



 Lennox and Addington  
County General Hospital  
**Foundation**

# Annual Review 2025-2026

Investing in Today. Caring for Tomorrow.

# Mission, Vision, and Values

## Mission

We work together with our generous supporters to generate and manage the funds needed to sustain Lennox and Addington County General Hospital facilities.

We want to see our hospital shine as a symbol of hope and healing, spreading its impact beyond its walls. Our mission is to provide excellent healthcare, ensuring every patient gets the best care and support possible.

## Vision

To be a leader in healthcare philanthropy, engaging community support and inspiring a culture of giving for top-notch care in Lennox and Addington.

## Values

### Integrity

We believe in being honest, accountable and making ethical decisions. Our focus is always on putting the needs of our community first. Because our hospital receives limited government funding, we make responsible choices that benefit our community's well-being.

### Leadership

With limited government funding, strong leadership is crucial to managing finances and wisely allocating resources. We take a strategic and visionary approach to ensure our hospital can provide the best possible care.

### Partnership

Working together with others allows us to access grants, donations and more. This helps supplement government funding and enables us to invest in critical medical services in Lennox and Addington.

### Accountability

Due to limited government funding, we are committed to being accountable in our financial management. We carefully budget and track expenses to ensure transparency and effective use of resources.



# A word from the Board Chair

On behalf of the Lennox and Addington County General Hospital Foundation, I am pleased to present highlights from 2026 Fiscal Year and outline our priorities for the year ahead. This past year has been defined by meaningful progress, strong community support, and continued investment in high-quality patient care.

In 2026, the Foundation placed a strong emphasis on supporting the Emergency Department through investments in upgraded equipment designed to enhance patient care, improve diagnostic speed, and help reduce wait times. Through the exceptional generosity of our donors, the Foundation contributed \$806,242.08 toward capital equipment across key areas of the hospital, including the Emergency Department, Operating Room, Laboratory, Intensive Care Unit, Acute Care, and Chemotherapy Services. These investments directly support improved patient outcomes and ensure the hospital remains well-equipped to meet the evolving needs of our community.

A major milestone was achieved this year with the completion of the Foundation's \$3.5 million pledge toward the hospital's MRI machine. This transformative investment in diagnostic imaging significantly enhances access to timely, high-quality care for residents across Lennox and Addington County. The long-term impact of this achievement will be felt for many years to come.

Looking ahead to the 2027 Fiscal Year, the Foundation has identified priority funding areas in the Operating Room, Diagnostic Imaging, and Laboratory Services. With a fundraising goal of \$1.6 million, these targeted investments will continue to support modern, accessible, and exceptional patient care.

None of this would be possible without our dedicated Foundation team: Amanda Chalk, Kristen Rattie, Katy Harvey, Sophie Airhart, and Chloe Lyons. Thank you for your passion and hard work. I also extend sincere appreciation to our volunteer Board of Directors, LACGH Board Chair Laurie French, President and CEO Mike Bell and his team, and Volunteer Services for their continued collaboration and support.

As we reflect on the past year, we are deeply grateful to our donors, volunteers, staff, and partners. Their ongoing support ensures that exceptional care remains accessible to our community and strengthens the hospital's ability to respond to the needs of patients and families across Lennox and Addington County.

With Appreciation,



Jeff Cuthill  
Chair, Board of Directors  
Lennox and Addington County General Hospital Foundation





## 2025/26 Board of Directors

The Foundation's Board of Directors is a diverse group of people, each with unique expertise and perspectives. Together, they guide and support the organization to make a positive impact on the community's healthcare needs.

Thank you to the 2025/2026 Board of Directors:

### Executive:

Jeff Cuthill – Chair, Chris Jackson – Vice Chair, Lori MacDonald – Secretary,  
Todd Steele – Treasurer, Megan Sands – Alternate

### Directors:

Kelly Roantree, Rob Jordan, Sally Elsayegh, Valerie Watts-Dafoe

### Ex-Officio Members:

Mike Bell – LACGH CEO & President, Laurie French – LACGH Board Chair,  
and Linda Smith – Volunteer Services to LACGH

# A Message from Amanda Chalk, Coordinator of Communications, Events, and Major Gifts



Looking back on the past year, I am proud of what we have accomplished together at the LACGH Foundation. It has been a year of strong community support, meaningful partnerships, and significant investments in patient care at Lennox and Addington County General Hospital.

This year, much of our focus was on supporting the Emergency Department. As one of the busiest areas of the hospital, it is essential that our healthcare teams have access to the equipment and technology they need to be ready for every emergency. Thanks to the generosity of our donors, we were able to support upgrades that will help enhance patient care, improve efficiency, and ensure our Emergency Department remains equipped to meet the needs of our growing community.

