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Dear Friend,

For thousands of patients who receive peace of mind each year that they're healthy, or for those who receive an early diagnosis with a treatment plan for recovery, we are here.



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The surgical team at Northumberland Hills Hospital (NHH) includes surgeons, anesthesiologists and nurses. I joined the hospital team in 2016 and I was immediately struck by the vast array of equipment available to me for the care of my patients. Donors primarily fund every piece of medical equipment at NHH and you do an amazing job.

Thanks to people like you, our surgical team has access to the equipment we need to perform a variety of procedures - but these tools age and, in time, need to be replaced.

I'm so pleased that funds raised this year through the *Light up a Life* campaign will support the purchase of several different types of scopes including gastroscopes, colonoscopes, and flexible fibre-optic scopes, to name a few. Each and every day, our operating team uses scopes in the completion of multiple medical and surgical procedures, providing a critical link in making good health care better.

State of the art endoscopic technology is playing a huge role in providing higher quality preventative health care in the form of colonoscopies. Also, with the advancement of newer, more sophisticated laparoscopes, surgical incisions are getting smaller, procedures are becoming less invasive, hospital stays are shorter and post-operative recovery times have improved dramatically for our patients. It wasn't that long ago a bowel surgery resulted in a 5-day hospital stay. Now, that same surgery carried out laparoscopically results in patients returning home in as little as 1 to 2 days. *Amazing*.

I'm writing to you today to invite your support to help us acquire scopes for our Surgical Services program.

Our 2018 *Light up a Life* goal is to raise \$150,000. I am confident that your gift, when combined with others in the community, will allow us to reach our goal.

I personally want to thank you for your involvement and generosity in supporting NHH through the NHH Foundation in the past. You've made a world of difference already. Today, I'm asking you to help us again.

YOURS TRULY,

Dr. Alizon Tilley -

DR. ALISON TILLEY
Surgeon
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Having an excellent hospital and medical equipment doesn't just happen.
It requires the continuous attention and financial support of our community.
I hope that we can continue to count on you.