

2020/2021

REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY

A YEAR OF GRATITUDE AND GENEROSITY



Queensway Carleton
Hospital Foundation

Thank you

This year's report to our community is set against the backdrop of a pandemic that has highlighted healthcare in unforeseen and unimaginable ways. Our work with hospital supporters changed too, in an environment that allowed connectivity but not always connection. Despite the challenges, Queensway Carleton Hospital (QCH) received a staggering \$6.2 million in donations from the community this past year.

Loyal donors, new supporters, local businesses, community groups, national corporations, and so many more, contributed to the important work of the hospital. An amazing \$500,000 was donated to our COVID-19 Emergency Fund to purchase more ventilators, more IV pumps, and more vital signs monitors, so our healthcare team could save more lives and provide exceptional care during this pandemic and beyond. An additional \$2 million was donated to purchase other urgently-needed medical equipment to ensure the QCH team have the most advanced tools and technology.

Our community also recognized the incredible work of frontline healthcare workers by making an unprecedented number of donations in their honour through our Champion of Care program. Support for our Advancing Surgery campaign also continued, with \$1.5 million raised out of the \$2 million required to upgrade our eleven surgical suites with the latest equipment. We look forward to completing this campaign in the year ahead, so our surgical team is equipped to care for the many patients who will require surgery post-pandemic.

We were also thrilled to receive news from the Provincial Government that construction could begin on our new Mental Health unit. With more than \$6 million raised from our community it's exciting to see the shovels going into the ground, to build a space of healing and hope for our mental health patients.

We're profoundly grateful to all our supporters. Thank you for investing in our hospital. We could not do what we do without you.

Learn more about our funding priorities:
qchfoundation.ca/funding-priorities



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**Shannon Gorman,
President & CEO,
Queensway Carleton
Hospital Foundation**



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**Ronald Richardson,
Chair,
Queensway Carleton
Hospital Foundation
Board of Directors**

QCH and COVID-19: Milestones

2020



QCH HOSTS FIRST TESTING DRIVE-THRU SITE IN CITY



COVID-19 CARE AND TESTING CENTRE ESTABLISHED AT FORMER D. AUBREY MOODIE SCHOOL



QCH RELOCATES ALTERNATIVE LEVEL OF CARE UNIT TO FAIRFIELD HOTEL

2021



QCH VACCINATION STRIKE TEAM BEGIN VACCINATING HIGH RISK COMMUNITY MEMBERS



ADDITIONAL UNIT AT FAIRFIELD HOTEL ESTABLISHED FOR ALTERNATE LEVEL OF CARE PATIENTS



QCH VACCINATION CLINIC OPENS

Message from the CEO

When I became a physician more than 30 years ago, I certainly could not have anticipated how profoundly the past year's pandemic would affect us all. Both personally and professionally, it has reminded me of the extraordinary resilience that healthcare workers exhibit in their chosen career path. Our team has worked tirelessly to save lives and keep our community safe and healthy while providing exceptional care. Their bravery, compassion and courage has truly been inspirational. Your phenomenal generosity through continued financial support, gifts of personal protective equipment, donations of food and messages of encouragement have lifted our spirits daily and I thank you.



The resilience of our team and our community throughout this pandemic is making us hopeful for our future, as we collaborate with healthcare partners, donors and the government to continue to build, expand and improve healthcare for west Ottawa. Together we truly can build a healthy and vibrant community. #QCHStrong.

Stay safe and please remain diligent so we can all be together in-person, soon.

**Dr. Andrew Falconer, President & CEO,
Queensway Carleton Hospital**

I'll sit with you

For Sara Cinq-Mars, raising awareness about the importance of supporting people struggling with their own mental well-being has been an incredible journey. Sharing her family's story has been powerful, both for Sara and her many supporters.

While championing the Mental Health renovation campaign, Hopes Rising, and being instrumental in raising \$6 million towards this revitalization project, Sara had her own personal experience with QCH's mental health services.

"It was so eye-opening to me to realize that so many people struggle at some point in their lives. That is why the renovated unit at QCH is so important."

With construction now underway, the redesigned space will provide a healing environment for a vulnerable population. Sara's advocacy for mental health will continue. "I'm not an expert, but I am an ear and a shoulder. My message is simple: I will sit in the waiting room with you. And I'll still be waiting for you when your appointment is over. We all need to listen and talk and help one another. I know how comforting it is to not be alone."

At the official opening of the renovated Mental Health unit, Sara says she will probably burst into tears. "I will be so happy for the patients who get to go to the new, bright space. I will be so happy for the staff. And our community will know that QCH cares about them. It will be a place full of hope."



