



(L-R): Greg & Kelly Wolfe and gastroenterologists Dr. Richard Lewis & Dr. Jin K. Ho.

Genius and Generous

North Shore residents Greg and Kelly Wolfe have made a game-changing donation to LGH to help fight colorectal cancer – the second most common cause of cancer deaths in Canada.

The couple donated \$360,000 to fund the purchase of four units of the leading-edge artificial intelligence detection device – Medtronic GI Genius. LGH is the second hospital in the country and the first in BC to deploy the proprietary technology.

Last year, 24,300 people in Canada were diagnosed with colorectal (colon) cancer which is the fourth most common form of the disease nationwide.

The Medtronic GI Genius is used as a support tool for physicians, looking for hard-to-spot, potentially cancerous growths during endoscopy procedures. “This kind of detection technology is

changing the landscape of our field,” says Lions Gate Hospital Gastroenterology Division head Dr. Jin K. Ho. “By improving and increasing polyp detection rates, we can effectively reduce the incidence of colon cancer and will ultimately save lives.”

LGH physician, Dr. Richard Lewis, who tested the technology before purchase said: “Based on our evaluation, the device appears to be very sensitive to subtle polyps which may be pre-malignant.”

“Previous studies using the device have also suggested there is an

increased rate of detection of small and subtle polyps, with the detection rate of these pre-cancerous polyps correlating with the subsequent risk for developing colon cancer.”

Kelly and Greg were motivated to give after experiencing the disease first-hand. Kelly was recently treated at LGH for colon cancer and it is a disease that has touched several generations of their extended family. The couple hope that their donation will help reduce the impact that colon cancer has on other families in their community.

Greg Wolfe, who has enjoyed a long career in the tech industry, hopes the donation will raise awareness of the disease and encourage others to help improve health care in their communities.

“I’d like to challenge my colleagues from high-tech to first, make sure you get a colonoscopy and then, get involved in making a difference in how we all support our health care professionals, whether it’s through a donation of funds or helping address significant technology needs,” says Greg.

Each year more than 2,500 colonoscopies are carried out at LGH. **Cont’d back page**

The \$360,000 donation was used to purchase four Medtronic GI Genius devices for use in all four suites in the Coastal Community of Care Endoscopy Program at Lions Gate Hospital and Squamish General Hospital.

Learn more about the donation and the technology at:

lghfoundation.com/genius



Eyes on the Sky We're excited by the progress we see at the construction site of the Paul Myers Tower (PMT) on E. 13th Street. The 6th and final floor has just been completed and the roof has been installed. Corridors connecting the new building to the existing

tower are in the works and exterior glazing and interior wall framing has started on the first two levels. Above is a recent photo of the 108-bed tower and an artist's rendering of what it will look like at the end of 2024. For regular updates on the PMT go to: lghfoundation.com/paul-myers-tower

A Gift for Every Season

Our monthly donors have a far-reaching and lasting impact on many different areas of patient care.

As a recurring donor, they support the hospital year round to ensure that the specialist areas with the most urgent needs get vital resources to maintain and improve the level of patient care.

If you become a monthly donor, you choose the amount you'd like to pay every month and a payment will

automatically be withdrawn from your bank account or credit card. Even small amounts build up quickly to have a big impact over time.

You will receive a single tax receipt for all of your contributions and it's easy and straightforward to cancel the automatic payments at any time.

For as little as **the cost of a cup of coffee**, you can help us make a life-changing difference to health care on the North Shore.

It's easy to join our mighty team of monthly donors. Please complete the enclosed donation form by choosing the monthly donor option or register online at lghfoundation.com/donate-monthly

327 The number of patients who have received advanced care in the Seaspun High Acuity Unit since it opened in May 2022. Our remarkable donors gave \$10.35 million to build and equip the unit which treats seriously-ill patients with multiple health conditions.

Outstanding Achievers

Dozens of health care workers from across the North Shore were nominated by their peers for our 16th Annual North Shore Health Care Awards. These awards recognize the outstanding achievements of health care professionals in our community.

Denise Carter, recipient of the Brian and Betty McManus Workplace Inspiration Award, has worked at the Carlile Centre since it opened in 2017. Denise, a social worker, has been described as a beacon of light since day one.

Mina Molavi, former Coordinator of Mental Health Housing at the HOpe Centre, was awarded the Dr. Les Janz Leadership Award. When Mina took on the role as team lead over a decade ago, she focused on growing the team into a multidisciplinary one which provides clients with complete care.

Nikki Brown, Program Lead for Home Health/Chronic Diseases, North Shore Community was the recipient of our Clinical Practice Award. Nikki has ensured that staff are supported in their work and patients are receiving the critical care they need.

The Foundation awarded the Spirit of Philanthropy Award to **Dr. Allan Burgmann**, Medical Director for Acute Psychiatric Services. At the Foundation not only is he an Honorary Director on our Board, he has been an enthusiastic ambassador for our campaigns and a champion for many of our fundraising events.

We would like to thank Julian and Barbara Kirstiuk for funding The Dr. Les Janz Leadership Award, and



Clockwise from top left: Denise Carter, Mina Molavi, Nikki Brown, and Dr. Allan Burgmann.

Betty and Brian McManus for sponsoring the Workplace Inspiration Award.

