

BETTER CARE FOR OUR COMMUNITY.

NORTHUMBERLAND HILLS
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A lot has changed in recent months, but what remains the same is Northumberland Hills Hospital (NHH) Foundation's commitment to ensuring our community has access to the best care possible, close to home, and the need for your support in doing so. Thank you for standing with us now and always as we continue to MAKE CARE BETTER!

Please read on below for the latest news from NHH Foundation including the announcement of our Light Up a Life 2020 Campaign Chair, details of our 2020 Gala and the 'Love Your Home' Raffle, an introduction to one of our monthly donors, and more.

Dr. Mukesh Bhargava, NHH Chief of Staff, to Chair Light Up a Life 2020

We are pleased to announce Dr. Mukesh Bhargava, Chief of Staff at NHH as Chair of the 2020 Light up a Life Campaign. A strong hospital is the cornerstone of a strong community and there has perhaps been no year where this has been as clear as 2020.

"During recent times, I believe our team has expanded far beyond the walls of NHH to include our community, who has stepped up in more ways than I can count to offer support," shares Dr. Bhargava. "The definition of our team has changed, and I hope this change is a permanent one as we continue standing side-by-side to ensure our community has the best care possible."

Please watch your mailbox in mid-November for your opportunity to support this important community campaign.



Purchase Your Celebration Package to Join Us for Our 2020 Gala

This year, we invite you to join us for our 2020 Gala event from the comfort of your own home by purchasing a Celebration Package. Each package will be complete with a charcuterie spread of fresh local and delectable treats for two prepared by Jayne's Gourmet Catering, set atop a handcrafted charcuterie board created by local craftsman John Ebbrell, and paired with a beautiful bottle of wine, all for \$200.



Though this year has seen many changes, our 2020 event in support of our Diagnostic Imaging Department will still feature many favourite elements from past years, including: delicious food, luxurious wine, remarks from hospital and Foundation leaders and physicians, Fund Me, an extravagant raffle, and of course a Gala Magazine!

[Purchase Your Celebration Package by November 7](#)

"Love Your Home" Raffle

As part of our CARING. Close to Home Gala, Home Hardware Building Centres in Cobourg, Port Hope, and Newcastle are exclusively sponsoring the "Love Your Home" Raffle, where one lucky winner will win a \$5,000 gift card to Home Hardware.

Tickets are priced at \$50 each or 3 for \$125!

[Get You Raffle Tickets](#)

Become a Monthly Donor

Having a well-equipped hospital does not just happen – it takes commitment from the community; from businesses, service organizations, and individuals to step up to make ensuring this a priority.

For many generous donors to Northumberland Hills Hospital (NHH), monthly donations are a cost-effective way to give their support throughout the year. Last fiscal year alone, monthly donors contributed more than \$100,000, which helped fund medical equipment and technology used in direct patient care. Monthly donations can be set up, changed, or cancelled at any time. Our monthly donors are people who are committed to giving what they can to ensure our community continues to have excellent healthcare close to home – *people like Frances*.

Frances DuBroy is not originally from Northumberland County, but has established many connections since moving to the area in 2014. One such connection is with NHH.

Frances has experienced first-hand the difference having quality care close to home can make in the lives of not only those receiving it, but in the lives of their loved ones. Her brother Dr. Michael DuBroy, PhD was in the Palliative Care Unit at NHH on more than one occasion. Michael had been receiving excellent care at his home, but in the final month of his

life, he specifically asked to return to NHH. This experience is a memorable one for Frances' family and they are grateful for how the team in the Palliative Care Unit treated Michael with dignity and compassion, ensuring he lived his remaining time in comfort.

"I think it is important to have access to quality care in our community because, no matter what age you are, if you become ill, or sustain an injury, the timing of treatment and access to a hospital could make a significant difference," shares Frances.

She hopes her contributions will help put NHH on equal footing with larger hospitals and ensure access to cutting-edge technology and equipment locally.

Though Frances did not always call Northumberland County home, this has become her community – filled with friends, family, and organizations she cares deeply about – and she wants to do her part to help ensure NHH is well-equipped to continue to care for it.



Thank you, Frances for your commitment to our important mission and for helping to MAKE CARE BETTER!

Frances' support as a monthly donor also qualifies her as a member of our Caring for Generations Society. Society memberships are available for a minimum annual donation of \$1,000, which can be scheduled in a payment plan that works best for the donor – i.e. monthly payments of \$83.33 or quarterly \$250 basis. Membership has its privileges – In addition to knowing your gift is supporting the important work of the local hospital, members are also invited to an annual members' reception, and receive personal invitations to attend other special hospital events throughout the year.

[Learn More About Our Caring for Generations Society](#)

Gift of Gratitude Program Flourishes

Recent times have truly shone a light on the selfless efforts of healthcare workers around the world who care for our communities, but these workers have been making sacrifices and putting others first long before the COVID-19 pandemic. Recognizing the caring spirit within the team at NHH, NHH Foundation launched a formal Gift of Gratitude program in 2019 to honour those who go above and beyond to make a positive difference in the lives of those receiving care or visiting NHH. This program has continued throughout the pandemic, with many talented staff and physicians being recognized, including Dr. Andrew Stratford, the program's first gold honouree.



Have a look at some of the other staff who have been honoured through this program in our dedicated Gift of Gratitude Facebook album.

[Read the Story of Our First Gold Honouree](#)

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