

SPRING NEWSLETTER

April 2026



A Message of Gratitude from Our Executive Director

Dear Community Members,



As we welcome the arrival of spring, I want to take a moment to express my deepest gratitude for your unwavering support of the Dunnville Hospital & Healthcare Foundation. Your generosity and commitment are the heart of our community's health and well-being. The needs of our Hospital & Edgewater Gardens don't stop. We are committed to being there every step of the way to ensure our doctors, nurses, PSWs, and staff have the tools they need to provide the best care.

Thanks to you, we continue to enhance our facilities, support vital programs, and ensure that quality healthcare remains accessible to everyone in Dunnville and beyond. Together, we are building a healthier future, and I am truly inspired by the compassion and dedication of our community.

Thank you for being a vital part of our journey.

With sincere appreciation,

Rachel

Rachel Schmalz
Executive Director
Dunnville Hospital & Healthcare Foundation

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**Thank you, Haldimand,
for an incredible, record-breaking 2025.**

Over \$1,460,000 raised!

ANNUAL REPORT HIGHLIGHTS

2025 By the Numbers

Funds Raised

\$1,460,210

Breaking This Down

- \$628,567** Annual Programs
- \$153,000** Major Gifts
- \$305,815** Foundations & Grants
- \$140,000** Estate Giving
- \$232,828** Other

Total Donors

1,371

526 New Donors

35 Monthly Donors

\$225 Average Gift

Community Support

495 Event Participants

145 Volunteers

25 Local Business Sponsors



Someone Wins Every Month!

splitthepot.ca
Monthly Draws.
Win \$\$\$\$ and Support DHHF!



Ken Oxley, February Early Bird Winner



Dr. Kobah, 5x Healthcare Hero Nominee in 2025



HEALTHCARE HEROES

Behind every great hospital is an incredible team. Through our Healthcare Hero program, patients and families can recognize a doctor, nurse, technician, or staff member who made a difference in their care by making a donation to DHHF in their honour.

When you nominate a Healthcare Hero:

- They receive a certificate and Healthcare Hero pin
- They're recognized internally
- Your gift supports hospital equipment

♥ Know someone who went above and beyond?

Nominate & Give Today!

📞 905.774.2529

🌐 dhhf.ca/ways-to-give

📍 322 Broad St. W. Dunnville



YOUR DONATIONS AT WORK

The New CT Scanner: A Game-Changer for Local Care

Interview with HWMH staff, Michelle Couture, MRTR, Senior Medical Radiation Technologist, and Tom Dorland, VP Diagnostic, Hospital Information Services.

1. What has changed for patients since the new CT scanner was installed?

The new CT scanner has expanded the range of exams we can perform locally, minimizing the need for patients to travel to larger centres for specialized CT imaging. The scanner also has a wider bore (opening), which helps reduce anxiety for patients who experience claustrophobia, creating a more comfortable and reassuring experience.

2. How does this equipment improve diagnostic accuracy?

The scanner produces exceptionally high-quality images, giving radiologists clearer detail than ever before. This leads to more precise diagnoses and supports faster decision-making for patient care.

3. Has it reduced wait times or transfers to other hospitals?

Yes. Because we can now perform more exam types onsite, we're seeing fewer transfers to other hospitals. This helps patients receive care sooner and closer to home, reducing delays and improving access to timely diagnostics.

4. What does it mean for emergency patients?

For emergency patients, time is critical. The new scanner allows us to complete essential imaging immediately, which is especially important for urgent conditions like stroke, trauma, or internal bleeding, where rapid imaging can significantly impact patient outcomes.

5. Can you share a moment where the scanner made a critical difference?

Shortly after installation, our team was able to complete a specialized exam locally that previously would have required an urgent transfer. Having the ability to scan the patient immediately allowed for a prompt diagnosis and faster treatment — a difference that genuinely matters in emergency care.



Installed in 2025, the new CT scanner is transforming diagnostics at HWMH.

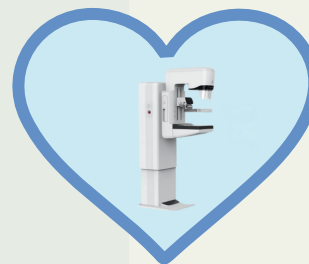
JOIN OUR MONTHLY DONOR GROUP to make a difference all year long.



DID YOU KNOW?

90%+ of capital equipment needs are funded by DHHF Donors

In 2025, donors raised funds for



A New Mammography Unit

Helps detect breast cancer early, improving outcomes and saving lives.



A New CG Machine

Quickly monitors heart rhythm to detect issues and guide urgent care.



Beds & Stretchers

Provide safer, more comfortable patient transport and support quality care.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

2026 DHHF & Community-led Events

APR

17-18 | Home, Garden & Craft Show

27-31 | Smile Cookies Campaign

MAY

27 | Annual Meeting

JUN

06 | Hearts & Soles Colour Walk

13 | Erica Hopman's 100 Miles for 10 Years

13 | Mudcat Festival Parade

24 | Donor & Volunteer Recognition Night

AUG

21 | Golf Tournament

SEP

01 | HWMH & EG Healthcare Hero Month

NOV

14 | Hearts & Heroes Gala

15 | Trees of Hope begins

DEC

01 | Giving Tuesday Radiothon

05 | Santa Claus Parade & Light-up Night

31 | Trees of Hope ends



Sponsorship opportunities available! Please email info@dhhf.ca for more information.

2025 Third Party Event Impact

In 2025, community-led events raised:

\$103,535

Why Host a Third-Party Event?

- Rally your community around a cause
- Celebrate milestones with impact
- Honour a loved one
- Support local healthcare close to home

Visit us at dhhf.ca or scan the QR code to get started:



Sign-up for the Colour Walk! A vibrant, family-friendly 5K filled with colour, music, and community spirit.



Thank you!

We want to extend our deepest gratitude to Liz MacDonald, Past Chair, for her unwavering dedication to DHHF as a valued member of our Board since 2017.

Liz will be stepping down from the Board this May, but we are pleased she will continue as a member of the Finance & Audit Committee.

Liz has generously shared her exceptional financial expertise, guiding us with wisdom and insight that have been truly invaluable.

Looking back on her time with us, Liz shared,

"The past five years have been exceptionally successful for the Foundation, especially following our largest fundraiser ever in 2019 for the new Emergency Department. We've continued to experience significant growth, thanks to the dedicated efforts of the Board of Directors, Staff, Volunteers, and our incredibly generous community. Since 2020, over \$3.7 million has been donated to the Haldimand War Memorial Hospital & Edgewater Gardens. I am truly proud of this organization and honoured to be part of something so impactful."

Serving on the Board is meaningful work and plays a vital role in keeping healthcare close to home. We are incredibly grateful to you, Liz.