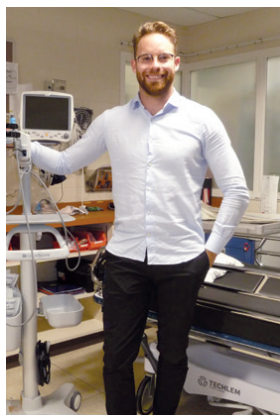


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Medical Equipment Appeal - \$98,900



As we enter the holiday season all of us at Four Counties Health Services (FCHS) and Four Counties Health Services Foundation (FCHSF) would like to thank you for your past, continuing, and possible new support to our foundation and hospital. Without you, FCHS would not have the modern medical equipment it has to provide care closer 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 which are essential tools to deliver quality, safe and efficient care to you and your loved ones.

In our Fall/Winter Appeal our foundation is raising funds to purchase state-of-the-art medical equipment to be used directly for patient care here at FCHS.

Negative Pressure Room - Location FCHS ED - \$50,000 (FCHS Foundation Portion)

Negative pressure rooms, also called isolation rooms, help to protect patients, visitors, and healthcare staff from infectious illnesses. Due to the pandemic, we must also use this space when resuscitating critically ill patients. Since our current space is extremely limited, we are in urgent need of a larger negative pressure room in order to fit the staff and equipment necessary for providing life-saving care while protecting each other.

Pediatric Glidescope - Location FCHS ED - \$20,000

The pediatric glidescope is a life-saving instrument that assists Emergency physicians in safely intubating critically ill pediatric patients.

IT Closet Switch - Location Hospital Wide - \$12,000

An IT closet switch is a device that is critical to patient care as this device provides connectivity to patient electronic medical care.

Vital Signs Monitor - Location FCHS Inpatient Unit - \$6,500

Nurses use a vitals machine for assessing a patient's blood pressure and other vital signs. Our new monitors will provide more accurate results and are streamlined to connect directly to our electronic health record.

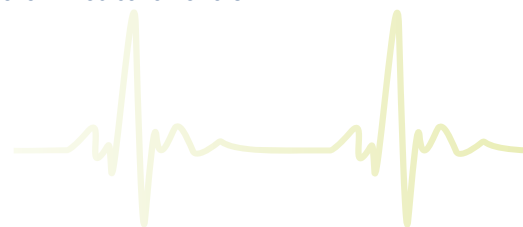
Bariatric Patient Stretcher - Location ED & Inpatient Unit - \$6,000

The bariatric stretcher is uniquely designed to comfortably and safely accommodate patients of all sizes. It helps to prevent pressure sores and falls while supporting safe transport between care areas.

IV Pump - Location ED & Inpatient Unit - \$4,400

When nurses administer intravenous medications and fluids, they use an IV pump. These are programmable infusion pumps that accurately and efficiently deliver fluids and medications to our patients while helping to prevent medication errors.

Max Lowther
FCHS Nurse Practitioner



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Donation Amount: \$ _____

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

FCHS Foundation Update



As Chair of the Foundation, I hope this newsletter finds you well. As we enter the fall and winter seasons I hope this pandemic we are living through will not result in a surge of cases as we move indoors. Let us do what we can to keep the residents of our area and elsewhere safe and healthy.

Our spring appeal was well received, and the people of this catchment area achieved our goal. Our Foundation works with the Middlesex Health Alliance to determine how we can support this hospital. In this newsletter you will find what we are appealing for in order to improve both inpatient and outpatient care at FCHS. Your support for these vital pieces of equipment is appreciated. I wish to remind you again that the Ontario Government does not fund capital equipment which is the responsibility of the FCHS Foundation and our donors.

Thanks to you, local companies, businesses, and service clubs who support us and enable us to achieve our goals.

Good quality healthcare and medical equipment are key to running our hospital effectively and therefore the Foundation has accepted the listed items for our fall appeal. Your donation of what and when you can will be appreciated and help make FCHS a vibrant healthcare village.

Living in these times makes us wonder when life will return to normal but we wish to thank our hospital's dedicated staff, caregivers and management for making patient care a top priority. They have worked during trying times as they never know what could happen; thanks also to our community for working within the guidelines for the well being of our hospital and staff.

The latest news at the Foundation is our approval of our strategic plan and implementing the policies that give direction and firm ground to our future. Our new

mission statement is "To build relationships that support Four Counties Health Service by raising awareness of critical equipment needs and encourage community ownership through giving." Following the resignation of two board members we are pleased to welcome and work with three new members, Janneke Newitt, Scott Gawley, and Pam White.

