

# Your Legacy



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## We Can Because You Care

When you join Lions Gate Hospital Foundation's Legacy Society, you provide us the opportunity to thank you for your support of local health care, and to have a discussion with you about how you would like your future gift designated, and how you wish to be recognized.

You also become a part of an active, compassionate community of people working together to improve the future of health care for all of us.

Legacy Society members are donors who have made arrangements to leave a gift in their will. Members get a front-row seat to the changes that are taking place across LGH

with behind-the-scenes tours and special events featuring guest appearances from physicians and staff.

Members are also invited to special seasonal events and financial planning sessions run by local independent advisors.

**If you are planning to leave a gift in your will to LGH Foundation, please let us know! We would like to thank you for your generosity in person and to provide you with more information about the Legacy Society. Please contact Carolyn Anderson at 604.984.5887 for further details.**

### Fast Forward to the Future

With the trust and goodwill of the local community we are transforming health care across the North Shore.

Step by step, year by year, our supporters contribute to projects that will create the best healing environment for our patients and give our physicians access to 21st Century technology.

To ensure that your donations continue to have the greatest impact, we listen to staff and physicians, look at successful solutions implemented at other health care facilities across North America and work closely with Vancouver Coastal Health to ensure we can continue to make the best choices for our community.

As we look forward to the start of construction on the ground-breaking Medical & Surgical Centre we are turning our attention to new areas of care that would benefit from donor support.

Right now we're fundraising to build a Critical Care Unit that will provide advanced care for our most seriously ill patients. We also have a list of urgently needed medical equipment.

Whether you donate once a year, once a month or leave the gift of a lifetime, please know that every gift of every size will ensure that the transformation of health care in our community continues for many years to come.



## Create a Long Lasting Legacy

Having a room, space or building named in your honour is a great legacy that will remain visible for years to come.

With new facilities at LGH being planned in the near future, including a new Critical Care Unit, there are many naming opportunities available for donors who are considering significant donations.

If you would like to learn more about current naming opportunities at Lions Gate Hospital, please contact Louise Campbell at 604.904.3561 or [louise.campbell@vch.ca](mailto:louise.campbell@vch.ca)



Supporters enjoy a behind the scenes tour of the new CT Scanning suite.

# Beneficiary to Benefactor

**Rosemary Hill, a Registered Nurse at Lions Gate Hospital has dedicated her life to helping others.**

For 38 years she's had a front-row seat to the evolution of the hospital and she's seen and benefitted from the changes that have been made possible by the generosity of our donor community.

"There is something very special about Lions Gate Hospital. I believe the people that I work with here, surgeons, rehab staff, dietary, nurses, always have the best interests of patients at heart. It is my community and I wouldn't want to work anywhere else."

Rosemary started her nursing career in the Intensive Care Unit in the early 80s, and spent 12 years with the sickest patients before becoming a clinician teacher. Inspired by a colleague

specializing in wound care she accepted an opportunity to expand her knowledge and nursing career in wound, ostomy and continence care.

Since 2004, Rosemary has been part of a team that guides patients through complex emotional as well as physical issues.

While Rosemary remains very much an active leader in patient care, she has her eye on the future. After many years of being a beneficiary of donor funding she began to think seriously about becoming a benefactor.

"I was long overdue renewing my will and so when I was going through that I thought I would like to leave something behind for Lions Gate because it's such a huge part of my life and I also see how much it impacts patients," she says. **Cont'd over**

## A Life-Saving Tribute

A quiet act of generosity has enabled Lions Gate Hospital to expand its CT scanning services to provide more diagnostic scans and perform more guided procedures on patients with hard-to-see critical conditions.

Anonymous donors made the lead donation to fund the sophisticated scanning equipment in memory of their parents.

With two CT Scanners now available at LGH, downtimes are greatly reduced and more patients than ever before have faster access to diagnosis and treatment.

Since it was installed in April, the GE Revolution HD CT Scanner has performed 5,530 scans.

# Equipped for the Future

In 2019 supporters helped to fund more than \$3 million worth of new equipment across the publicly funded health care facilities on the North Shore. These ranged from low-tech but practical items to the latest high-tech medical devices.

Sometimes it's the small things that make a big difference to improve the comfort and sense of well being of patients. A new blanket warming cabinet for the Surgical Unit ensures patients stay warm during the critical post-operative stage of their recovery.

