

Your Legacy



2021 / MAKE A DIFFERENCE BEYOND YOUR LIFETIME



Staff in the LGH COVID Unit are thankful to donors who supported the upgrades and equipment purchases required to create the new unit at short notice.

The Tools They Need

Thanks to the extraordinary support of our donors we were able to help Lions Gate Hospital prepare for the pandemic and elevate many areas of care with the purchase of life-saving and life-enhancing equipment.

Close to \$1 million was spent to purchase medical technology including ventilators, respiratory support equipment and physiological monitors for use in the newly created COVID Unit, the Intensive Care Unit and the Emergency Department.

This emergency funding ensured that frontline staff were equipped to deal with the first surge in patients in the spring. The new equipment was even more essential for the second surge that began in the fall.

Over the past year, Surgical Services also benefitted from a range of essential purchases made possible through donor contributions.

Cataract surgeries are one of the most common procedures carried out

at LGH and the arrival of two new phacoemulsification machines have ensured that cataract procedures are less invasive and more efficient. When operating at full capacity, up to 75 patients a week will benefit from this much-needed equipment upgrade.

Orthopedic surgeons at LGH were delighted with the arrival of two pieces of equipment which will improve the treatment of hundreds of patients requiring life-enhancing surgery.

The ultra-mobile C-Arm machine allows for in-surgical X-ray while the patient is still on the table. With this technology at their fingertips, our orthopedic teams have the ability to take images of any part of the body from almost any angle.

In addition to the C-Arm the LGH orthopedic team is the first in the Vancouver Coastal Health region to acquire a Hana Table for hip replace-

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The transformational twenties

These are inspiring times for health care on the North Shore. With work starting on two landmark projects, 2021 promises to be a year of many milestones.

Just over a year after launching the Critical Care campaign, construction is scheduled to start on the new unit in March.

The specialized Critical Care Unit (CCU) will bring advanced life-saving technology, skills and expertise to support some of our most seriously-ill patients.

As many as 1,400 patients with complex long-term health issues are expected to benefit from the advanced levels of care available in the high-tech unit.

With 12 single-patient rooms and ensuite facilities, the CCU will be the most technically advanced patient unit at LGH. Expected to be patient-ready in early in 2022, the CCU will complement the ground breaking Medical & Surgical Centre which is scheduled to open in 2024.

The Medical & Surgical Centre, which was made possible by \$104 million raised from our community, will be the largest medical development on the North Shore since 1961.

With upgrades including 108 patient rooms, eight new operating rooms, and a pre- and post-operative care unit, the transformational development will bring 21st Century care to the North Shore.

The site has been prepared and construction is officially due to start by the summer.

These major developments would not be possible without the generosity of donors such as yourself. **Thank you** for supporting life-changing care.





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ment surgeries. The high-tech surgical table allows for anterior incisions for surgery which means less invasive techniques which leads to less painful and faster recoveries.

A new nerve monitoring system (with LGH general surgeon Dr. George Chang, above), will enhance the precision of surgeons during delicate neck surgeries for conditions such as thyroid cancer.

To learn more about the vital upgrades and improvements supported by your donations please visit:

lghfoundation.com/top-10-donor-funded-items-in-2020

A helping hand

In 2020 LGH Foundation established the North Shore Lend a Hand Fund through two generous donations from family foundations.

The Fund is administered with the support of a team of more than 260 Community Health Care Workers who provide vital treatment and support to recent hospital patients and people living with chronic and life-limiting conditions.

The Foundation works closely with members of the community team

Supporting community health workers and the patients they serve is an important part of the Foundation's mission.

to support vulnerable individuals who require emergency support.

By providing small grants to cover the costs of services such as cleaning, transportation and food delivery, and supplies such as medical aids and personal hygiene items, the Fund helps underprivileged older adults with chronic conditions to stay in their homes.

Further details of the North Shore Lend a Hand Fund are available online at: lghfoundation.com/north-shore-lend-a-hand-fund

Past, Present, Future

LGH Foundation has been Duane Scott's charity of choice for more than 30 years

Inspired by the care she and her late husband Lawrence received at various times in their lives, and eager to support continued innovations in clinical care, Duane Scott has become one of the Foundation's longest and most loyal donors.

"I've donated to different charities over the years but LGH Foundation is always the first on my list," reveals Duane.

"My husband Lawrence and myself have had to go to the hospital on more than one occasion and we always received excellent care and it gives me great joy to be able to donate to LGH."

Several years after her husband received treatment for cancer at the LGH Oncology Department, Duane still

talks fondly of the oncologists who supervised his care. "Lawrence received excellent care from Dr. Paul Klimo and Dr. Sasha Smiljanic and their staff for an extended period of time." So strong was the rapport, Duane and Lawrence even attended Dr. Klimo's retirement party.

As a long-time monthly donor, Duane has had a significant impact on many areas of care over the past three decades. With a bequest to LGH Foundation, she ensures that her legacy of philanthropy will continue well into the future.

"It was always in my heart to support the local hospital. The government can't do it all and I really believe that the Foundation operates in a very responsible way."

North Shore resident Duane Scott is a long time donor to LGH.



