

Pulse

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Patient Medical Equipment Appeal - \$67,500



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The approaching holiday season is often a time for reflection and gratitude. As we look back on world events of 2023, we at Four Counties Health Services (FCHS) and FCHS Foundation are thankful to be a part of such a peaceful, vibrant, and supportive community here in Southwestern Ontario.

We are so fortunate to have our hospital as the heartbeat of the Four Counties area. Our commitment to you is to support this high quality of life by providing the healthcare we would expect for our own families.

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.

Because of our generous donors, we are able to provide modern medical equipment with emerging technologies to enhance this care. Please consider contributing to our Fall Appeal. We appreciate your support!

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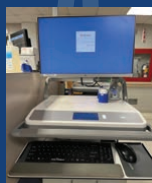


Pain Management for Palliative Patients

Palliative Care

\$12,000

Work Station on Wheels (2)



Access to Patient Information

Active Care Nursing Unit

\$16,000

iStat POC Analyzer



Performs Whole Blood Analysis

Emergency Department

\$7,500

IT Infrastructure



Connectivity to Electronic Medical Records

Hospital Wide

\$20,000

Staff Training



Supporting FCHS Staff

Hospital Wide

\$12,000

YES! Here is my gift to help support the FCHS Medical Equipment Appeal

Donation Amount: \$ _____

Payment Method: CHEQUE VISA MASTERCARD

Card No.: _____ Expiry: _____ CVC: _____

Signature: _____

Email: _____

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

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Province: _____

Postal Code: _____

FCHS Foundation Update



As Chair of the Foundation, I bring greetings on behalf of our Board of Directors. Please take a moment to recognize these dedicated community members featured in the image below. I am proud to serve and work with them to support the Foundation in its efforts to make Four Counties Health Services a hospital we are grateful to have in the Four Counties area.

Our Board is proud to shine a light on how your generosity is making a difference for patients receiving care at Four Counties Hospital and how this impacts the sustainability of the area we serve. From our Emergency, Ambulatory Care, Physiotherapy, Diagnostic Imaging, Diabetes Departments and our Inpatient Unit, your support radiates brightly.

Just a reminder that the provincial government does not fund the purchase of capital equipment and this responsibility lies solely on FCFS Foundation and you, the donor. THANK YOU! Your generosity in supporting our fall fundraising campaign allows us to continue providing capital equipment required for direct patient care here at FCFS.

This autumn, our presentation team has been out on the road visiting many local municipalities and service clubs to provide an update on hospital services and to highlight the need for community support. At each visit we hear gratifying stories emphasizing the importance of our hospital to area residents.



FCFS Open House, June 3, 2023

On behalf of the Board, thank you for your considerate support of our efforts to keep healthcare close to home.

Tom Jeffery
Board Chair, FCFS Foundation

Meet FCFS Foundation Volunteer Board & Part-Time Administrative Staff



Tom Jeffery
Board Chair



Scott Gawley
Board Director



Pam White
Board Director



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Martha Wortner
Administrative Assistant & Board Secretary/Treasurer



Harry Denkers
Board Director



Joanne Vasevenant
Board Director



Steph Ouellet
FCFS Representative

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

Welcoming Dr. Elisheva Chernick as New Chief of Staff at MHA



Alliance (MHA), effective July 1, 2023. Serving both Four Counties Health Services and Strathroy Middlesex General Hospital, Dr. Chernick joins our leadership team with an impressive background and a commitment to delivering exceptional healthcare services to our community.

A Wealth of Experience

With nearly 35 years in the medical field, Dr. Chernick has been a General Practitioner Anesthesiologist for over two decades. She served as Anesthesiology Head of Department at MHA from 2021-2023 and was the first full-time Chief of Emergency Medicine at Woodstock General Hospital. Her leadership roles at the Ontario Medical Association further demonstrate her outstanding capabilities.

A Fond Farewell to Dr. Ferguson

As we warmly welcome Dr. Chernick, we also express our heartfelt thanks to Dr. Ian Ferguson. After serving as our Chief of Staff for five years, Dr. Ferguson is embarking on a well-deserved retirement. His unwavering commitment and leadership have touched our organization and enriched the lives of many patients.