On behalf of the Board of Governors of the Foundation I once again offer a big thank you for your considerate financial support in our efforts to keep healthcare close to home and build relationships with our donors.

Tom Jeffery
Board Chair, FCHS Foundation

FCHS Infrastructure Update



Health Infrastructure Renewal Fund (HIRF)

The 2021/22 HIRF allocation of \$178,685 will be used to replace all FCHS exterior doors. The tendering process is complete, purchase order issued and we await an installation schedule into spring 2022.

HIRF Exceptional Circumstance Project (ECP)

We were successful in our application for an ECP grant of \$800,000 which will allow the replacement of most of the roof over the Emergency Department. Currently we are in the design phase and anticipate the work to proceed over the winter.

Ryan Whitney,
Manager, Facilities and Maintenance Services

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**

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What's Happening at Four Counties Health Services

FCHS Welcomes Newbury Dental to our Health Village



FCHS Welcomes the arrival of Newbury Dental, with services to be delivered in a professional building space adjacent to the hospital. Newbury Dental has been under new ownership since October 2017. Recently, they decided to relocate their practice adjacent to their existing site to better serve their existing patient base and help grow the practice. More space was required to achieve both objectives. Newbury Dental is delighted to join the FCFS Health Village. "It is a privilege to partner with FCFS, where we will continue to provide comprehensive dental services to residents of the Four Counties Health Services area", says Dr. Martin Woo.

Renovations to the new site were completed, and the grand opening took place in June 2021. The team at Newbury Dental is very excited about their new home. Working with FCFS to renovate the space, the new facility will enhance their ability to deliver the best in all the services that modern dentistry has to offer.



- Preventative Care
- Invisalign
- Restorative dentistry
- Crown and bridge
- Implants
- Nitrous oxide dentistry (sedation in the near future)
- Extractions
- Pediatric dentistry
- Root canal therapy
- Dentures and implant supported dentures (denturist on site)

Newbury Dental is one of the latest in a series of new tenants joining FCFS. "Four Counties Health Services is delighted to welcome Newbury Dental as a partner, supporting our vision of a vibrant health village at our hospital. A dental clinic adds to the breadth of health-

related services available in a rural hospital setting. This means access to services all in one location, closer to home," says Steph Ouellet, Vice President, Strategic Partnerships at the MHA.

FCHS Welcomes Southwest Ontario Aboriginal Health Access Centre to our Health Village



principles of: shared control, health equity, cultural inclusion, and holistic health. As an Indigenous organization, SOAHAC's onsite presence will help build stronger awareness of neighbouring First Nations communities, and provide opportunities to strengthen existing partnerships. "We are grateful to have the opportunity to partner with the SOAHAC team to provide a safe and culturally inclusive environment for Indigenous Peoples as part of our commitment to ensure respect, equality and safety in the hospital environment", says Todd Stepanuk, President and CEO, MHA.

FCHS and the Southwest Ontario Aboriginal Health Access Centre (SOAHAC) are pleased to announce a new partnership at FCHS to expand access to both primary care and traditional healing services for the area's Indigenous population.

Over the past 23 years, SOAHAC has grown to be one of the largest Aboriginal Health Access Centre's (AHAC) in Ontario, serving more than 35,000 First Nation, Metis and Inuit individuals and families across the region. Earlier in 2021, SOAHAC approached FCHS for a satellite space to its Windsor clinic. SOAHAC and FCHS saw numerous collaborative opportunities, which could provide improved access for clients including, but not limited to: imaging, blood work, and diabetes education, adult day program and complementary health care services. These, combined with SOAHAC's model of care, made for a mutually respectful partnership for all.

FCHS is excited at this partnership, as their organization is embarking on improving their Indigenous engagement strategy. Together, they look forward to building long-term relationships with area Indigenous communities premised on the right to health determination and the



The new SOAHAC clinic opened the week of June 7th, 2021, and will be occupying almost 2,300 square feet, which includes six exam rooms, four offices, and a central reception/waiting room area. SOAHAC's initial team is be comprised of a mental health counsellor, a nurse practitioner, and a family physician, with plans to offer Traditional Healing Services in the near future.

Service Club Presentations – Ultrasound Campaign



Kiwanis Club of Rodney & Members of the Kiwanis Club of Rodney - \$4,500



Kiwanis Club of West Lorne - \$2,500



RCL Branch 221 West Elgin Poppy Fund - \$5,000



RCL Ontario Provincial Command Branches & Ladies Auxiliary Charitable Foundation - \$5,200