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2023/2024
DONOR IMPACT REPORT

Niagara Health's New
MRI Arrives

GRATEFUL FOR YOU

"What inspired your donation today?" is a question we ask all of our donors. As we reflect back on this past year, we decided to take a moment to look at some of your responses. To us, reading what inspires your donations is a reminder that behind every gift, there is a story.

"Niagara Health staff saved my little cousin's life."

"Today is the last day of my cancer treatments and I wanted to take this opportunity to recognize all that you've done for me."

"My late husband's dialysis treatments."

Each time you decide to make a gift to the Niagara Health Foundation, it is because you care about our local hospitals.

Whether you rely on them yourself, have a loved one who needs care, or you view local healthcare as an important investment in your community – your gifts come from a place of kindness, generosity and gratitude, and we are humbled by your loyal support.

We hope that reading this report will serve as a reminder to you that your gifts and support have a direct impact on patients and healthcare workers here in our communities. You will read about Chelsea, Alan, Sarah and Richard – people who experienced first-hand how important it is that our local hospitals have the tools they need.

You will also see some of the state-of-the-art equipment that was purchased this past year, thanks to our incredible community of generous donors.

With this snapshot of the many lives you have touched and the many pieces of equipment you have brought to our local hospitals, we want to thank you and assure you that our work here is not done. With your help, we will continue bringing life-saving equipment to Niagara Health.

If you were to ask us what inspires us to do this work, the answer is simple, it is you and your continued commitment to our local hospitals.

On behalf of our team at the Niagara Health Foundation and our Board of Directors, we thank you for your tireless support of the Niagara Health Foundation.



Andrea Scott
President & CEO
Niagara Health Foundation



Kevin Wilson
Board Chair
Niagara Health Foundation



BY THE NUMBERS

When you make a donation to the Niagara Health Foundation, you invest in our local hospitals. Thanks to your support, our healthcare workers have the tools they need to treat and diagnose thousands of people from all across our region who come to Niagara Health looking for help.

VISITS



60,223

KIDNEY/DIALYSIS CARE PATIENTS



153,478

EMERGENCY PATIENTS



33,534

URGENT CARE PATIENTS



21,213

MENTAL HEALTH & ADDICTION PATIENTS



179,275

OTHER OUTPATIENT CARE



31,262

SURGICAL CASES



15,856

FRACTURE CLINIC PATIENTS

MINOR SURGERIES

CARE BY NUMBERS



78,450

CANCER CARE/ ONCOLOGY PATIENTS



3,343

BABIES BORN



798

STROKE CARE PATIENTS



656

CARDIAC CARE PATIENTS



74,482

ULTRASOUNDS



1,068

BEDS



39,598

ADMISSIONS

INPATIENT



2,213

HEART INVESTIGATION UNIT PROCEDURES



1,804

CHILDREN'S CARE PATIENTS



6,306

CATARACT SURGERIES



17,207

MRI SCANS



1,507

JOINT REPLACEMENTS



7,667

SURGICAL CASES



3,218

INTENSIVE CARE PATIENTS

LIFESAVING EQUIPMENT, BECAUSE OF YOU



BLADDER SCANNERS

Bladder scanners are used across several departments across Niagara Health. These specialized ultrasound devices measure the contents of a patient's bladder, which is often crucial following surgeries or giving birth.

Because of you, 29 new bladder scanners have been purchased. This new technology means significant improvements for our healthcare workers, who can get images faster and easier thanks to this new equipment.



CT SCANNER

Computed tomography, commonly known as CT, is an important diagnostic tool that shows detailed images of any part of the body, including bones, muscles, fat, organs and blood vessels.

Because of you, Niagara Health will be able to purchase a new CT scanner for our Welland hospital this year.

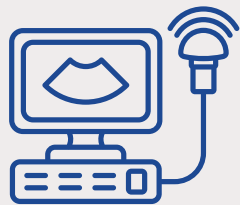
Upgrading the scanner will improve reliability and have a direct impact on patient care.



X-RAY IMAGING TABLE

Because of you, a much-needed new fluoroscopy table for the Vascular Surgery department has been purchased. Having an additional operating table increases the number of vascular surgeries that can take place at Niagara Health.

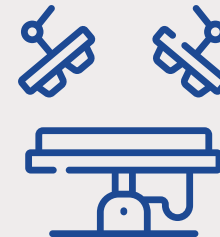
Vascular Surgeon Dr. Craig Durant is grateful for everyone who chooses to donate to the Niagara Health Foundation, "I hope donors can see how their support makes a huge difference for patient care."



\$590,814 WAS RAISED FOR TWENTY-NINE BLADDER SCANNERS



\$1,900,000 WAS RAISED FOR A CT SCANNER



\$102,000 WAS RAISED FOR AN X-RAY IMAGING TABLE

NEW MRI MACHINES ARE INSTALLED



One of the highlights of our past year at the Niagara Health Foundation was the arrival of two MRI machines at the Marotta Family Hospital in St. Catharines.