The impact of donor support was felt throughout the hospital. During the year, the Foundation contributed \$806,242.08 toward capital equipment purchases supporting the Emergency Department, Operating Room, Laboratory, Intensive Care Unit, Acute Care, and Chemotherapy Services. These investments help ensure patients can continue to receive high-quality care close to home.

Our events and community initiatives continue to be an important part of our work. Whether through signature events, third-party fundraisers, sponsorships, or individual giving, we are continually inspired by the generosity of those who believe in the importance of local healthcare. Every contribution helps make a difference for patients and families across Lennox and Addington County.

This year also brought changes to our office team. In January, we said goodbye to Amber Richardson and thank her for her many contributions to the Foundation. We also welcomed Sophie Airhart and Chloe Lyons as part-time student staff members, whose enthusiasm and support have been a wonderful addition to our team.

To our donors, volunteers, partners, hospital staff, and supporters, thank you. Your commitment to local healthcare continues to inspire us every day, and we look forward to building on this momentum in the years ahead.

Amanda Chalk

*Amanda Chalk*

Coordinator of Communications, Events and Major Gifts  
Lennox and Addington County General Hospital Foundation

# A Year in Review from the LACGH Board Chair & CEO

As we reflect on Fiscal Year 2025/26, we extend our sincere appreciation to the Lennox and Addington County General Hospital Foundation Board, donors, volunteers, and supporters for your unwavering commitment to advancing healthcare in our community. The Foundation's partnership continues to play a vital role in helping our hospital deliver exceptional care close to home.

This year, the Foundation placed a significant focus on supporting the Emergency Department, recognizing its importance as a critical access point for patients and families throughout Lennox and Addington County. Through Foundation-funded investments in equipment and technology, our clinical teams have been better equipped to provide timely, efficient, and high-quality care. The impact of these investments has been significant. Together with the dedication and expertise of our physicians, staff, and volunteers, every Emergency Department wait-time metric improved during Fiscal Year 2026. These improvements have been felt by patients, caregivers, and healthcare providers alike, enhancing access to care and improving the overall patient experience.

The Foundation's support extended across many areas of the hospital. During the year, more than \$800,000 was invested in capital equipment supporting the Emergency Department, Operating Room, Laboratory, Intensive Care Unit, Acute Care, Chemotherapy Services, and Diagnostic Imaging. These investments ensure our healthcare teams have access to modern equipment and technology that support safe, efficient, and compassionate care.

A defining achievement this year was the completion of the Foundation's \$3.5 million pledge toward the hospital's MRI machine. This milestone represents a transformational investment in healthcare for our region and stands as a testament to the Foundation's leadership and the generosity of the community.

The MRI has fundamentally enhanced access to diagnostic imaging services for patients throughout Lennox and Addington County. By providing advanced imaging closer to home, patients benefit from reduced travel, faster access to diagnostics, and more timely treatment planning. The positive impact of this investment is being experienced daily by patients, physicians, and healthcare teams.

As Lennox & Addington County General Hospital continues to advance its Strategic Plan and vision of becoming the anchor health hub for our community, the Foundation remains an essential partner in our success. Your support enables us to invest in innovation, strengthen local healthcare services, and respond to the evolving needs of the communities we serve.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, medical staff, leadership team, and all hospital staff, thank you for your continued partnership and commitment. The Foundation's contributions have created meaningful and lasting impact throughout our organization, particularly within the Emergency Department and Diagnostic Imaging, where patients and healthcare providers are experiencing the benefits firsthand.

Together, we are building a stronger healthcare system and a healthier future for Lennox and Addington County.

Michael Bell  
President & CEO  
Lennox and Addington County General Hospital

Laurie French  
Board Chair



# Volunteer Services Report to the LACGH Foundation

Over the past year, the members of Volunteer Services to LACGH contributed over 600 service hours each month across an ever growing variety of hospital areas and departments. We are proud of the dedication and commitment of our volunteers, and grateful for the compassion and generosity they exhibit as they interact with patients, residents, families, visitors and staff alike.



Although we have scaled back our fundraising activities, sales in the Coffee and Gift shop and our QUESTS tickets continue to be profitable. With the addition of a few small fundraising events, including three gift basket raffles, and a Step into Spring Sale, we were able to continue to provide gifts and donations to the hospital and the community. We donated over the bed tables, IV poles and a shower chair to the hospital, continued with our student Bursary program for graduating high school students who are pursuing a diploma or degree in Health Care, and donated funds to the Social Work Program to help support their clients. We also once again provided small Christmas gifts to the residents of the Convalescent Care Unit. The Christmas gifts bring joy to the CVC residents are much appreciated by the recipients.

