



Judy Savage, President and CEO of LGHF accepts house keys from long-time donor Peter Zirpke.

Charity Begins at Home

Some Foundation supporters make regular donations for decades, others make gifts of stock or leave a gift in their will. Long-time donor Peter Zirpke has taken a different path to making sure his assets will be used to support the mission of the Foundation.

He decided to transfer his most valuable asset — his home — to the Foundation while he is still alive and well and living in the house.

His extraordinary donation follows a life-long career in the construction industry which started with an apprenticeship in brick laying in his native Germany. Over the years he built up his masonry contracting business and became a sought-after expert in the field.

While several past donors have left their homes to LGH Foundation after their passing, Peter's unique arrangement enables him to live in his home while the title is transferred to

the Foundation. Once Peter no longer resides in the property, the Foundation will be able to sell it.

"This is an extremely generous and thoughtful gift and we're honoured that Peter has such trust in us," says Judy Savage, President & CEO of LGH Foundation.

"Like many long-time residents of the North Shore, Peter's home became a very valuable asset and we're grateful that he's chosen to share his good fortune to benefit our whole community."

Independent advice essential

By working closely with his lawyer, an agreement was created that gives Peter peace of mind and the freedom to stay in his home while ensuring that the Foundation is the eventual sole beneficiary of the proceeds from the sale of the house.

In addition to receiving a charitable donation receipt, Peter has been able to clearly outline his wishes

with the Foundation. He has chosen to direct a portion of the sale proceeds to support the Foundation's priority needs, while another portion will be used to establish an endowment fund dedicated to supporting North Shore Hospice staff and patients.

Alongside his late wife Renate, Peter supported numerous health-related and environmental causes. As he began to consider his legacy, he wanted to find the most impactful way to contribute. "My family has supported the Foundation for a number of years, and we've seen the difference donor support has made to the hospital," he says.

"I wanted my wishes — and those of Renate — to be fully understood and settled while I'm still here and able to make these important decisions."

Ways to Give

There are several meaningful ways you can support the work of the Foundation including:

- Monthly donations
- Leaving a gift in your will
- Endowment funds
- Gifts of stock
- Naming the Foundation as a beneficiary of a life insurance policy, RRSP, RRIF or TFSA

For more information, please reach out to Carolyn Anderson, Director of Planned Giving at:

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A lot has changed since the Dr. Paul Klimo Medical Oncology Clinic at Lions Gate Hospital opened in 2014.

Over the past 20 years, 100 new cancer drug programs have been introduced across Canada, many of which are now available at LGH.

To accommodate the growing number of patients and more complex care needs, a new Oncology Clinic will be built at LGH. It will be redeveloped on the ground floor of the existing hospital using space vacated by departments moving to the new Paul Myers Tower.

The success of Bigger, Better Cancer Care Campaign will allow us to:

- Double the size of the Oncology Clinic
- Increase the number of treatment spaces from 22 to 40
- Add three new counselling rooms
- Almost triple the size of the Oncology Pharmacy

Karen Baillie, RN, Nurse Clinician says, "A modernized, spacious clinic will enhance our team approach to cancer care, benefitting patients, their families and dedicated staff."

Learn more at:
lghfoundation.com/cancer-care



Good Company

LGH Foundation was delighted to celebrate the remarkable impact our Legacy Society members and loyal donors make on patient care at our annual Holiday Tea.

Rosemary Hill, an award-winning Ostomy Wound Clinician at LGH, inspired attendees with information on donor-funded equipment that is transforming the lives of patients in need of advanced wound care.

The Foundation is grateful to PARC Retirement Living for sponsoring and catering the event, GardenWorks for providing the floral arrangements and attendee gifts, and our dedicated volunteers, whose support made the event possible.



Ready for Action

Drumroll please! Construction on the era-defining Paul Myers Tower is now

complete. The state-of-the-art six-storey tower is now a hub of activity, with staff training and equipment installation in full swing.

The completion of the Tower would not be possible without the support

of donors from all walks of life across the North Shore. Vancouver Coastal Health will officially admit the first surgical patients in early March.

Below: Check out the rooftop garden and the Foundation's donor wall in the new PMT.



Art and Soul of LGH

The artistic talent and philanthropic spirit of long-time supporter Edith Warner fuelled the success of the Foundation's Healing Power of Art Program.

Edith, who passed away last year, was the first volunteer curator of the program which brings the works of local artists into the hospital to help create a more therapeutic and uplifting environment.

The collection began in 2012 and it has since grown to almost 1,000 paintings worth in excess of \$2 million. Included in that number are 150 new works which will be on display in the Paul Myers Tower.

Edith, who ran her own marketing company before becoming an artist, dedicated hundreds of hours to liaising with artists, cataloging works and arranging for installations. A respected local artist, she also has a few of her own works displayed across the LGH campus and other local VCH medical facilities.