To learn more about the awards, visit [lghfoundation.com /16th-annual-health-care-awards](https://lghfoundation.com/16th-annual-health-care-awards)

Life-Saving Gifts

Thanks to the incredible generosity of our donors, Lions Gate Hospital has received some vital pieces of equipment.

Lions Gate Hospital is the beneficiary of two new pieces of life-saving equipment made possible by the generosity of donors.

The LGH Lab Department provides services for over 30,000 patients annually. In order to diagnose and treat cancer, a patient's samples must first be evaluated through a process called "grossing".

LGH desperately needed a second grossing station to meet the growing demand in our community. The purchase of the station costing \$370,000 was made possible through the Dr. Klimo Fund. This special fund was created in honor of the inspiring care provided by Dr. Paul Klimo, and is used to help LGH patients in their fight against cancer. A second grossing station enables staff to process more cases each day, resulting in cancer patients experiencing fewer delays along their treatment journey.

In the OR, a thoughtful contribution by philanthropists Jim and Carol Mercier of a \$200,000 gift to fund a Maquet Yuno II Mobile Operating Table has

improved the ability of surgical teams to be ready for any emergency.

The versatility of this new operating table allows for the quick and easy configuration of the table to support numerous life-saving procedures while ensuring patient safety.

"We are grateful for the kindness of donors who give us the opportunity to work with state-of-the-art equipment. It's been a huge advantage in the Operating Room and has made a substantial difference during procedures," says Sara Salmon, Surgical Program Coordinator at LGH.

Better Care Starts Here

The new improved admitting and triage area of the Emergency Department at LGH has just been opened to the public.

The new layout includes a centrally located nursing station with a clear view of patients in the waiting rooms; private exam rooms for patient assessments and heart-monitoring tests and an updated entrance for an admissions nurse and security officer.

In 2022 alone, 65,150 patients visited the Emergency Department at LGH and that number is expected to increase. The new upgrades make the department more accessible, efficient and safer for staff and visitors.



Top: OR Staff have a new piece of life-saving equipment thanks to donor generosity. Above: LGH Triage Nurse Lisa Kettle takes a sneak preview of the redeveloped Emergency entrance.

The first phase of the emergency improvement project was completed in November last year with the opening of the Psychiatric Emergency Assessment and Treatment (PEAT) area. PEAT is staffed by emergency and mental health specialists and provides targeted care for patients with mental health and drug use issues.

Thank you to all of our donors who supported our campaign to upgrade the LGH Emergency Department. Your contribution will improve the care of the 170 plus patients a day.

A Quiet Revolution

If you support our Technology Transformation Campaign, you will help accelerate the pace of patient care and strengthen logistics and clinical support for our hard-working health care teams.

Anesthetic dispensing units in every operating room, vital signs monitoring for every patient and personal location technology for the most vulnerable of patients are just some of the technology that will enhance safety and provide more personalised care for all patients.



Hands-free communications systems, surgical instrument and equipment tracking, access to more and better monitoring equipment and updated logistics software will enable staff to provide more responsive care for patients.

The Paul Myers Tower (PMT) is due to open late next year (see previous page). The transformation in care that is coming to Lions Gate Hospital is made possible by the new high-tech infrastructure that will be available in the PMT.

We want to start training and equipping our health care teams with the new technology ahead of the official opening to ensure a smooth transition to the state-of-the-art facility. Please support our quiet tech revolution by making a donation at: lghfoundation.com/tech

Kudos to Our Community!

Lions Gate Hospital Foundation is pleased to acknowledge the generosity of the following thoughtful supporters.

1 The **Ambleside Tiddlycove Lions Club** has been a loyal donor to the Foundation for over 30 years. Their latest contribution of \$5,000 funded a splint bath for Outpatient Rehab and a blood pressure monitor for the Medical Infusion Clinic.

2 A special thank you to **Toby Wang** who raised a total of \$430 for his 7th birthday party in support of our Interventional Radiology Campaign.

3 Our LGH Week community partner **McDonald's, Jim Pike Ltd, North & West Vancouver** along with their generous customers helped raise a total of \$15,752 at locations across the North Shore.

4 A big thank you to **Amir Miri Personal Real Estate Corporation** for donating \$5,000 in support of our Interventional Radiology Campaign.

5 We are grateful to **MD Management** who made a special delivery of a gift card for a staff-room sofa, a coffee maker and treats for the staff at Hospice.

6 **Mia**, a local grade 6 student, donated toys for our pediatric patients, that were bought with funds raised from a lemonade and cookie stand she organized with a friend.

7 **North Shore Tourism Association** raised an amazing \$20,000 from their Craft Beer Week launch event. Cheers!



If you would like to support LGH Foundation through your event, please email us at info@lghfoundation.com



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The new technology is now available for all patients who come in for screening.

"It's only through donations like this, and Kelly and Greg's generosity, that we're able to fund this type of game-changing care." says Judy Savage, President and CEO of LGH Foundation. "We all appreciate their willingness to support our health care teams with the latest tools after being inspired by the care they received here."

By Gary Carr



Make a Wish for LGH

Looking for a meaningful way to celebrate a family birthday? Make the special day a celebration of giving by hosting a charity birthday party in support of LGH. It's easy to set up a personalized fundraising page on our website for guests who will receive a tax receipt direct from the Foundation. If you would like to learn more about our Birthday Program, please visit lghfoundation.com/charity-birthday-parties



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Did you know that **100%** of your donation will help support patient care at LGH?