Volunteer Services also lent a hand at several Foundation Fundraising events, and made small donations to others, to help raise funds for hospital priorities.

Some extra shelving and a few other minor changes were made to the Coffee and Gift shop to add a little more selling space, which was quickly filled up with new inventory. We moved into a smaller, more efficient storage cupboard which was built for us in the front hall closer to the Courtesy and QUESTS desk, and this is working out well for us.

In the past year, we welcomed 20 new volunteers, a significant increase over the previous year, but we have also lost several volunteers due to age, or illness. We are currently working on a community volunteer job fair for the fall, spearheaded by Marg Isbester, our past Chair, and hope to reach a broader range of people, particularly those who are new to region.

We have welcomed two new directors and a community representative to the Board of Directors, which will strengthen our team. Our Finance Review Committee is working hard to strengthen our procedures and practices to ensure the sustainability of Volunteer Services.

Susan Jack who has been heavily involved with Volunteer Services and the hospital for many years, is finally retiring, stepping back from her role as Membership and Recruitment Coordinator. We are very grateful for her years of service, and are hopeful that she will continue to volunteer in the coffee shop from time to time to stay in touch.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Smith  
Vice Chair, Volunteer Services to LACGH



# Supporting Emergency Care Close to Home

Sometimes, a single experience can inspire a lasting impact.

After receiving care in the Emergency Department at Lennox and Addington County General Hospital, one grateful patient chose to give back in a meaningful way. Their generosity funded the purchase of a portable ultrasound, providing Emergency Department clinicians with access to critical imaging at the bedside when time matters most.

This gift was one of several investments made through the Foundation's 2026 Emergency Department Campaign, an initiative focused on equipping the department with the tools and technology needed to deliver exceptional care close to home.

Thanks to the generosity of donors, the campaign provided financial support for a number of priority equipment needs, including vital signs machines, BiPAPs and ventilators, a medication refrigerator, and a portable ultrasound. These essential pieces of equipment help support patient monitoring, respiratory care, medication management, and rapid diagnosis in a fast-paced emergency setting.

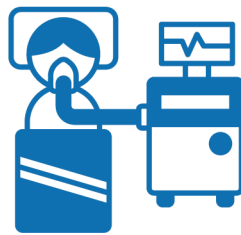
For patients arriving in the Emergency Department, access to modern equipment can make a significant difference. Whether helping clinicians assess a medical emergency, monitor a patient's condition, deliver life-saving respiratory support, or provide timely treatment, these investments enhance the quality of care available to our community.

The portable ultrasound stands as a meaningful example of how philanthropy strengthens local healthcare. What began as one patient's experience has become an investment in the care of countless others who will rely on the Emergency Department in the years ahead.

The success of the fiscal year 26 Emergency Department Campaign reflects the generosity of donors throughout Lennox and Addington who understand the importance of accessible, high-quality emergency care. Together, these contributions are helping ensure patients and families continue to receive the best possible care when they need it most.



Vital Signs Machines  
\$307,982



BiPAP & Ventilator  
\$58,890



Bedside Ultrasound  
\$65,848



Medication Fridge  
\$10,834

# Together, we're ready for every emergency



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# Leaving A Legacy

## A Family's Dedication to Healthcare and Giving Back

For David, supporting the Lennox and Addington County General Hospital Foundation is about family, gratitude, and ensuring a strong future for local healthcare.

His family's connection to the hospital spans decades. His mother dedicated her career to nursing, while his siblings each found their own ways to support the hospital and community.

Reflecting on that legacy, David says with a smile:

*"My brother was chairman of the board, my sister volunteered after she retired. I'm the only one who hasn't done anything for the hospital, but we're turning that around."*

Inspired by the example set by his family, David chose to make a gift to the Foundation, recognizing the vital role the hospital plays in the health and well-being of the entire community.

*"If you don't have a good healthcare system in your community, your community will suffer."*

For David, supporting local healthcare is an investment in the future of Lennox and Addington County. It helps ensure that friends, neighbours, and future generations can continue to access quality care close to home.

His story is also a tribute to his mother, whose dedication to nursing left a lasting impression on him and instilled a deep appreciation for community service.

Throughout her life, she believed in caring for others and took great pride in the hospital that served her community. As David reflects on the impact she had on those around her, he believes she would be encouraged by the work being done today.

*"She was proud of her community and the hospital, and she would be very proud of what we are doing here."*

David's gift is a continuation of a family tradition rooted in service, generosity, and community pride. His story reminds us that philanthropy takes many forms, and that each contribution helps strengthen the healthcare system our community relies on every day.