Event Chair, Sara Cinq-Mars at QCH Foundation's Harvesting Hope at the Farm fundraising gala, September 2019

Leave your mark



Diane Kaminski and Cal Kirkpatrick with their daughters Marley and Samantha

Donors Diane Kaminski and Cal Kirkpatrick say their children Marley and Samantha have been a great inspiration for their own generosity. When the girls came up with some unique fundraising at a young age, Diane noted, “We had a bit of an epiphany. We were teaching them to be philanthropists.” In turn, they were inspired by their own daughters to become philanthropists themselves.

Diane went on to help lead the QCH Foundation Women In Philanthropy program. It brings together like-minded women who want to help transform healthcare for Ottawa and the region. “I love working with women who are invested like me. We are funding urgent projects such as ventilators that are helping to save lives. There’s nothing more important than that.”

Cal, as a self-proclaimed lifetime west-ender, is currently an active Foundation Board member and champion for the QCH Ambassador program. Both Diane and Cal say it’s all about finding the thing that speaks to you.

“If you look around enough, you will find your place,” says Diane. “Then decide what you want to do to make things better. That is your legacy.”

Diane and Cal have found a place at QCH, and they are leaving their mark. Their support for better healthcare for our community will last for years to come.

To learn more about our QCH Ambassador and Women In Philanthropy programs, or how you can support our Foundation as a volunteer, please contact Catherine Harwood at charwood@qch.on.ca or 613-581-2248.

The privilege of saving lives



Dr. Gutauskas and her father, Dr. José Gutauskas, during the week of Andrea's medical school interview in 2000

For her first five years on QCH's surgical team, Dr. Andrea Gutauskas worked alongside her father, as he mentored her to become the best possible surgeon she could be. Recently, her skill and dedication were recognized with tremendous gratitude from one of her patients, along with a generous donation to QCH Foundation.

After Dr. Gutauskas performed life-saving surgery, a grateful patient and his wife nominated Dr. Gutauskas as a Champion of Care and made a \$25,000 donation -- the largest Champion of Care gift the Foundation has ever received.

As humble as ever, Dr. Gutauskas simply states: "I was just doing my job, helping my patient to the best of my abilities." This gift was so meaningful to Dr. Gutauskas not only because she feels it honours her father, who passed away several years ago, and what he taught her, but it helps fund the equipment and tools she needs in the OR to continue her life-saving work at QCH, each and every day.

To learn more about QCH Foundation's Champion of Care program and nominate a QCH team member, please visit: qchfoundation.ca/champion

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QCH care by the numbers


15,327
Day Surgery
Cases


52,207
Cardiopulmonary
Procedures


3,669
Medical
Inpatients


2,505
Total COVID
Patient days


632
Rehabilitation
Inpatients


2,489
Births


69,279
Emergency
Visits


22,791
Rehabilitation
Outpatient Visits


84,926
Moodie Centre
Tests/Visits


11,345
Mental Health
Patients


3,256
COVID Vaccine
Clinic #
Vaccinations


3,401
Surgical
Inpatients


79,471
Clinic & Day
Program Visits


125,888
Diagnostic
Imaging Tests

QCH Foundation by the numbers

In 2020/2021 \$6.2 million was raised to support the most urgent priorities of QCH. Your generosity funded infrastructure upgrades, staff training and development, and new or upgraded equipment including:



Surgical Tables



Mobile Digital X-Ray



Infant Resuscitators



Bladder Scanners

WHERE DO DONATIONS COME FROM?

Individuals \$2.34M

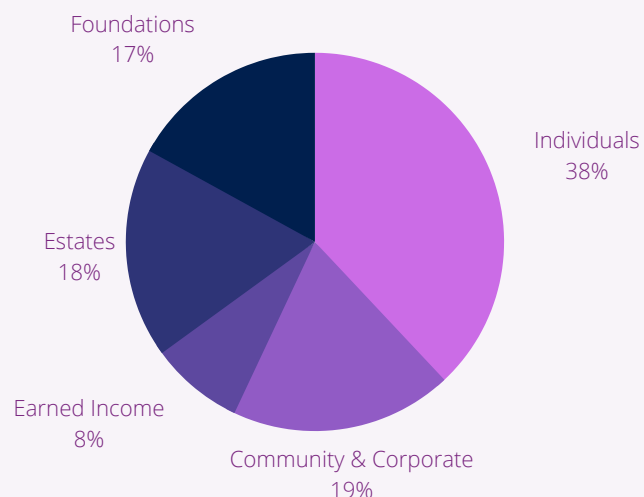
Foundations \$1.02M

Corporate & Community Partners \$1.14M

Estates \$1.15M

Earned Income \$.55M

Total Raised \$6.2M



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