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# WELCOME

## Happy New Year

It is our pleasure to share with you the 2017 edition of the Partners newsletter. Originally introduced in 2010, this annual newsletter is published to provide information related to planned giving. As you will notice throughout this publication, we believe this message is communicated most effectively by recognizing (and sincerely thanking) our dedicated community members who have reached out to the Northumberland Hills Hospital (NHH) with their charitable support.

Within these pages you will also meet our newest planned giving committee members who serve voluntarily as a way of “giving back” to our County. Our committee represents one of several committees supporting the NHH Foundation. The NHH Foundation’s role is to raise funds to ensure our hospital can be equipped as well as possible. We believe it is critical to remind our community that there is little to no financial support provided by government agencies to hospitals to fund equipment priorities. Given constant technological improvements and changes, ongoing

funding for equipment is essential for better care; services that we will all require at some point during our lives. Most of you may be aware of the daunting capital equipment funding requirements the hospital has communicated for the next five years. As an example, two of the x-ray units will be replaced at a cost of almost \$750,000 and the fluoroscopy unit will be replaced in the next 12-24 months at a cost of \$1 million!

Collectively, the NHH Foundation committees and board members work diligently all year to meet an ongoing mission of supporting better care at NHH. We are confident we can continue to make a huge impact in our community. If you are reading this newsletter, we hope you will join us in these efforts. There are many different ways to contribute and we would be more than happy to discuss options with you at your convenience.

Thank you for all you do to help ensure our hospital is the best equipped hospital it can possibly be.

# BEQUESTS

## The Ultimate Legacy

We were so fortunate to receive several bequests in the past year. Legacy gifts provide much needed financial support to help us in our relentless pursuit of investing in new medical equipment and technology. Allow us to introduce you to some of the individuals who remembered their community in their final wishes.

### Herbert William Allen (June 24, 1926 – April 7, 2016)

Bert slipped away peacefully in his sleep three months shy of his 90th birthday. Born in Newport Monmouthshire (Wales,) Bert enlisted with 1st Welsh Guards and ultimately found himself dispatched to Israel where he and his comrades provided internal security for the British Army.

At the conclusion of his enlistment he opted to attend trade school and eventually became a licensed electrician. Bert married Eveline Jones in 1952 and settled in Rogerstone Wales; that is until Eve made a trip to visit her father who was living in Canada. When Eve returned to Wales, she was exhilarated by what she saw and eventually convinced Bert to make a life for them in Canada.



After settling in Cobourg, Bert secured an opportunity to work in partnership with a local electrician and Eve found work with Eldorado Nuclear in Port Hope. Several years later, when Bert's business partner passed away, he decided to close the business and ply his trade elsewhere, finding a position in the rapidly expanding General Foods plants, which was subsequently acquired by Kraft Foods.

Aside from work, perhaps Bert's proudest achievement was the unfaltering effort he and a small cadre of Legion friends made to bring the Cobourg Legion Village into existence.

Bert was predeceased by his wife Eve. Upon his death, he provided an extremely generous bequest to the Northumberland Hills Hospital Foundation of approximately \$500,000.

### Lloyd Davis Libke (January 18, 1924 - August 10, 2016)

Lloyd Libke died peacefully at his home in Cobourg at the age of 92 on August 10, 2016 surrounded by his family. Born on a farm near Dundurn, Saskatchewan, Lloyd was the second youngest of nine children. He was married for sixty-six years to Gwendolyn Griffiths of Toronto, who predeceased him in 2013. Lloyd's life was without a doubt a testament to good sportsmanship and outdoorsmanship. An avid hunter and conservationist, his interest in firearms, sportsmanship and the shooting sports remained as one of the common links between five major career changes during his working life.