Together, donors like David are helping ensure exceptional healthcare remains close to home, today, tomorrow, and for generations to come.





## A Community of Caring

Community support continues to play a vital role in helping us advance healthcare close to home. Throughout the year, individuals, businesses, and community groups came together in support of Lennox and Addington County General Hospital through a variety of fundraising initiatives and events.

From Tim Hortons Smile Cookie Week and McDonald's Hospital Day to the return of Guitars N' Cars, local supporters found meaningful ways to give back. The Kyle Dunham Memorial Hockey Tournament raised funds in support of the Hospital's Chemotherapy Unit, while the Sugar Plum Raffle, Wendy Cain's art donation, and Opal Rose Farm's maple syrup sales all contributed to improving patient care at LACGH.

Every fundraiser, donation, and volunteer effort reflects the generosity and commitment of our community. We are grateful to everyone who continues to support our mission and help ensure quality healthcare remains available close to home.

# 50/50 Raffle FOUNDATION



The LACGH Foundation 50/50 Raffle achieved a record-breaking year in FY26, generating \$100,530 in ticket sales while giving participants the chance to win cash and support local healthcare.

More than \$50,000 was awarded to monthly winners, while the Foundation's share of proceeds supported Emergency Care at Lennox and Addington County General Hospital. The year was highlighted by a record June jackpot of \$18,135, the largest in the raffle's history.

Beyond fundraising, the 50/50 Raffle provided valuable opportunities for community engagement. Foundation staff and volunteers connected with supporters through ticket sales at local farmers' markets, community events, participating business storefronts, and weekly pop-up locations at 310 Bridge Street West.

The continued success of the raffle reflects the generosity of our participants, volunteers, staff, and community partners. Thank you to everyone who purchased a ticket, shared our message, and helped strengthen healthcare close to home.

# Parenthood, Community, and Healthcare Close to Home.



For Zach, supporting local healthcare began with a life-changing experience.

When he and his wife welcomed their daughter, they were overjoyed. But shortly after her birth, doctors identified complications that required immediate care.

"Shortly after she was born, the doctors had noticed there were some complications. That took us from cloud nine to rock bottom."

For nine days, their daughter remained in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit while healthcare professionals worked to determine the cause and provide the care she needed. During that time, Zach and his family placed their trust in the healthcare team caring for their daughter.

Thankfully, she recovered, and Zach still remembers the day they brought her home.

"I still remember the drive home from the hospital. It was the best feeling ever."

The experience gave Zach a deeper appreciation for the role healthcare plays in the lives of families and inspired him to find a way to give back.

When he was invited to participate in the Lennox & Addington County General Hospital Foundation's Ride for DI, he saw an opportunity to turn gratitude into action.

"Once you get inside the hospitals, you realize how much good they do and how much need they have."

In 2025, Ride for DI brought together riders, volunteers, sponsors, and donors to raise \$32,881.65 in support of Diagnostic Imaging at LACGH. For Zach, the event reflects the strength of a community coming together to support healthcare close to home.

"It feels really good to know you are giving back to the community and bringing them together as well. We have this gem in our community. If we all work together and pitch in, we can make pretty good things happen."

Because of supporters like Zach, Ride for DI continues to strengthen local healthcare and ensure patients and families have access to the care they need, close to home.



## 27 Years of Impact on the Green

Since 1996, the Lennox and Addington County General Hospital Foundation Golf Tournament has brought our community together in support of local health care. Over the past 28 years, proceeds from this signature event have helped fund critical equipment purchases and capital projects that enhance patient care at LACGH.

At our 28th Annual Golf Tournament, presented by Morven Construction, golfers, sponsors, volunteers, and community partners came together for a record-breaking day of giving. Thanks to their incredible support, the tournament raised a final total of \$87,992.30 in support of equipment upgrades for the Emergency Department at LACGH.

The day also featured an unforgettable moment when Craig Buttar recorded a hole-in-one on Hole #7, winning \$50,000 in a contest sponsored by Wade Mitchell of Exit Realty Acceleration, a highlight that had everyone talking.

We are grateful to everyone who helped make this year's tournament such a success. Your generosity continues to strengthen health care close to home and ensures our hospital has the tools needed to provide exceptional care for our community.





# Gala

## **9th Annual LACGH Foundation Gala**

On Saturday, November 1, 2025, we welcomed guests to the 9th Annual LACGH Foundation Gala for an evening of celebration, generosity, and community spirit. Thanks to the incredible support of our sponsors, donors, volunteers, and guests, we raised \$44,000 in support of Emergency Care at Lennox and Addington County General Hospital.