"My mom certainly considered the project at LGH to be part of her legacy and a way to give back to the hospital that took care of us all over the years," said her son, Derek Klapcecki.

As well as nurturing the program within the local artistic community, Edith also made regular financial donations. She further ensured her lasting impact by leaving a gift in her will to the Foundation, specifically designated to support the Art Program.

Louise Campbell, VP of LGH Foundation said: "Edith was really passionate about bringing art into the hospital to lift spirits and promote a warm and welcoming environment. Her donation will allow us to continue to fund the additional costs involved with our art program, and will ensure her legacy of art at LGH continues to flourish."



Double the Impact

Big changes are coming to Interventional Radiology at LGH.

Interventional radiologists use real-time moving X-ray images to perform a wide range of minimally-invasive procedures. Using needles or catheters guided through blood vessels and organs, they can reach every area of the body through very small incisions.

A trip to the Interventional Radiology (IR) suite is usually faster, less invasive and less painful for patients than traditional surgery.

Thousands of procedures are performed each year at LGH including biopsies, angioplasty, pain management injections, and the insertion of stents, infusion ports, feeding tubes and dialysis catheters.

As the number of patients requiring these procedures grew, the single unit at LGH became less reliable due to aging technology.

Thanks to our generous donors, the campaign to replace the suite raised



Dr. Mark Madden is planning for the arrival of the new IVR suite in the fall.

enough money to fund the redevelopment of not one but two much-needed IR units.

"As well as adding capacity and reducing downtimes, the new machines have lots of the technology that will help us perform safer, better, more accurate procedures than we

ever could before," explains Dr. Mark Madden, Interventional Radiologist at LGH.

"There is so much need to have two suites to handle the capacity at LGH and I'd like to thank the Foundation and the donors who have been amazing."

A Legacy of Care

Honoring Our Legacy Donors

It is our privilege to recognize the generosity of the following individuals who left a lasting legacy in 2024 through their thoughtful bequests:

- Sally Alexandrakis
- Richard Bennetts
- Désirée Bradley
- Ken & Hannah Brookfield
- Clara (Rene) Caudwell
- William (Don) & Doris Cowan
- Roland & Gunnel Dahlquist
- Bernard & Marguerite Fauquenoy
- Ken & Joan Fowler
- Alan & Phyllis Glassock
- Gerald Goldman
- Shannon Gray
- John & Cecilia Hall
- Bernie & Sue Hanby
- Robert & Frieda Jackson
- Karen Kerr
- Florence M. Korstrom
- Maria Lenos
- Stewart Loseby
- Duncan & Doreen MacAdam
- Nancy Macdonald
- Beverly (Bev) & Aynsley Machesney
- Vlastimil & Vitezslava Plsek
- Brendan Rowell
- Denzil & Cherry Rowlands
- Jack & Mary (Betty) Souther
- Charles Takacs & Family
- Anna Thonig
- Marlene S. Walmsley
- Dorothy J. Walsh
- Edith Warner

The legacy of these thoughtful individuals lives on in every patient cared for, every family supported, and every life improved at Lions Gate Hospital. We are deeply grateful.

Did You Know?

...25% of donations to the Foundation come from people who have left a gift in their will? Bequests have a lasting and profound impact on health care in our community.



Executor Essentials: Picking the Right Person for the Job

In November, the Foundation hosted an Estate Planning seminar at the North Shore Lawn Bowling Club. This well-attended session, led by Phylicia Rye from RBC Wealth Management, Royal Trust, offered valuable tips and practical advice on selecting the right person to serve as your executor.

Key Tips for Choosing an Executor

To ensure your wishes are properly carried out, consider the following:

Availability & Willingness: Ensure your chosen executor has the time and willingness to take on this significant responsibility.

Trustworthiness: Choose someone dependable who will act with honesty and respect your wishes, even in challenging situations.

Impartiality: Select someone who can make fair decisions and remain neutral, especially when navigating family dynamics or potential disagreements.

Patience & Communication: Look for someone with the patience to manage complex tasks and the ability to communicate effectively with beneficiaries and professionals.

Knowledge & Understanding:

While expertise isn't required, a general understanding of financial matters is beneficial. Professional advice can always be sought when needed.

Location: Ideally, choose someone nearby or within the province to simplify the process and minimize potential tax implications.

For complex estates, consider appointing a trust company, lawyer, or accountant. Their expertise can ease the burden on your loved ones.

Don't Be a Stranger

At Lions Gate Hospital Foundation we like to thank and recognize the generosity of our donors and supporters whenever we can. If you're planning to leave a gift in your will to the Foundation, we would be honoured to hear from you, so we can personally thank you and better understand your wishes for how your gift is to be designated in the future.

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