Shortly after graduating from high school, Lloyd joined the Royal Canadian Mounted Police at the age of nineteen. Following his

basic training in Regina, he was posted to various detachments throughout Ontario. He was a member of the Musical Ride in 1949. By the time he retired as Staff Sergeant, Lloyd had devoted twenty-two years to the Force, with service ranging from general police work to narcotics, intelligence, and counter espionage, as well as attendance at the United Nations as the personal escort for Prime Minister John Diefenbaker in 1960. In 1964, Lloyd accepted a position as sales manager with Winchester Western (Canada), based in Cobourg.



Lloyd devoted much of his professional career, and his time as a volunteer, toward instilling a sporting ethic among young people and his colleagues throughout Canada. Lloyd was instrumental in organizing the Ontario Chapter of Safari Club International and he was a member of the Cobourg Trap Club. In 2015, he published

his memoirs, *Get the Hell Back on Your Horse*, an account of his early years, his varied careers and adventures.

Lloyd and Gwen were donors to the Northumberland Hills Hospital Foundation for over two decades and when Lloyd passed away in 2016, he provided a gift of \$10,000 to the Foundation in his Will.

## Commemorative Giving

### Russ and Holly Hunt

The loss of their son Lawrence who was born still in August was a tremendously painful time for Russ and Holly Hunt. With professional counselling provided by social worker, Maureen Pollard, the Hunts have been slowly healing.



"Nothing can be done to prepare for such an intense loss, but immediate support and guidance is essential. We received outstanding care while at NHH. Our nurses, doctors, and midwives were attentive, gentle, and genuine. When we discovered that sensitivity training had been offered a few months before Lawrence was born, we knew we had to help other staff receive the training as well. If there is something we can do to help make a difficult situation a little less painful, then we need to work together to

accomplish just that. That’s why with the help of family and friends, money was raised in order to continue the special sensitivity training offered by Maureen,” said Holly Hunt in regards to her care while at Northumberland Hills Hospital.

Donations received in memory of Lawrence, almost \$2,000, were used to offer a session to NHH staff on November 17th plus two

additional sessions are confirmed to be held in the New Year.

“We are honoured to be the recipient of these funds raised in memory of Lawrence,” states Rhonda Cunningham, Executive Director of NHH Foundation. “And we’re also fortunate to have a professional like Maureen in our community who is there to help families at a difficult time in their lives.”

## Meet the Newest Members of the Planned Giving Committee

We are pleased to welcome Alison Lester and Meaghan Adams to the Planned Giving Committee.

Alison was born and raised in Cobourg. She obtained an undergraduate degree in English literature from the University of Toronto in 2002 and a law degree from McGill University in 2005. Alison was called to the bar in 2006 and practised law at a firm in Toronto for six years before returning to Cobourg in 2012.



Upon returning to town, Alison took over the practice of a local lawyer who was retiring. In 2014 she began working in association with Richard Irvine as Irvine & Lester.

Alison’s practice focuses on Wills and estates, real estate, and corporate law.

Alison is married and has a one-year old son and a ten-year old stepson. In addition to sitting on the Planned Giving Committee, she is a board member of the Help and Legal Centre of Northumberland and the incoming president of the Northumberland County Law Association.



Meaghan graduated from Carleton University in 2005 with a Bachelor of Public Affairs and Policy Management and graduated from the University of Alberta with a Bachelor of Laws (LLB) in 2008. She completed her articles with Samis & Company in Toronto.

Raised in Port Hope, Meaghan returned to the area to practice law upon being called to the Bar in 2009. She has spent the last three years working as an associate with Third Street Law focusing in the areas of real estate and estate planning. Meaghan lives in Port Hope with her husband and young daughter and enjoys everything the community has to offer. Meaghan looks forward to giving back as a member of the Northumberland Hills Hospital Foundation’s Planned Giving Committee.

# WHAT IS AN ENDOWMENT?

Endowment funds provide financial strength and stability to allow NHH to offer the very best care to our patients in the future, while creating a permanent legacy in support of the hospital.