Despite sharing the spotlight with the Toronto Blue Jays' historic World Series Game 7, our community showed up in full force to support local healthcare. Guests enjoyed an elegant evening filled with great food, meaningful connections, and exciting fundraising opportunities, all in support of a cause that touches the lives of so many in our region.

The evening featured popular gala favourites, including the Wine Wall, Silent Auction, and the Sugar Plum Raffle, creating plenty of excitement while raising vital funds for the hospital. Proceeds from this year's event will help equip our Emergency Department with essential equipment, including BiPap machines and ventilators, and a new medication fridge, ensuring patients receive the highest quality care close to home.

We are deeply grateful to everyone who contributed to the success of this year's Gala. Your generosity and commitment help strengthen healthcare in our community today and for future generations. Through your support, we continue our mission of keeping exceptional healthcare close to home for the residents of Lennox and Addington County and our surrounding communities.

# GIVING TUESDAY

December 2, 2025

The LACGH Foundation's Giving Tuesday campaign inspired an incredible outpouring of community support. Together, donors contributed \$36,386, which was amplified by a generous \$15,000 matching gift, bringing the total raised to \$51,386.

Funds raised will support the purchase of new BiPAP machines and ventilators for the Emergency Department, helping ensure patients have access to critical respiratory care when they need it most.

This achievement reflects the generosity and commitment of our community. We extend our sincere thanks to everyone who donated, volunteered, shared our message, and helped make this campaign a success. Together, we are strengthening local healthcare and investing in the future of patient care at LACGH.





## Honour A Caregiver

### Grateful Patient Program

Every day at Lennox & Addington County General Hospital, patients and families experience moments of exceptional care, compassion, and kindness. Through the Grateful Patient Program, the LACGH Foundation provides a meaningful way for patients and their loved ones to recognize the caregivers and support staff who made a difference during their healthcare journey.

Whether honouring a nurse who offered comfort during a difficult time, a physician who provided reassurance, or a member of the support team who went above and beyond, gifts made through the Grateful Patient Program celebrate the people behind the care.

These donations are more than expressions of gratitude. They help fund priority equipment, technology, and patient care enhancements that support exceptional healthcare close to home. Each gift creates a lasting legacy, helping future patients benefit from the same high standard of care that inspired the donation.

Perhaps most importantly, the program strengthens the connection between patients, families, caregivers, and the community. The stories shared through the program serve as powerful reminders of the impact healthcare professionals have on the lives of those they care for each day.

The LACGH Foundation is grateful to every patient and family member who has chosen to honour a caregiver through a donation. Their generosity helps ensure that gratitude today becomes better healthcare for tomorrow.

# Looking Ahead

As we look ahead, the Lennox and Addington County General Hospital Foundation is committed to raising \$1.6 million this fiscal year to fund urgently needed equipment across three critical areas of patient care: Diagnostic Imaging, Laboratory Services, and the Operating Room.

These services work together every day to ensure patients receive timely diagnoses, accurate testing, and essential surgical care close to home.

Support from our community will help fund equipment and technology that healthcare teams rely on every day, including investments that support:

- Diagnostic Imaging, helping physicians identify illness and injury quickly and accurately
- Laboratory Services, providing critical information that guides treatment decisions and patient care
- The Operating Room, where specialized equipment supports safe and effective surgical procedures

Together, these investments will help ensure patients and families throughout Lennox and Addington County continue to have access to exceptional care close to home.

## Why It Matters

While government funding supports many aspects of hospital operations, essential medical equipment is funded through the generosity of donors and community partners.

The Foundation's \$1.6 million fundraising goal reflects priority equipment needs identified by hospital leadership and clinical teams. These investments will help provide the tools needed to diagnose, test, treat, and care for patients when it matters most.

Thanks to the ongoing support of our community, Lennox and Addington County General Hospital can continue investing in the equipment and technology required to deliver high-quality healthcare today and for years to come.

Together, we are investing in our future selves by helping ensure high-quality healthcare remains close to home for years to come.



# The Benefits of Backing Our Hospital: A Closer Look



## We're all impacted

Whether it's now or in the future, everyone in our community will be impacted by our hospital in some way or another. That means patients, families, care providers and more.



## Each corner of the hospital is touched

Support and contributions mean updated equipment and technology, facility upgrades and streamlined patient care and support.



## Healthcare when you need it

Faster, stress-free access to care compared to other communities.



## Our economy benefits

Supporting our hospital sustains local jobs, impacting the future of our friends, family, and neighbours.



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