
PATIENTS



6,698

CATARACT SURGERIES



21,027

MRI SCANS



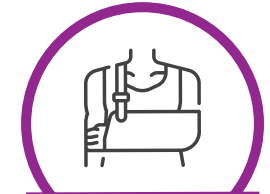
1,468

JOINT REPLACEMENTS



185,061

EMERGENCY &
URGENT CARE PATIENTS



190,660

OTHER OUTPATIENT CARE

VISITS

LIFE-SAVING EQUIPMENT FOR OUR



TRANSPORTATION VENTILATORS

Through your donations, we have supported the purchase of **nine Transportation Ventilators**. This urgent need was identified by the Emergency and Urgent Care units **across all Niagara Health Sites**.

Designed for mobility and convenience, this piece of equipment will help Niagara Health teams safely transport critical patients when necessary.

The state-of-the-art ventilation technology can be used on all types of patients.



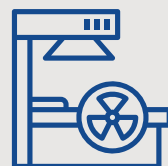
\$281,700 WAS RAISED FOR NINE TRANSPORT VENTILATORS.



BREAST BOARDS

The **Walker Family Cancer Centre** team is always looking for ways to improve patient care and asked the Foundation for funds for **four new Breast Boards**.

Thanks to your gifts, this important equipment can now be purchased. Breast Boards position the patient's chest and thorax for external beam radiotherapy. It secures the backrest at various angles while the tailbone pad and bottom stopper comfortably support the patient for the duration of imaging and treatment.



\$48,181 WAS RAISED FOR FOUR NEW BREAST BOARDS.



WASHER DISINFECTOR

A lot of important work at a hospital takes place behind the scenes. One of our lesser-known but crucial departments is the Medical Device Reprocessing (MDR). Our MDR technicians are responsible for sterilizing supplies, equipment and instruments for all of our Sites.

Thanks to your generosity the **Welland Site** will get **three new Washer-Disinfectors**. They are easy to load, operate and maintain, which will improve employee workflows for increased efficiency.



\$473,700 WAS RAISED FOR THREE WASHER-DISINFECTORS.

LOCAL HOSPITALS, BECAUSE OF YOU



CHEMISTRY ANALYZER

The team at our **St. Catharines Site** lab is excited about the new automated **Chemistry Analyzer**, which will be fully installed and functional later this year. When samples arrive from anywhere inside the hospital, the analyzer automatically checks the quality of the sample, forwards it to the appropriate testing equipment, and then sends it into a refrigerated unit.

This new system will decrease the turnaround time for getting results to healthcare teams, and is a great example of how your generosity improves patient care.



\$2,139,500 WAS RAISED FOR FOR AN AUTOMATED CHEMISTRY ANALYZER.



EMERGENCY ULTRASOUND

To better serve patients coming to the **Niagara Falls Site** Emergency Department, we raised funds for two new **Ultrasound Machines**. Abdominal pain is the most common patient complaint in an emergency department, yet the underlying cause can range from indigestion to an aneurysm. Determining a diagnosis is complicated and up-to-date ultrasound equipment helps identify many life-threatening conditions.

Thank you for investing in the emergency services at Niagara Health!



\$78,900 WAS RAISED FOR TWO EMERGENCY ULTRASOUND MACHINES.



RESEARCH

Your donations also went to support crucial **local research**. Niagara Health has active research studies in the fields of cardiology, critical care medicine, internal medicine, oncology and thrombosis. It is exciting that we are able to conduct this research at the community hospital level.

Research drives innovation and improves patient care. By investing in research at a community hospital you are helping ensure that patients in Niagara have access to the latest practices and technologies available.



\$262,200 WAS RAISED FOR RESEARCH WORK AT NIAGARA HEALTH.

YOUR DONATION HAS IMPACTED THE LIVES OF



CARSON HISTROP | CHILDREN'S HEALTH UNIT

The care that Paula's son, Carson, received at Niagara Health was life-changing for her and her family. He was still just a toddler when she noticed a change in him. He stopped eating and had trouble learning and retaining new skills. Paula tried looking for answers but nobody seemed to believe her.

"Then one day, I walked into Carson's room," Paula recalls. "Carson could not get out of bed or stand up on his own." His parents rushed him to the Emergency Department, where they were met with compassion and patience.

Thanks to the team's commitment to Carson's care, they finally received a diagnosis; Carson has a very rare form of epilepsy. "While this was difficult to digest, **I can't begin to tell you what a relief I felt once we had the answers we had been waiting for.** We finally knew what we were dealing with, meaning we could do something about it."

It has been four years since Carson was diagnosed, and thanks to his medical team's diligence, he is doing much better.

"The care we received has truly changed our lives, and I am forever grateful."