After years of fundraising and delays due to the pandemic, it was an exciting day for the team at Niagara Health when these new MRIs arrived. Transporting them into the hospital and getting them installed was a logistical challenge which took careful planning. Thankfully, everything went smoothly and we just cannot thank you enough for making this a reality.



Thanks to your commitment and tireless support, people from all across Niagara who are waiting for a scan have shorter wait times and access to state-of-the-art machines that are equipped with the latest technology and software.

We also want to extend our deepest gratitude to the 550+ community donors, especially Tom Rankin and Barb Cornelius, who both played an integral role in raising the funds needed for this new equipment, through their own contributions and outreach.



The two new MRI machines are an example of what we can achieve when we all come together for our local hospitals.



Watch the video of the new MRI's delivery and installation at NiagaraHealthFoundation.com/MRI

YOUR DONATION HAS IMPACTED THE LIVES OF



Chelsea | Mental Health & Addictions

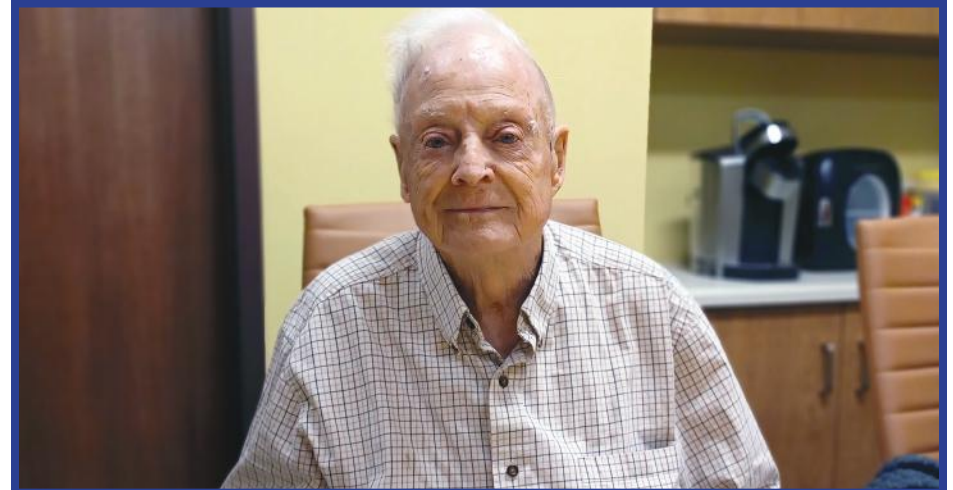
If you were to meet Chelsea today, you would never know the journey she has been through. When she was 23 years old, Chelsea came to the New Port Centre (NPC) in Port Colborne, one of Niagara Health's Addiction Recovery Services.

The New Port Centre offers residential treatment to help people overcome substance use and Chelsea's time there saved her life. The support she found at the NPC and the tools she was introduced to helped her out of the darkness of alcoholism. It showed her that recovery is a process and she didn't have to do it on her own.

Chelsea proudly celebrated 12 years of sobriety last December.

"I will always remember the NPC as the place where it started. It's where it started for me, how I've gotten the life I have today. My home, my career, the relationships with my friends, my family, myself – it all happened because of this facility."

"Niagara Health's New Port Centre changed my entire life." -Chelsea



Alan | Kidney Care

Nine years ago, Alan was given news that would change his life forever. "My doctor told me that my kidney was failing and that I would need dialysis treatment," Alan remembers. "That was quite a shock."

Alan makes his way to the dialysis clinic at Niagara Health three times a week. At first, his body didn't adjust to dialysis easily "but the nurses and doctors – they got me through it." He is grateful for his physician, Dr. Quinn, and the clinic's team.

"The nurses are really, really friendly, I can't say enough about them. They have been wonderful to me."

As a way of expressing their appreciation, Alan and his wife support the Niagara Health Foundation by making donations and buying tickets for the community lottery. "I appreciate the staff at the hospital so much and they need our funding, so we try to give what we can."

"On my days off, we live a normal life, and it's thanks to dialysis." -Alan

THOUSANDS OF PATIENTS IN OUR COMMUNITY



Sarah | Walker Family Cancer Centre

Last fall, our Big Move Cancer Ride celebrated its 15-year anniversary and we are grateful for the many riders who chose to share their stories with us. One of them was Sarah, a past participant who returned to the ride after a long break to celebrate her own milestone - being cancer-free for 15 years.

Sarah first started riding in the Big Move after her own battle with breast cancer, "but I got to a point where I wanted to distance myself from the cancer thing."

As much as she wanted a break from the event and everything that reminded her of her diagnosis, each time she heard from someone who was diagnosed with cancer, the ride would be back on her mind. **"I would think – I have to do this again because I'm still here."**

Sarah decided that 2023 was her year to return to the Big Move, raising more than \$1000 for the Walker Family Cancer Centre. "It may sound cliché, but I ride for those who can't."

