



Foundation Update

The Ross Memorial Hospital Foundation Report

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Spring Ahead!

The Foundation is very excited to be launching its Spring Appeal this month; in a matter of days, letters will be arriving at every home in the City of Kawartha Lakes, explaining the improvements currently underway in the RMH Day Surgery Unit. Among the renovations are enhancements to the Eye Suite.

The Ross is one of the top five hospitals in the province in terms of its low wait times for cataract surgery, treating as many as 1750 cataract patients per year. The use of lasers in ophthalmic surgery allow surgeons to treat each patient in a matter of minutes.

There are, however, some patients who require a special diagnostic test before their surgery — a test that can't be done at the Ross. The closest hospital to have a B-scan Ultrasound, that allows surgeons to see into the back of a patient's eye, is Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre in Toronto. Traveling for this test can be a frustrating experience for local patients.

With the support of the Foundation's Spring Appeal, the Hospital will purchase a B-scan Ultrasound so these patients can be treated here in the community. Funds raised through the Appeal will also assist with the purchase of a CPC Diode Laser. This is a special instrument that treats aggressive glaucoma in patients who are experiencing extreme pain from the pressure of fluid build-up in the eye. The laser treatment opens the patients' eye ducts, draining the fluid, and relieving the pressure and the pain.

The quality of our vision impacts our quality of life. Please watch for your Spring Appeal letter to arrive in the mail this month.



The Foundation is pleased to have the support of Dr. David Lane, Chief of Surgery at the Ross, during this year's Spring Appeal.

In April, gifts were received...

In Memory of...

Larry Aldrich	Joyce E. Lilley
George Bagshaw	Don Lytle
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Betty Laidley	Lois Wilson

Auxiliary Appreciation

During the week of April 28-May 2, the Ross family celebrated National Volunteer Week by saying "thanks" to the RMH Auxiliary.

During the past year, the 375 members of the Auxiliary dedicated more than 38,000 hours of service to the Hospital. They assist patients and staff in every area of the Hospital, and their extensive fundraising efforts stretch throughout the community.

The Auxiliary is the lead donor of the Foundation's "On the Horizon" Dialysis Campaign. It has already raised 80% of its 4-year, \$500,000 pledge.

The Foundation appreciates the efforts of the Hospital's volunteer team. It's truly **"Part of the Team"**.



We sincerely appreciate the kind gifts that have been made on behalf of these individuals.