Comfort kits for patients who arrive at the hospital in an emergency without personal items are now available for the first time and funding was also provided

for overbed tables to aid bed-bound patients at North Shore Hospice.

Donors have also had a major impact on clinical care. Through their generosity, we've been able to invest in a wide range of new equipment including a new jaundice meter and 10 physiological monitors for NICU and Pediatrics, two ventilators, portable breathing machines and a rapid infuser for critical patients in the Emergency Department and stress-testing equipment for Cardiology.

Evergreen House, West Vancouver Adult Day Centre, Cedar Garden and the community vaccination program were enhanced with tools, equipment, information resources and therapeutic supplies over the past 12 months.



## Say Hello, Wave Goodbye

After a very successful 13 years as Director of Planned Giving at LGH Foundation, Joanne McLellan (right) is retiring. We'd like to wish Joanne all the best during her retirement and welcome Carolyn Anderson who joined the Foundation in February to take over the role. She is joined by Gail Wilson (left) who is the Foundation's new Manager for Donor Relations. Carolyn and Gail look forward to meeting supporters over the coming months.

Neonatal Intensive Care staff receive training on a Panda Warmer which was delivered to LGH in October of last year. The purchase of the mobile unit, which uses advanced technology to provide immediate care for sick newborns, was made possible thanks to donor generosity.



## Save the date: Planned Giving Seminar

- 2:00pm-3:30pm
- March 24, 2020
- Delbrook Community Recreation Centre  
581 West Queens Road,  
North Vancouver

The session will be presented by independent local financial advisors.

To register, please call Gail Wilson at 604.984.5857.

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In 2016 the wound care team at LGH was able to purchase a hand-held device - the MolecuLite i:X which Rosemary describes as a game changer for wounds, infection and anti-microbial stewardship at the hospital and in the wider community.

In 2017 and 2018 she hosted Ostomy Day, an educational event bringing patients, clinicians, support groups and specialist suppliers together.

Both the purchase of the MolecuLite and Ostomy Day were made possible through gifts given by LGH Foundation's Womens' Giving Circle.

Rosemary has also benefited from educational grants available to health care staff through the Foundation.

She says: "I've seen the difference donors make in so many people's lives and I want it to continue after I'm gone."

# A Gift that Keeps on Giving

## In a world of change, endowments provide certainty and stability for the future.

An endowment is a permanent fund where the initial donation is invested and the income from that investment is used to support a particular department or program of your choice.

Named endowments (i.e. the George Harper Endowment) offer a lasting legacy to the donor who has supported a charity during their lifetime and wants to see this support continue. A named endowment is a lovely way to have a family name connected to Lions Gate Hospital Foundation in perpetuity.

Named endowments have a powerful impact on a wide range of services at LGH including hospice care, enhanced surgical education, rehabilitation and mental health support services.

The Eric & Gwyneth Smith Endowment for example was originally set up with a gift of \$1 million in 2009 and the income earned continues to be used to purchase medical equipment and fund facility upgrades.

It is also possible to set up an endowment or contribute to an existing fund in honour of someone meaningful to you. Donations for the Dr. Klimo Fund, named after the renowned North Shore oncologist, come from grateful patients. Income from the fund supports the care of cancer patients across LGH.

The Dr. Les Janz Leadership Award for staff is funded through an endowment set up by the Kirstiuk family. They wanted to recognize the many years of care and service that Dr. Janz provided as their family GP. At the request of the Kirstiuk family, income from the Dr. Les Janz Leadership Endowment supports staff and physicians who have distinguished themselves in their profession and show great promise as future leaders, with career and skills-upgrading grants.



Dr. Les Janz with Barbara & Julian Kirstiuk who set up an endowment in his honour.

When you set up an endowment with LGH Foundation you decide how the income is spent. You can choose to restrict funds for a specific purpose or provide funds for unrestricted use which will be directed at the discretion of the Foundation.

No one can predict the future, but when you set up an endowment with LGH Foundation you can ensure that you have an enduring influence on the areas of health care that matter most to you.

**To ensure maximum impact of your donation, the minimum amount required to set up an endowment is \$100,000. For more information, please contact Judy Savage at 604.984.5785 or contact [judy.savage@vch.ca](mailto:judy.savage@vch.ca)**

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