We proudly recognize and thank all those who have established Named Endowments:

## Named Endowment Funds

Frederick J. & Isabella W. Troop  
Dr. Robert & Ann Scott  
Phillips Family  
Allan & Karen Birney  
Leslie Denman Boyd  
Reba & James Smith  
Lynn Hardy  
Isobel Milne  
A.K. & Bob Sculthorpe  
Rosamond Comrie

Marjory Harris  
Bob MacCoubrey  
David C. & Bea Roffey  
James & Heather Irvine  
Denman Sinclair  
Rolph Family  
Carol Knapper  
David & Esther Patterson  
Don Morrison Family  
General Endowment Fund

## FAST FACTS ON ENDOWMENT

- Named endowment funds are established at a minimum donation of \$25,000
- Endowments are held in perpetuity; only a portion of the investment income earned on the principal is spent
- Endowment funds can be established and named in honour or in memory of a family member or loved one as a permanent tribute
- You can direct your gift to a special area of interest (e.g. diagnostic, emergency care, etc.)

## 2016 Endowment Proceeds to Fund Investment in Staff Education

Totaling \$126,000, the 2016 endowment gift to Northumberland Hills Hospital (NHH) will focus on helping the hospital meet the care needs of those living in our community. As part of its commitment to a supportive practice environment, NHH supports staff members in their ongoing education. Specifically, three key education priorities have been identified by staff and leadership for the coming year, and education in these areas will be offered in 2017, thanks to the

financial support of the Endowment program. The areas are: mental health (to assist staff members in better supporting rising patient needs in this area); skin health and wound care (to enhance NHH staff knowledge of current best practices); and annual education days for nursing and allied health (specifically, a minimum of one full education day for selected nursing and allied health staff.

# THANK YOU

## Richard and Ann

After several years of service to the volunteer Planned Giving Committee, we wish to recognize and thank Richard Irvine and Ann Logan who have completed their term of service. We wish them both continued success in their future endeavours.



## 2016's Legacy Leaders

We are pleased to recognize and celebrate the following individuals who remembered the Northumberland Hills Hospital Foundation in their Will during 2016:

Estate of Sophia McDowell  
Estate of Helen MacLeod  
Estate of Ethel M. Bisset

Estate of Thelma Jean Elder  
Estate of Marjorie Alice Morris  
Estate of Patricia Hawkins  
Estate of Anne Feher  
Estate of Herbert William Charles Allen  
Estate of Minnie Lucy Smart  
Anonymous Estate  
Estate of Lloyd Libke

For more information on how you can provide for a gift to the NHH Foundation in your Will, or to obtain sample wording, please contact:

Rhonda Cunningham, FAHP  
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Northumberland Hills Hospital Foundation  
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## OUR PROMISE TO YOU

- We will always respect your privacy
- We won't put you under pressure - it's a big decision so please decide in your own time.
- Your family comes first. We know it, we respect it and we won't try and change it.
- We'll use your special gift wisely and effectively.
- You don't have to tell us how much you are leaving to us - we respect your right to privacy.
- We'll answer any questions you have honestly and quickly.
- If you want your gift to be spent in an area that's special to you, we'll do our best to arrange it

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# NHH FOUNDATION PLANNED GIVING COMMITTEE

The Planned Giving Committee is an advisory working committee, providing guidance and support for the Northumberland Hills Hospital Foundation's gift planning endeavours and to act as advocates for the program.

Volunteer committee members are appointed based on their estate, trust, tax, insurance and financial planning expertise. Members generously share their time to help the NHH Foundation staff and potential donors receive helpful information.

To learn more about our giving programs, visit [www.nhhfoundation.ca](http://www.nhhfoundation.ca)

## 2016/17 Planned Giving Committee

Chair: Kerry Lynch  
Lynch Rutherford Tozer  
Chartered Professional  
Accountants

Members: Louise Stevenson  
NHH Foundation Board Chair

Bruce Coleman  
Lawyer

Alison Lester  
Irvine & Lester Lawyers

Meaghan Adams  
Third Street Law

Christopher Jobb  
Aligned Capital Partners Inc.

Rhonda Cunningham  
NHH Foundation –  
Executive Director

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