



### Medical Equipment Appeal

Spring is upon us and when I think of spring the words *Refresh, Renew and Growth* always come to mind. These three words also describe the activities occurring within Four Counties Health Services (FCHS).

A year has passed since I arrived at FCHS as Patient Care Manager. Since that time my role has changed to include FCHS Site Director. I am thrilled with this new assignment! FCHS is made up of highly dedicated staff, physicians and volunteers. It is my privilege and honour to work with our teams to ensure patients and families receive the best care possible. We are actively engaged in expanding services and growing new programs to provide care closer to home for the communities we serve.

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 space, equipment and technology which are essential tools to deliver quality, safe and efficient care to you and your loved ones.

In our Spring Appeal, some equipment would be highly visible to patients and family as it is used directly for patient care. Other equipment needs that are not visible are vital for providing safe and efficient care.

**Miranti Stretcher Lift:** Many of our patients need and enjoy a whirlpool bath; however, access to this tub is not possible when a patient has no sitting balance. A Miranti Stretcher Lift allows for all patients to have a soothing bath.

**Slit Lamp:** This equipment allows the doctor to examine areas at the front of the eye, including the eye lids, conjunctiva, iris, lens, solera, cornea, retina and optic nerve. Using this exam, the Emergency Physician can microscopically examine a patient that has experienced eye trauma or assess a patient for eye abnormalities.

**Point of Care Blood Analyzer:** When the nurse takes a blood sample, blood is analyzed on site by using the complete blood count analyzer. The analyzer is used to manage/detect infection, leukemia and candidates for blood transfusions.

I sincerely thank you for your ongoing support to FCHS. During this Spring Appeal take time to refresh, renew, continue or begin your support to FCHS.

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| <p><b>Stretcher Lift for Patient Tub</b></p>  <p>Lift providing patient access into and out of whirlpool tub.<br/>                 Location: FCHS Active Care Nursing Unit<br/>                 \$16,000</p> | <p><b>Ophthalmologic Slit Lamp</b></p>  <p>High resolution microscope to identify an eye injury or abnormality.<br/>                 Location: FCHS Emergency Department<br/>                 \$18,000</p> | <p><b>2 x Point of Care Complete Blood Count Analyzers</b></p>  <p>Used daily to perform laboratory test of complete blood count.<br/>                 Location: FCHS Emergency Department<br/>                 \$43,750</p> |
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### YES! Here is my gift to help support the Medical Equipment Appeal

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## Four Counties Health Services (FCHS) New Ambulatory Care Programs/New Infrastructure

**Cardiology Services:** In addition to Dr. Rafael Martell's clinic, Dr. Terry McPherson continues to add patients to his monthly clinic.

**Women's Health and Gynecology Services:** Dr. Niharika Chandra will be providing a wide range of gynecological services. Dr. Chandra is a specialist in Obstetrics and Gynecology, and joined the Strathroy Middlesex General Hospital in 2017. In May 2018, she will expand her practice to FCHS and provide access to quality gynecological health care for women.

**South West LHIN Flex Clinic:** Coming soon, this clinic will offer traditional "Home Care" nursing services for ambulatory patients. We are currently working with the SW LHIN and nurses from Saint Elizabeth Health Care for the implementation of this care closer to home.

**Endoscopy Services:** This program has been on hold following physician retirement. Our team has been actively getting ready to resume this service through rigorous trials to select new equipment. The vendor has been chosen and new state-of-the-art equipment is on its way. We are now focused on training staff and preparing clinical areas for endoscopy procedures.

**Main Electrical Infrastructure/Generator Project:** Health Infrastructure Renewal Fund (HIRF) Exceptional Circumstance Grant supports FCHS main electrical infrastructure (50 years old) and generator (35 years old) upgrades at a cost of \$1.3M. Ministry approved half of the project cost in 2017/18 and we are seeking further funding in 2018/19.

**Led Lighting Upgrade:** Hospital Energy Efficiency Program (HEEP) grant awarded \$289,500 for replacement of all interior lighting fixtures with energy efficient LED lights.

**Rooftop Air Units:** Hospital Energy Efficiency Program (HEEP) grant awarded \$70,000 to replace several aged rooftop air units.

*Kim Jenkins*  
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 FCHS Site Director

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