"I was able to see first-hand that there was a big need for funding and more equipment." -Sarah



Richard | Neurology

In November 2023, Richard experienced a serious seizure. "My wife found me in front of the TV, already unconscious. She called 911 and I was rushed to the St. Catharines Hospital."

Richard was unconscious for more than 30 hours. "I have never had a seizure and other than this recent unexplained event I have never been admitted to a hospital." Richard spent eight days in the hospital before being discharged.

"Every staff member, the doctors, nurses, specialists and hospital support staff, were thoughtful, accommodating, personable, and genuinely engaged in their duties. **I was impressed and pleased with the professionalism and dedication of everyone at Niagara Health."**

To express his gratitude, Richard made a donation to the Niagara Health Foundation. "Please accept my sincerest thanks for all of the care that you gave to me and for the support you gave to my family."

"I want to express my gratitude for the excellent care I received during each day of my stay." -Richard

MAROTTA FAMILY HOSPITAL

This past year, we took a monumental step forward in local healthcare as the Marotta family pledged a transformational \$15-million gift to the St. Catharines hospital.

After touring the hospital, Angela Marotta and Melissa Marotta-Paolicelli were moved to contribute to the improvements and expansion of the healthcare services within the hospital. The Marotta family's generous donation will significantly impact the future of care at the St. Catharines hospital, fostering innovation, enhancing services and vitally-needed equipment upgrades that will benefit our community for generations to come.

In recognition of the gift, the hospital has been named the Marotta Family Hospital in St. Catharines. This gesture underscores the incredible philanthropic gifts the Marotta family has made across Niagara's healthcare, education and non-profit sectors. In April 2023, the Marotta family committed \$10 million to the *It's Our Future* campaign in support of the new South Niagara hospital.

"This beautiful hospital plays a crucial role in providing essential healthcare services, and it is an honour for our family to be able to give back in this way as it represents what is most important to us – the health and well-being of family and the ones you care about."

- Angela Marotta and Melissa Marotta-Paolicelli

The St. Catharines hospital opened in March 2013 and stands as a cornerstone of healthcare excellence in Niagara. It is home to Centres of Excellence in Cancer Care, Cardiac Care, Kidney Care, Mental Health Services and Women & Babies. The opening of the St. Catharines hospital meant Niagara residents no longer needed to travel out of region for a number of treatments, including those for cancer, cardiology and neonatal care. The hospital continues to be a vital resource for our community's well-being.

"Having such a close connection to the Niagara region, as a family, we know the positive impact this donation will have on the health and well-being of the community," explain Angela Marotta and Melissa Marotta-Paolicelli.



Angela Marotta, Andrea Scott and Melissa Marotta-Paolicelli celebrate the transformational gift

"The Marotta family has planted roots here in Niagara and nurtured a legacy of compassion. Their incredible donation to the St. Catharines hospital is not just a gift, it's a testament to their unwavering commitment to elevate local healthcare for all of Niagara," says Andrea Scott, President & CEO of Niagara Health Foundation.

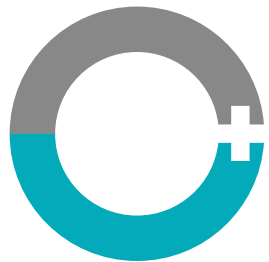
"The Niagara Health Foundation is profoundly thankful for their generous spirit, which goes beyond monetary support. Getting to know this remarkable family has been a privilege, and their continuous impact on our efforts to enhance healthcare in the region is immeasurable."

SOUTH NIAGARA HOSPITAL CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Momentum for the South Niagara Hospital project has been incredible since the groundbreaking ceremony and start of construction last July. **EllisDon Infrastructure Healthcare has construction moving along at an exciting pace, their teams have completed the excavation and foundation for the basement level.** Elevator shafts and stairwells are taking shape, and more than 75% of the underground work has been completed, including stormwater and sanitary sewers, waterlines and electrical.

Construction moved above ground level, in May 2024, as work began on the superstructure. **Over the next two years, you can watch the building grow floor by floor until it reaches its 12-storey peak, at an impressive 61-metres tall.**

Because of you, this project is on track for completion in 2028. Thanks to your support we have now reached over \$62 million in pledges for the new hospital. **We are incredibly grateful to all of the generous donors who invested in the *It's Our Future* campaign this past year.**



IT'S OUR FUTURE

\$62 MILLION
IN PLEDGED GIFTS

THANK YOU TO OUR DONORS

This list is comprised of donors, private foundations and organizations contributing to and supporting Niagara Health Foundation with gifts of \$1,000 or more between June 1, 2023 to May 31, 2024.

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We are pleased to share the launch of our Niagara Health Foundation Legacy Society this past year.

The Niagara Health Foundation Legacy Society was created to honour and celebrate individuals who have chosen to shape the future of healthcare by including Niagara Health in their estate planning.

Please reach out to us if you would like to learn more about this wonderful program. We want to express our heartfelt gratitude for the following legacy gifts:

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Estate of Gloria Clayton
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