

Pulse

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Medical Equipment Appeal - \$59,399



As we enter the spring season, all of us at Four Counties Health Services (FCHS) and Four Counties Health Services Foundation (FCHSF) would like to thank you for your ongoing support. Without you, FCHS would not have the modern medical equipment it has to provide quality care close to home. Every day we see and hear from patients who are grateful for the excellent care they receive and the medical equipment it takes to enhance this care.

Our dedicated staff, physicians, and volunteers strive for continued excellence in the care they provide. With this activity comes the need to refresh and renew existing equipment and technology that are essential tools to deliver high-quality, safe and efficient care to you and your loved ones.

For our Spring/Summer Appeal, FCHSF is raising funds to purchase state-of-the-art medical equipment to support patient care in our hospital's Emergency, Diabetes Education, and Laboratory Departments. Here are the required items:

Defibrillator - \$17,399

Defibrillators revive a patient from sudden cardiac arrest. This usually occurs when a disruption in the heart's electrical activity causes a dangerously fast/irregular heartbeat.

Pharmacy Refrigerator - \$12,500

A Medical-grade Pharmacy Refrigerator designed with the unique needs of the emergency department environment and safely stores

vaccines, pharmaceuticals, chemotherapy, and other products requiring safe cold storage.

Medical Refrigerator - \$8,500

A Medical-grade Refrigerator provides safe cold storage of insulin and point of care supplies for FCHS Diabetes and Laboratory departments.

Cast Saw - \$8,250

A Cast saw is an oscillating power tool used to remove orthopedic casts.

Centrifuge - \$5,500

A Centrifugal force device separates the components of the blood being red blood cells, platelets and plasma from each other.

CO2 Sampling Module - \$3,850

This module attaches to a cardiac monitor to measure a patient's CO2 levels during an endoscopy procedure.

Adult Laryngoscope - \$3,400

An Adult Laryngoscope is a medical device used to obtain a view of a patient's throat (vocal cords, larynx, etc.).

Thank you in advance for your generous support of our hospital!

Dr. Colin McCabe
BSc, MSc, MBBS (MD), CCFP
FCHS Emergency Department Physician

Name: _____

Donation Amount: \$ _____

Address: _____

Payment Method: CHEQUE VISA MASTERCARD

City: _____ Province: _____

Card No.: _____ Expiry: _____ CVC: _____

Postal Code: _____

Signature: _____

Email: _____

YES! I would like to join the **Monthly Giving Program**

FCHS Foundation Update



As Chair of the Foundation and on behalf of the Board of Governors, I send greetings to our supporters and residents of the FCHS area. As we welcome spring blossoms

and green grass, I hope this newsletter finds you well. It has been a trying time for many, especially our healthcare workers to whom we are indebted, as they have persevered through many challenges, uncertainties and constant change over the past two years.

Thank you to our community for your support and donations to purchase patient medical equipment needed for quality care. We appreciate your due diligence through the pandemic as you supported our healthcare team and kept our community safe.

Each year the FCHS Foundation works with our hospital partners to determine how to

best support medical care of area residents. This newsletter illustrates necessary medical equipment requirements of our FCHS Emergency Department totalling \$59,399.

We continue to inform the public that the government does not fund the purchase of capital equipment, which is the responsibility of the Foundation. Local companies, businesses, service clubs and you have provided that support. We are proud of the efficient good healthcare at FCHS and the state-of-the-art equipment that keeps our hospital running effectively. The Foundation and staff appreciate the community support that makes FCHS a vibrant healthcare village. Consider a donation to our spring appeal of what and when you can.

FCHS Foundation continues to work on the short-term goals of our strategic plan which we are striving to complete this year. This plan is a living document and our implementation of objectives are thoughtfully considered to ensure best results.

We currently are seeking a new Foundation board member. If you have five to six hours a month to give, please consider joining our team by contacting Martha Wortner at **519-693-4441 x2438** or e-mail **martha.wortner@mha.tvh.ca**.

On behalf of the Board of Governors of the Foundation, I would like to thank you for your commitment to our foundation as we support our mission "Building relationships that support Four Counties Health Services by raising awareness of critical equipment needs and encourage community ownership through giving" and our vision to "Ensure quality healthcare close to home".



Tom Jeffery
Board Chair, FCHS Foundation

FCHS Foundation Announcement



Hi, I'm Jackie Van Eerd Beatty and I'm thrilled to be the new fundraising coordinator for FCHS Foundation. I grew up on a horse ranch just outside of Bothwell

and have lived and worked in the area since that time. I spent many years as a manager at Foodland and was recently with United Way, but my true calling has been building community through volunteering. In Bothwell, I have been active with the Community Boosters, the Arena Committee (BARAC), Optimist Club, and many other endeavours.

I believe that community is an extension of family and in order for our family to thrive, we all have a part to play.

Play is the operative word, in my mind. I have had many adventures and made great friends through volunteering. I also enjoy travelling, the outdoors, community theatre, and spending time with loved ones embracing all the joys of smalltown life in Canada.

I'm excited to become part of the FCHS Village, where the rural close-knit atmosphere is celebrated, yet quality care is the highest priority. We can thank our generous community of donors and volunteers for ensuring the vibrancy of our hospital. I

look forward to meeting the many hands who bring our village together, and I am eager to bring my passion for the Four Counties area into my work here at the Foundation. Hope to see you soon!

