

# THE BULLETIN

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## MISSION ACCOMPLISHED!

**A new CT scanner and first-ever MRI machine for HGH...all thanks to you.**

In October 2015, the HGH Foundation asked for your help in raising \$4 million to purchase a new state-of-the-art CT scanner and the first-ever MRI machine for the Hawkesbury and District General Hospital (HGH).

In the past, many people in our community have had to travel elsewhere, often in the middle of the night, for these kinds of essential diagnostic services. HGH's physicians and medical staff shared with you what a significant impact this new equipment would have on their ability to provide the quickest and most accurate diagnosis for our family, friends and neighbors, AND YOU HEARD THEM.

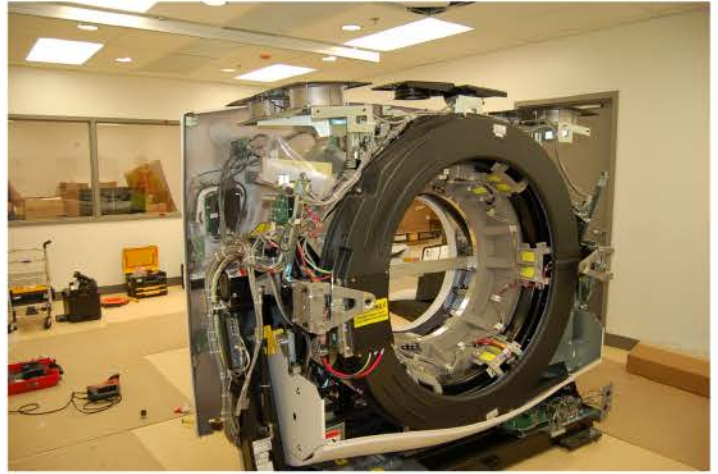
You, a caring donor, supported the purchase of this important equipment for your regional hospital with such kindness and generosity.

*HGH's physicians will now have access to the very best diagnostic tools and they can not thank you enough for the incredible difference this will make in the quality of care they can provide to their patients.*

Read more inside about the installation of the new CT scanner and upcoming delivery of the new MRI machine, knowing full well that you did indeed MAKE THIS HAPPEN. We are forever grateful, as are the many thousands of HGH's patients whose lives will be touched by your gifts to the Access 2018 campaign.

# A SPECIAL DELIVERY FOR HGH

The new 128-slice CT scanner is now installed and operational at HGH



## DID YOU KNOW?

- HGH's new CT scanner has improved patient safety by reducing radiation exposure by up to **40%**.
- CT scans are now performed more quickly, thereby improving patient comfort and enabling HGH to see more patients each day.
- In 2019, there were nearly **10,000** CT scans performed at HGH. This is expected to grow by **12-15%** each year!

# THANK YOU FOUR MILLION TIMES OVER

What your generosity means for the hospital...



**Marc LeBoutillier**

*CEO of HGH*

“The *Access 2018* Campaign has enabled us to expand new diagnostic imaging services and has allowed us to meet the great need in the region of Prescott and Russell. We now have specialized equipment, which is the most technologically advanced in the region and even in the Province.

HGH is privileged to be able to count on thousands of donors during the campaigns we have held in support of the redevelopment project of the hospital. Your contributions were absolutely essential to the achievement of our projects. We are very grateful for each individual donor and volunteer for the efforts they have made to contribute to our campaign. Thank you to everyone for rising to the challenge.”



**Dr. Julie Maranda**

*Chief of Staff and Vice President Clinical Programs at HGH*

“For our patients, the implementation of this amazing state-of-the-art equipment is going to mean better access to care. Both the new CT scanner and MRI machine will enable us to perform tests at HGH that we were never able to do before.

When I first saw the images from the new CT scanner, I was so impressed. They are very sharp, very fine cuts, allowing us to detect diseases that we may never have seen before the addition of this new technology, or diseases earlier in their phases. This, in combination with new radiology experts and new specialists that come to the hospital to use these tools, means we are able to provide world-class care to our patients because of these new machines.

On behalf of the HGH medical team, we are so grateful for all the contributions to the *Access 2018* campaign. We sincerely thank you for your generosity in helping purchase this new equipment for the hospital. It means so much.”



**Sylvain Grenier**

*Director Medical Imaging & Pharmacy at HGH*

“We are thrilled with the new CT scanner at HGH as well as the imminent installation of HGH’s new MRI machine, which will be functional this summer.

The MRI is a non-invasive test, which will often replace procedures such as biopsies and exploratory surgeries. In the next several years, we expect close to 7,000 MRI tests will be performed at HGH per year, saving countless patients the stress of travelling elsewhere.

I would like to sincerely thank each and every person who has given to the HGH Foundation. Your donations have had a very concrete and definite impact on HGH’s patients, who are now able to receive these advanced medical imaging services in their own community.”

# THE JOURNEY IS JUST BEGINNING

## The important next steps in expanding medical specialties at HGH

While we may have completed another important step in supporting patient care at HGH, there is still much to do, and we need your help.

We have had excellent, but often limited specialized healthcare services in Hawkesbury. Sometimes we had to be referred to Ottawa for specific services and treatment unavailable locally. Often, the distance was a barrier and the travelling proved to be a real burden for some patients and their families. We all hoped that one day, we would be able to receive more healthcare services closer to home. **THAT DAY IS ALMOST HERE.**

Thanks to the expansive and accessible layout of our new hospital, as well as the new CT scanner and MRI machine, planning to meet the growing needs in many medical specialties is now possible. **With your support, many more types of surgeries, treatments and tests will become available right here at HGH.** The hospital has provided the physical infrastructure and can cover the additional costs of more surgeries and services; however we are asking for the community's help to provide the specialized equipment required to make these new programs a reality.



Over the next 3 to 5 years, our focus will be on enhancing services in orthopedic surgery, ophthalmology, urology and nuclear medicine. This focus reflects the most pressing and increasing need of our local population.

Your generous support will continue to help ensure that new medical equipment is available to meet our healthcare needs and to make the most of HGH's recent redevelopment and expansion.

The journey is just beginning! Please join us by supporting new programs at HGH that will benefit you and your loved ones and enable your family to receive more specialty care, closer to home. After all, there really is no place like home!

*Please support the HGH Foundation by returning this form with your tax deductible gift in the enclosed postage paid envelope. Thank you for your support!*



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