

THE BULLETIN

HGH FOUNDATION NEWSLETTER- SPRING/SUMMER 2017



A MESSAGE FROM THE ACCESS 2018 CAMPAIGN PRESIDENT

In October 2015, one month after retiring from my 40 year career as a family practitioner, I took on a brand new role as the President of the HGH Foundation's major campaign, Access 2018. I had witnessed firsthand the community's incredible generosity throughout the Foundation's \$7 million Heart & Soul campaign from 2007 to 2012. In fact, I am reminded of the success of that campaign each time I drive by and see the incredible redevelopment taking place at our hospital, because it would NOT have been possible without your support.



What a great opportunity and pleasure it has been for me to shift my passion for HGH into supporting the Foundation's current goal to purchase a new MRI machine and CT scanner for our hospital. This amazing new building is truly a jewel in the making and it's yet another leap for our community to work together to purchase these two pieces of state-of-the-art diagnostic imaging equipment, which will save thousands of people from having to travel to Ottawa and Montreal.

We have now passed the 15-month mark of the Access 2018 campaign and I'm pleased to be able to announce that we have reached the halfway mark to our goal! I would like to personally thank our generous donors – individuals, businesses, community groups, volunteers, HGH staff and more. I am incredibly touched, not only by your ongoing support of HGH, but by your determination to help bring quality health care services closer to home for your family, friends, colleagues and neighbours.

Although we are well on our way to achieving our \$4 million fundraising goal, we are still in need of the community's support before we can, together, celebrate the purchase of these two pieces of the very best in diagnostic imaging technology for our "jewel" – the Hawkesbury & District General Hospital! I am sure that, together, we can make this campaign a success.

Dr. Jean Fairfield



SAVE THE DATE

JULY 12, 2017
**37th Annual
Golf Classic**

OCTOBER 15, 2017
**Radiotelethon
(11th edition)**

DECEMBER 3, 2017
**Santa Walk/Run
(Casselman)**

RESULTS YOU CAN SEE

- It is anticipated that more than **5,000** MRI tests will be done in the first year of the machine's installation at HGH! These patients will no longer need to travel to Ottawa or Montreal to undergo an MRI.
- HGH conducts more than **10,000** CT scans per year on its current 16-slice machine. The new scanner will provide faster, more detailed 3D images, with a lower dose of radiation to the patient.
- The demand for MRI and CT scans will grow by **10-15 percent** per year! Having state-of-the-art diagnostic imaging equipment at the new HGH will serve our families, friends and colleagues for years to come.
- For patients visiting the Emergency Department who require a quick diagnosis by MRI or CT scan, this equipment **will save lives!**

THE MANY WAYS OF SUPPORTING ACCESS 2018



Goulet Motosports of Hawkesbury held their 2nd Annual Bikefest in September 2016. The proceeds of this incredible 2-day event benefited the Access 2018 Campaign with a donation of \$28,000! We are so appreciative of this amazing support!



In February 2016, the HGH Foundation hosted the Montreal Canadiens Alumni game. Thank you to all participants, sponsors, attendees and volunteers, who helped us raise an amazing \$34,000!



Thank you to the Friends of HGH who presented the HGH Foundation with a cheque for \$50,000 before the holidays. This is the second payment of their pledge towards the Access 2018 Campaign.

PIERRE'S STORY

In the Fall of 2016, I was referred to a hospital in Ottawa for a Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) scan. At the time, I didn't realize this form of diagnostic imaging was not available in Hawkesbury, so imagine my shock when I received a call to inform me that my appointment would be in Ottawa at 1:30 a.m.!



I left Hawkesbury for my appointment at 11 p.m., as I had been asked to arrive with enough time to complete the necessary paperwork. Although my trip was traffic free at that time of the night, I arrived in a large parking lot at the Ottawa Hospital, completely confused and unsure of what entrance I was to use and where the clinic was located. After some time, I did manage to find my way and underwent the scan which took approximately 15 minutes. With a sigh of relief, I paid my \$13 parking fee, climbed back in my car, and drove the 1hr 20 minute return trip home.

I found the timing and long travel for this appointment very difficult and soon came to realize that this type of experience was not uncommon. In fact, thousands of people from our region are driving to Ottawa to receive an MRI, and many are scheduled for appointments in the middle of the night. I found myself wondering how someone less fortunate than I, without a vehicle and perhaps with mobility issues, would deal with such a predicament. I was able to drive myself to the appointment in good weather and am also in relatively good health, yet I still found this a challenge.

It is for this reason that I didn't hesitate to contribute to the HGH Foundation's current campaign to purchase an MRI machine and a new CT scanner for the Hawkesbury & District General Hospital. This will make a great difference in the quality of life of many in our region, who will soon be able to receive this treatment closer to home.

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HOW YOU CAN HELP

The Access 2018 Campaign will ensure that the community has access to state-of-the-art diagnostic imaging technology, closer to home.

You can support the purchase of a new CT scanner and MRI machine by calling **613-632-1111 ext. 21101** or by donating online at **hghfoundation.org**

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