Looking Ahead

We are incredibly excited about the positive impact Dr. Chernick will make as our new Chief of Staff, particularly as the role has evolved and expanded to a near full-time capacity. On behalf of the entire MHA Board, staff, and administration, we are optimistic about the journey ahead under Dr. Chernick's capable leadership.

We are thrilled to announce the appointment of Dr. Elisheva Chernick as the new Chief of Staff at Middlesex Hospital

Four Counties Health Services Yearly statistics (April 1, 2022-March 31, 2023)



11,698
Emergency Visits (9,422)



12 Beds
98.38% Occupancy Rate (86.29%)



488
Inpatient Discharges (414)



7,545
Physiotherapy Visits (6,194)



8 Volunteers (0) **205** Volunteers Hours (0)



9,604
Imaging Department Exams (8,492)



411
Endoscopies (24)



851
Diabetes Education Individual Visits (1,074)

(Previous year's number denoted in brackets)

27th Annual Golf Tournament

Friday, July 14th, 2023

FCHS Foundation's 2023 Golf Tournament and Raffle raised \$35,778 for patient medical equipment at Four Counties Health Services!

This amount has allowed us to fund both a Piccolo Analyzer for liver function testing and an Ergonomic Ultrasound Stretcher for the Digital Imaging Department at FCHS.

The Foundation is grateful to our golfers, sponsors, prize donors, raffle ticket purchasers, and volunteers for their support. Pictured below are our event sponsors.

THANK YOU!

Platinum Sponsors	Gold Sponsors	Silver Sponsors	Bronze Sponsors
	<p>Axiom Mutual Insurance Company Besterd Mechanical CF Industrial Products Inc Chorley & Bisset Consulting Engineers Clark-Haasen Electric Durell Control Systems Inc Haggerty Creek Inc Harris Brothers Ltd Hicks Wealth Mgmt Group @ RBC Dominion Securities Kiwans Club of Rodney Inc Linde Mechanical Inc McNaughton Automotive Limited Salus Mutual Thames Glass Limited Van Heck Funeral Home Ltd</p>	<p>Authentic Customs General Contracting (London) Inc Bothwell Automotive Bothwell Fine Furniture Bothwell Foodland Compressor Engineering Group Inc Glencoe Guardian Pharmacy Hamstra Carpet One Harold Marcus Ltd Johnston Bros (Bothwell) Ltd Logan Motor Vehicle Repair Melbourne Farm Automation Ltd OH Solutions Inc Optimist Club of Bothwell Royal Canadian Legion Bothwell Br 252 Royal Canadian Legion Melbourne Br 510 Sabbe's Tree Farm Ventri Door Technologies</p>	<p>BMO Nesbitt Burns CR Creative Co Ltd Delta Elevator Co Ltd McNaughton Dodge Chrysler Inc Old Autos Publication Inc PaintShopOne Ltd Shapton Engineering Ltd Waddick Fuels</p>

FCHS Facilities Update



In the summer of 2023, the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care released their draft HIRF funding announcements and Four Counties Health Services received \$264,957 for the 2023/24 fiscal year. These funds will go directly to paying the residual contract amount for the replacement of all rooftop exhaust fans. Once these fans are replaced, it will provide energy and maintenance savings as well as bring these systems up to current code all while providing a more pleasant atmosphere for staff, patients, and visitors to the facility.

This fall we will be submitting applications for 3 additional projects to be considered for 2024/25 fiscal HIRF funding. These funds are critical in maintaining the infrastructure of our hospitals. We have been very fortunate to receive great funding over the past decade as it has allowed us to replace aged HVAC units, roofing, windows and doors, etc. Our Facilities team takes great pride in providing services to ensure we support our goal of delivering exceptional care while building for future growth!

Ryan Whitney
Manager, Facilities & Maintenance Services

Municipal & Service Club Presentations

<p>Village of Newbury - \$5,000</p>	<p>Municipality of West Elgin - \$6,500</p>	<p>Municipality of Brooke-Alvinston - \$5,000</p>	<p>Dutton & District Lions Club - \$6,000</p>
<p>Kiwanis Club of West Lorne - \$3,000</p>	<p>RCL BR 221 West Elgin Poppy Fund - \$1,000</p>	<p>Confederation Chapter of IODE in Ridgetown - \$500</p>	<p>Optimist Club of West Lorne - \$1,000</p>