

The *Start* of Something *New*

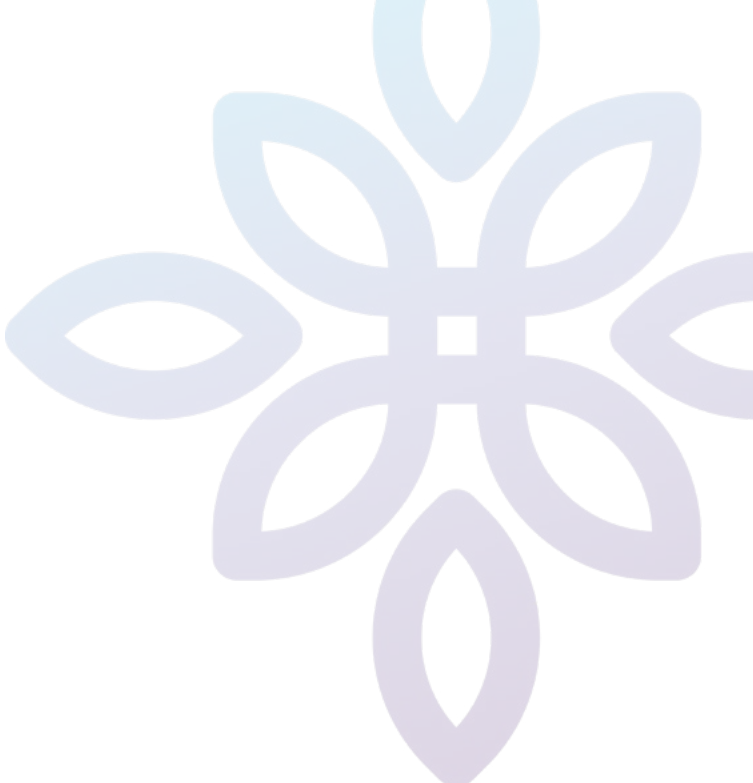


Soldiers'
MEMORIAL HOSPITAL • FOUNDATION

2024 COMMUNITY IMPACT REPORT

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Land Acknowledgement ●○●●



Orillia Soldiers’ Memorial Hospital would like to acknowledge that we are situated on the traditional territory of the Anishinaabek Nation. We acknowledge the enduring presence of the First Nations, Metis, and Inuit peoples of this region, specifically the Tri-Council First Nations comprised of the Beausoleil First Nation, the Chippewas of Rama First Nation, and the Chippewas of Georgina Island. We also acknowledge Moose Deer Point First Nation, the Wahta Mohawks, and the Georgian Bay and Moon River Metis Councils. It should also be noted that the Wendat and the Haudenosaunee Nations have also walked on this territory over time.

Welcome

Dear Friends and Supporters,

Reflecting on this past year has been truly inspiring. We witnessed the dedication of our community in supporting each other and making a sustainable impact. Your commitment to Orillia Soldiers' Memorial Hospital has been instrumental in our journey towards healthcare excellence, and for that we are deeply grateful.

Our purpose is clear: to inspire and engage our communities to make a lasting impact by supporting healthcare excellence at Orillia Soldiers' Memorial Hospital. We are excited to share the progress we have made this year, led by our purpose and driven by your experiences and generosity.

This year, we introduced new donor experiences that have brought us closer together for intimate conversations and to better share the impact you've made.

One such experience was the Scrub in with Soldiers' event, where donors had the unique opportunity to witness firsthand how our hospital teams collaborate to ensure the best outcomes for their patients, especially in trauma situations.

Another memorable event was an Evening of Infinite Possibilities, an intimate gathering where we shared personal connections to the hospital. We heard from physicians and donors about their dedication to enhancing care. These stories of commitment and progress have inspired us all to continue striving for excellence.

We received two transformative gifts this year. A family foundation supported senior care in Orillia with their donation, allowing for the opening of the hospital's only palliative care room on Soldiers' Harvie 2 Wayhome Unit. This will bring much comfort to patients and their families. The Weber Foundation's historical \$3.3 million gift towards the future hospital marked the Start of Something New—a new focus and intention on the future of healthcare for our communities.

Every gift received this year, no matter the size, directly impacted the lives of patients and their families at Soldiers'. Your support and commitment to enhancing patient care is truly transformative, and we are profoundly grateful for your dedication to making a difference.

This year, we also launched the Infinite Possibilities Fund, an ode to our learnings and belief in thinking infinitely. This fund represents our commitment to building a stronger, more innovative, and more inspiring future of health for our communities. By embracing an infinite mindset, we are opening the door to countless new opportunities and ensuring that our efforts have no start or finish, no winners or losers—only collective progress.

As we look forward, we are excited about the possibilities that lie ahead. Together, we are building for the future. Your support, shared stories, and experiences will continue to be the driving force behind our success.



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Raquel Ness

CHAIR, OSMH FOUNDATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Perry'.

Perry Esler

OSMH FOUNDATION PRESIDENT AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



A Gift of Love: Erika Heller Foundation Enhances Paediatric Care at OSMH

Erika Heller is remembered as a spark of pure love. Though she lost her battle to cancer in 2009, her passion and determination continue to impact communities across Canada. The Erika Heller Foundation, developed in her honour, aims to continue spreading her legacy of endless love, and make Canadian communities a healthier, kinder, happier place for children and animals.

True to this legacy, the Erika Heller Foundation made a generous gift to support children receiving care at Orillia Soldiers' Memorial Hospital. The special donation allows for the purchase of a new ultrasound machine for the paediatric department in OSMH's Regional Women and Children program.

