



Queensway Carleton  
Hospital Foundation

# People First

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A REPORT TO DONORS



## The ACE Unit Opens

On November 22, 2016, the much-anticipated *Myers Automotive Acute Care of the Elderly (ACE) Unit* welcomed its first patient. The ACE Unit model of care is the first in our region and only the second in the province. More than 14% of our community is over the age of 65 and this demographic is growing faster than almost anywhere else in Canada. Building on our reputation as a leader in geriatric care, our outstanding 34-bed in-patient unit provides specialized care built on research-based best practices in caring for the elderly. Patient and family-centred care is the focus of the ACE Unit staff who work together to provide specialized care using geriatric knowledge and principles. ACE patients will be able to return home sooner and maintain their independence longer.

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## Our Donors. Our Heroes. Your Donor Dollars at Work

Alarming statistics show that lung cancer is the leading cause of death among cancer patients and over half of lung cancer patients are non-smokers! Last September our donors responded to a special appeal to purchase an Endobronchial Ultrasound (EBUS) machine, vital to diagnosing lung cancer and other serious lung conditions. This exciting tool can perform a biopsy to confirm the presence of the disease, while at the same time testing nearby lymph nodes to identify the stage of the lung cancer, and providing key information for planning the best treatment, as early as possible.

The EBUS provides two very significant benefits: it is a much less invasive procedure; and it ensures a patient gets treatment quicker. Less waiting means better outcomes and less anxiety for our patients. Your donations continue to ensure that we are putting the best tools possible in the hands of our caregivers, so when you need us, we will be there. The EBUS has already been instrumental in helping to diagnose a young patient with aggressive lung cancer. The EBUS is saving lives!

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## Donor Spotlight *Monthly Donors*

Each and every donor is important to us. Each of you help QCH maintain and improve the excellent care we provide to our community. One of our many groups of donors who contribute to this elevated care is our Monthly Donors. When supporters join our Circle of Friends Monthly Giving Program they become a part of a very special group of donors. With this sustaining generosity, Queensway Carleton Hospital is able to plan and commit to future equipment purchases that are vital to patient care. As donors who care about healthcare for our growing community, our Circle of Friends help to ensure that the right tools are in the right hands when needed most. We are extraordinarily grateful for this support and want to offer our sincerest and most heartfelt thanks to each and every one of our 750 Circle of Friends members, some of whom have been monthly donors for 15 years. To find out more about this convenient way of giving that reduces costs and directs more of your gift to improving and saving lives, please visit [www.donate.qchfoundation.ca](http://www.donate.qchfoundation.ca).



## Community Spotlight

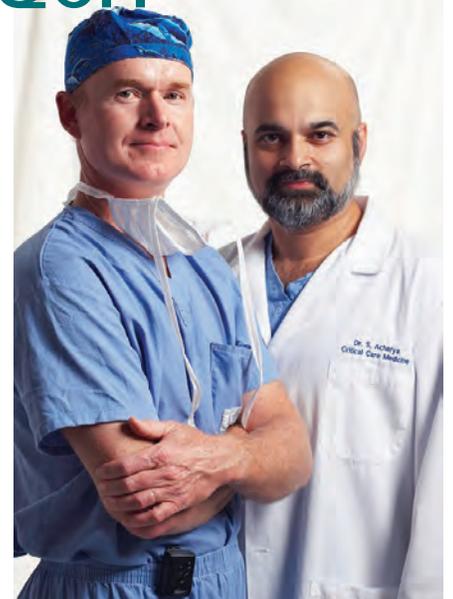
### *Royal Canadian Legion, Barrhaven Branch*

The Royal Canadian Legion (RCL), Barrhaven Branch, has been a dedicated supporter of Queensway Carleton Hospital since receiving its charter in 2005. With over 500 members, this branch has been a pillar of support in Barrhaven and the surrounding area. Over the last 12 years, QCH has been the grateful recipient of

over \$85,000. These past 2 years, the RCL - Barrhaven has earmarked their funds to support our newly opened *Myers Automotive Acute Care of the Elderly (ACE) Unit*. They understand the importance of not only supporting our veterans, but providing the best possible patient care for our aging population.

## New Cardiac Technology at QCH

Queensway Carleton Hospital is only the second hospital in Canada to receive new state-of-the-art cardiac ultrasound technology. This equipment allows physicians to view real-time, high resolution images of the areas of the heart that have been historically very difficult to view. For patients, it means faster and, most importantly, a more accurate diagnosis. Dan Locke, Manager of the Cardiopulmonary Department at QCH says, "For cancer and stroke patients in particular, we can better diagnose and better observe what's going on in every area of the heart. It's a big advantage for their care, and we're excited about that." The purchase of this equipment is possible thanks to the generous support from you, our donors. Your monthly and annual contributions have made this happen. Thank you for helping to provide more comprehensive care to our patients.



# The Will to Give

If you ordered a fresh sandwich, crisp salad or savoury soup at the QCH coffee shop in the 1990s, John Pestka was the volunteer chef behind the counter making sure everything was just right. He served up every meal with a smile or laugh that kept QCH staff and visitors coming back for more. For John, this was his QCH family. Years later, when the new Acute Care of the Elderly (ACE) Unit was under construction at QCH, John and his wife Joan didn't hesitate to make a gift for its completion. It was their way of giving back to the family that meant so much to them. John passed away in 2015 and through his will he built on his earlier contribution with a gift that brought the \$3M fundraising campaign for the ACE Unit over goal. For years to come, thousands of elderly patients will benefit from the advances in care made possible by the Pestkas' legacy.



To learn more about legacy gifts for QCH, please visit [www.legacy.qchfoundation.ca](http://www.legacy.qchfoundation.ca)

## EPIC Walk:



Last year participants and supporters raised \$200,000 through the EPIC Walk for cancer care at Queensway Carleton Hospital. On September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017 we invite you to join us as we walk 28 kms across our city to honour the men and women facing cancer this year. This event will be EPIC!

This year funds raised will be used to help buy a new mammography machine for Queensway Carleton Hospital. More than 7,500 screenings are performed each year. At QCH our volumes continue to increase each year as we meet the diagnostic needs of our patients. Join us or sponsor Team QCH by visiting [www.qchfoundation.ca](http://www.qchfoundation.ca)



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Join us on  
September 16, 2017  
for the EPIC Walk for  
Cancer Care

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