Jackie

"On behalf of the FCHS Foundation Board, staff members Martha and Rosemary we are excited to welcome Jackie to our team as we continue to build relationships that support our hospital's critical medical equipment needs." Said Tom Jeffery, FCHS Foundation Board Chair.

■ **YES!** I would like to join the **Monthly Giving Program**

I would like to give \$ _____

METHOD OF PAYMENT: I authorize The Foundation of Four Counties Hospital to withdraw from my bank account through my financial institution on the 10th day of each month.

■ I have enclosed a VOID cheque ■ I prefer to use my credit card ■ VISA ■ MASTERCARD

Card No.: _____ Expiry: _____ CVC: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

You will receive a tax receipt at the end of the year. At any time you can change or cancel your monthly contribution by notifying

The Foundation: 519-693-4441 x 2438

At FCHS Foundation, we appreciate your support and treat your information with respect. We do not rent, sell or trade any personal information. The information you provide will be used to issue your charitable donation receipt and to keep you informed of events and fundraising opportunities in support of FCHS. If at any time you wish to be removed from our mailing list, simply contact us: 519-693-4441 ext. 2438 or info@fchsfoundation@mha.tvh.ca

What's Happening at Four Counties Health Services

Hospital Update

In November 2021, the Middlesex Hospital Alliance launched a process to chart the course for the organization with a Strategic Plan to span 2022-2026. A comprehensive work plan and engagement strategy was developed, as illustrated below:



Engagement Plan

Many Voices and Perspectives Coming Together

We've captured feedback from a variety of internal and external stakeholders in the following ways:

- Online Surveys**
Completed by physicians, staff, volunteers, patient advisors, Foundation(s), community, health services providers, Ministerial, Municipalities.
- 14 Focus Group Sessions**
 - 6 Internal Sessions with participants across the organization.
 - 8 External Sessions with patient advisors, Foundation(s), community, health services providers, Ministerial, and municipalities.
- 3 Poster Sessions**
with physicians and staff.
- 2 Management Team Sessions** and several sessions with senior leadership.
- Board Retreat Summit Sessions**

As part of its consultative exercise, FCCHS was fortunate to receive input from two committees, namely the FCCHS Local Advisory Committee and the MHA Patient and Family Advisory Council. Their activities roles/purposes and memberships are depicted below:

FCCHS Local Advisory Committee

Purpose
To provide advice on FCCHS matters such as the strategic plan, programs and services, local community health and wellness issues, and recruitment/retention of professional staff.

Membership

- Director from the MHA Board (Chair): **Roland Shea**.
- Community members: **Brian Lawson, Ruleen Lilley, Margie Long, Betty Ann Mackinnon, Jim Fafalak**.
- Four Counties Health Services Foundation: **Tom Jeffery**.
- FCCHS volunteer / auxiliary group: **Jackie Herdman**.
- MHA ex officio members: Board Chair, President & CEO, VP Strategic Partnerships, VP Clinical Services & CNO.

MHA Patient & Family Advisory Council

Role
To share experiences and insights regarding care at the MHA:

- Uphold the Vision, Mission, and Values of the MHA.
- Share ideas for the purpose of problem solving and achieving improvements.
- Have the ability to view the organization as a system by leveraging personal experiences and perspectives.
- Participate in the annual development of the MHA Quality Improvement Plan.

Membership

Patient & Family Representatives

- Dawn Butler
- Eileen McCoy
- Susan Noordermeer
- Doug Reycraft
- Kelly Warren

Hospital Members

- VP Clinical & CNO
- Quality Improvement Specialist

Thank you to the members of these engaged groups of individuals for supporting our hospital activities, including our emerging Strategic Plan!

FCHS Infrastructure Update



Health Infrastructure Renewal Fund (HIRF)

Replacement of all FCHS exterior doors is underway and scheduled to be completed in Spring 2022. This replacement adds improved weather stripping and increases access control throughout the hospital.

HRIF Exceptional Circumstance Project (ECP)

Replacement of roofing over the emergency department and adjacent areas has

commenced and will continue through Spring 2022.

We continue to apply for infrastructure funding through the Health Infrastructure Renewal Fund (HIRF) and have several projects ready should we be successful in our requests.

Ryan Whitney

Ryan Whitney,
Manager, Facilities and Maintenance Services



Donor Dollars at Work 2021 Annual Hospital Support

Ultrasound Campaign



\$224,820 Raised, Thank you!

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Negative Pressure Room	50,000
Pediatric Glidescope	18,972
Staff Education	12,000
IT Switch	10,640
Bariatric Patient Stretcher	6,720
Bilateral Wall Pulleys	5,947
Patient Room TV Satellite	5,759
Vital Sign Monitor	5,470
IV Pump	4,487

FCFS continues to modernize our hospital with state-of-art patient medical equipment to best serve the needs of our patients, all of which keeps “Care Closer to Home”.

FCFS Foundation is pleased to support FCFS with ongoing needs of patient medical equipment and healthcare technology. Special thanks to the individuals, municipalities, organizations, and businesses that make it a reality.

Service Club Presentations



RCL Ontario Provincial Command Branches & Ladies Auxiliary Charitable Foundation - \$6,000



Kiwanis Club of West Lorne - \$2,000



Kiwanis Club of Rodney - \$5,000



RCL Zone A - \$400