EVA WEAVER | WALKER FAMILY CANCER CENTRE

Eva's journey started with a routine mammogram and eventually led to the discovery of a tumor on her left breast. She remembers the horror of having to tell her children and husband about the devastating diagnosis but today, Eva is grateful that those difficult days are behind her.

Her surgeon Dr. Subramanian helped guide her and her husband Bob through the process: **"He talked us through every step. Knowing what to expect was so important for both of us."**

Eva's surgery was a success, and was followed by five radiation treatments. "I just have to say, the staff at radiology and everyone who came into our lives were angels. That's the only way I can describe them. Doctors Subramanian, VanderMeer and Hallock, and their team members were nothing but compassionate. If I was scared, they calmed me down and reassured me. They were fantastic."

"We are on our knees every night to give thanks for the care I received."

THOUSANDS OF PATIENTS IN OUR COMMUNITY



DAN GIANCOLA | CARDIAC AND STROKE CARE

Fitness studio owner and former CFL placekicker, Dan is also a heart attack and stroke survivor. "When I was having the heart attack, I started making my peace with God," remembers Dan. When he arrived at the St. Catharines Emergency Department everything happened quickly. Following his heart surgery, he spent one week recovering in hospital, where Dr. Natalia Pinilla and her team helped him get well.

About a year and a half later, Dan collapsed at his fitness studio and awoke in hospital to learn he had a massive stroke. With support from the Niagara District Stroke Centre at the Niagara Falls Site, Dan is doing well.

Grateful for the care he received, Dan began hosting events to raise funds for a \$15,000 electrocardiography (ECG) machine. "The ECG is what caught my heart attack. I'm here today and I wouldn't be if it wasn't for the swift action of those who took care of me."

"The nurses who helped in my recovery were absolutely outstanding."



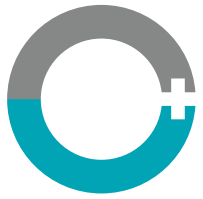
NICOLE GIGUERE | CARDIAC CARE

When Welland resident Nicole felt a heaviness in her chest while watching TV with her husband, she knew something was wrong and decided to go to the Emergency Department in Welland. While initial testing ruled out a heart attack, it was still recommended for her to follow-up with a specialist. A nuclear stress test then identified a serious blockage in Nicole's heart.

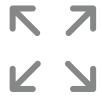
In November 2021, Nicole came to the Heart Investigation Unit (HIU), where Dr. Valettas performed an angiogram and inserted one stent. **"I was very lucky that this was discovered and addressed. I was very much at risk of having a heart attack."** Thankfully, this was the only blockage found.

"To show my appreciation for Dr. James at the Welland Site, Dr. Mazzetti at the Niagara Falls Site and the HIU staff at the St. Catharines Site for their outstanding care, I made a donation to the Niagara Health Foundation. The doctors and nurses were warm and comforting, and I will always be grateful to Niagara Health for helping save my life."

"I will always be grateful to Niagara Health for saving my life."



IT'S OUR FUTURE



Approximately
1.3 Million
Square Feet



469 Beds
30 Critical Beds
170 Complex Care Beds
269 Medical Surgical Beds
8 Operating Suites



Centres of Excellence
Complex Care
Wellness in Aging
Stroke

Your Donations Shape The Future of Healthcare in Niagara

Because of you, work is now underway for the South Niagara hospital. It will take approximately five years to build, and we are so grateful for the amazing support we are receiving for this important project. This new hospital will offer a full scope of hospital services, including emergency, critical care, diagnostic, therapeutic and surgical services, as well as Centres of Excellence in complex care, wellness in aging and stroke.

Over \$50 Million Pledged to Date!



156 more beds
for the region



74% increase
in MRI diagnostic capacity



12 additional
hemodialysis stations



Accommodate 7,400
more senior wellness visits



Accommodate 20,000
more emergency visits



**Artist rendering, subject to change*



NIAGARA HEALTH KNOWLEDGE INSTITUTE (NHKI)

It was such a privilege to support the launch of the Niagara Health Knowledge Institute (NHKI) this spring. **It is a milestone for research at Niagara Health made possible by a \$4-million donation from the McCall MacBain Foundation.** This is an exciting achievement for all of us in Niagara and we cannot wait to see the results of local research.

Why the NHKI?

Historically, most medical research has been conducted in academic hospitals in larger centres, but more than 90 per cent of hospitals in Canada are community hospitals. That means that a lot of research activity does not properly reflect the population, a gap the NHKI will address.

The NHKI will:

- Expand Niagara Health's capacity for research
- Enable research that targets health issues specific to the Niagara region
- Help attract physicians and other frontline workers
- Position Niagara Health as a national leader in research at community hospitals.



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