Stay in touch

Recognizing and honouring donor contributions is an important part of our mission. To ensure the wellbeing and safety of all of our supporters during the pandemic, the Foundation has created a program of online events so that we can stay in touch.

Over the past year we have hosted estate planning seminars, a holiday tea complete with an outdoor Christmas carol performance, mental health webinars and informational videos on the latest equipment purchases.

We've also carried out doorstep deliveries to celebrate the milestone anniversaries of some of our long-time supporters.

As the pandemic continues, we will stay in touch through online events and look forward to seeing you in person in the not too distant future.



LGH Foundation is staying in touch with supporters through special online events and webinars.

If you would like to participate in the Foundation's free online events, please send your email address to carolyn.anderson@vch.ca. We'll keep you updated on the latest hospital news and invite you to our regular online events.

A Legacy of Family & Friendship

With the support of family friend and lawyer, North Shore sisters Pearl Smith and Helen Kington planned ahead to ensure that their financial futures were secured whilst making a long-term commitment to Lions Gate Hospital.

"...they appreciated how important it was for us on the North Shore to have a strong medical institution"

Lawyer Peter Larlee originally met Pearl Smith in 1987. She was the neighbor next door when he and his wife moved into the quiet North Vancouver neighbourhood. With no relatives living close by, Pearl became a much-loved grandmother figure in his young children's lives.

"Pearl watched my children grow up and she definitely enriched my life and enriched the life of my children," says Peter of Larlee Rosenberg Barristers & Solicitors.

Even when the family outgrew the home, Peter and the family stayed in touch with Pearl. In later years Pearl downsized and took up residence in a condo and lived down the hallway from her sister Helen Kington.

With no immediate family, Pearl and Helen worked with Peter to ensure that their care and living arrangements were provided for whilst also making a commitment to supporting Lions Gate Hospital in their wills.

"They were both long-time residents of the North Shore and they respected the contribution of the hospital and appreciated how important it was for us on

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You can learn more about legacy giving at:
lghfoundation.com/legacy-giving

the North Shore to have a strong medical institution," explains Peter.

The sisters, who both lived into their late 90s, wanted to die at home. With the support of community and hospital care teams, their wishes were fulfilled.

Helen was very impressed with the care that Pearl received at the end of her life. Peter himself describes the care Helen received on the palliative care unit at LGH as "wonderful, sensitive and very understanding."

Pearl and Helen's bequest was made in honour of their mother Miranda Sherwood. Their kindness and thoughtfulness will benefit future generations of LGH patients.

Make a Lasting Difference

In the last decade, donors have given an incredible \$224 million to support excellence in health care at Lions Gate Hospital. Legacy gifts have been a vital component of that success. In fact, in recent years, bequests left to the hospital have accounted for up to 26% of annual funding.

- Last year alone, 23% of the Foundation's revenues came from bequests.
- In the past decade, the Foundation has received \$38.5 million through legacy gifts from donors.
- Every gift, large or small, continues to be vital to bridging the gap between what government can provide and what our community needs.

Charitable donations can be unpredictable and unexpected emergencies use up funds quickly. Legacy gifts help us to weather the ups and down and allow us to be flexible and supportive to the hospital in times of great need.

What is a Legacy Gift?

Many donors are interested in leaving a legacy through their posthumous giving and we refer to any planned or future gift to LGH Foundation as a "legacy gift." Legacy gifts can come

in many forms and can include financial products such as life insurance, registered retirement funds (RRSP's or RRIF's), property or stocks. Such a gift does not impact your finances during your lifetime, but it can offer significant tax benefits both now and in the future.

If you are considering making a bequest to LGH Foundation, your first step is to seek guidance from your financial and legal advisors.

Welcome to our Legacy Society

When you remember Lions Gate Hospital Foundation with a gift in your will, you make a lasting contribution to health care on the North Shore. Supporters who inform the Foundation of their intention to leave a legacy gift automatically become members of the Foundation's Legacy Society. We encourage individuals to share their intentions with us so we can ensure your wishes are fulfilled as intended and recognize your generosity in the way you would like. Any information you share with us will be kept in strict confidence.

Our Promise to our Legacy Donors

- We will respect your privacy
- We will not pressure you to make any decision
- We respect the fact that your family always comes first
- We will use your gift wisely
- We will do our best to ensure your gift is spent according to your wishes
- We do not need to know the size of your gift
- We will answer your questions honestly and promptly
- We will keep you informed

For more information on Legacy Giving to LGH Foundation, please contact:

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Gifts of Stock

Did you know that donating appreciated securities can benefit both you *and* Lions Gate Hospital?

10 years ago
you bought \$1,000 in stock
Today it's worth \$10,000

Sell stock and donate proceeds

CAPITAL GAIN
\$9,000
CAPITAL GAINS TAX OWED
\$2,070
CHARITY RECEIVES
\$7,930
CHARITABLE TAX CREDIT
\$3,580

Donate stock directly to charity

CAPITAL GAIN
\$9,000
CAPITAL GAINS TAX OWED
\$0
CHARITY RECEIVES
\$10,000
CHARITABLE TAX CREDIT
*\$4,529

LGHF gets more, you get more!

* An estimation based on a \$46% marginal tax rate.



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