"It's an honour to share Erika's legacy of love and compassion with the patients and families at Orillia Soldiers' Memorial Hospital. We are grateful that the new ultrasound machine will enhance patient care and bring comfort and ease to children and their families."

- Ben Heller, Managing Director, Erika Heller Foundation and brother to Erika Heller.



The ultrasound will assist our paediatric care team with guided intravenous (IV) access. Establishing IV access is an essential and high-priority nursing procedure that can be challenging. Utilizing the ultrasound machine will reduce discomfort and allow for a more calming experience for young patients, something every caregiver can appreciate for their little ones.

The new ultrasound will also support additional departments in the hospital including Surgical Services and the Emergency Department.

This thoughtful gift will enhance the overall care experience for young patients and their families.





Transforming Senior Care: Wayhome Unit Unveils New Palliative Care Room



Before Renovations

This year, a generous family foundation made a \$600,000 donation to support senior care in Orillia. With their gift, the Harvie 2 Wayhome Unit has opened the hospital's only palliative care room, and enhancements to the patient recreation room are underway. These improvements will greatly enhance the quality of care and comfort for both patients and care teams.

Though healthcare professionals can provide excellent support to patients and families during their last hours, it is incredibly impactful to have a dedicated space for palliative patients to rest comfortably with family.

Still to come, the recreation room, named "the Lodge," will enhance the patient experience and provide more opportunities for therapeutic recreation.

These updates to the Wayhome unit provide patients, caregivers, and healthcare providers with a more comfortable environment and improve the well-being of everyone. On behalf of the Wayhome Unit team and the patients it serves, we thank our donors for their investment into senior care in our region.



Read More About The New Palliative Care Room Visit OSMHFoundation.ca/latest-news



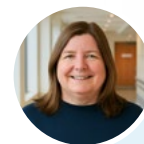
"Providing a space that is quiet and comforting in such a delicate stage of life is so important to provide for our community and has been instrumental in the amazing care our staff provide on a day-to-day basis."

— Magella Wells, Program Manager for Patient Flow & Utilization, Harvie 2 Wayhome Unit



"The Cottage has created a peaceful setting that fosters emotional well-being and support during difficult times. Family members have expressed immense gratitude for the privacy and tranquility the room offers, providing them with a much-needed space to spend quality time with their loved ones."

— Paige Fulton, RPN Wayhome Harvie 2 Unit



"The collective goal of our palliative care team is to support the wishes of the patient and their entire family during transition towards end of life. Creating a peaceful and aesthetic space is integral to enhancing emotional wellbeing. The new palliative space has done exactly that."

— Susan Clark, Nurse Practitioner MRP for Wayhome Harvie 2 Unit



GRATEFUL PATIENT STORY

A Lifesaving Connection

My Unexpected Journey with Orillia Soldiers' Memorial Hospital

By Terry Fish

My name is Terry. I moved to Orillia about two years ago. I was familiar with the area, having spent 15 summers here when my kids were little. One highlight was going to Robbie's convenience store for ice cream, and I'm pleased to see it's still around.

When I decided to move to Orillia, I wanted to feel connected to the town. I considered various organizations to help and met a lady who volunteered at the hospital. This inspired me to apply as a volunteer at Orillia Soldiers' Memorial Hospital.

Volunteering at the hospital has been delightful. Though I had never volunteered before, I was welcomed warmly, and it felt like a natural fit.

Despite my regular visits as a volunteer, I never imagined needing the hospital's services. However, after a life-threatening fall from my roof last August, the hospital I had been dedicating my time to became crucial for my recovery.

After hitting the ground, I was unconscious. Thankfully, my neighbour saw the fall and called 911. Paramedics rushed me to Soldiers'. Dr. Odlozinsky, the on-call emergency doctor, quickly realized the severity of my injuries. I was diagnosed with a brain bleed, broken ribs, a split spleen, and a collapsed lung. He ordered my immediate transfer to a trauma center in Toronto, a decision that saved my life.

My journey didn't end there. After emergency treatment in the city, I returned home and spent nearly six weeks at Orillia Soldiers' Memorial Hospital's rehabilitation department for physical and occupational therapy. Julie and Luanne were excellent in helping my recovery, reassuring me that things were progressing well.

As my health improved, I resumed my weekly volunteer work at the hospital, even with a cast on. This ordeal gave me a new perspective on the hospital. I saw how interconnected each department is in assisting with patient care and recovery. I didn't want to stop volunteering because I felt more connected to the hospital, knowing firsthand the level of excellence it provides.

Looking back, I never thought I would need to rely on Soldiers' for my own care, but I am thankful the hospital was there when I needed it. I'm grateful for all the care I received from the doctors and staff at Orillia Soldiers' Memorial Hospital.



[View a video about Terry's story](#)

Soldiers' Honour Highlights Healthcare Excellence

This year, many of our generous community members chose to give the gift of gratitude by nominating members of the Orillia Soldiers' Memorial Hospital team for a Soldiers' Honour.

The Soldiers' Honour Program was launched in 2020 and offers patients and families the opportunity to recognize a special staff member or an entire department that played a role in their Hospital visit and care.

There are 4 levels to the Soldiers' Honour Program - bronze, silver, gold, and purple. A new honouree will start with a bronze recognition pin and move their way up to purple with each nomination. Along with the pin, honourees receive a certificate with comments from the donor to showcase their care.

For our healthcare providers and volunteers, this recognition from their patients is incredibly special.



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It's something we do every day without thinking because we love our job. We never know the impact until we get honoured.

ELENA SNELLEMAN, REGISTERED PRACTICAL NURSE AT OSMH OUTPATIENT CLINIC AND SOLDIERS' HONOUR NOMINEE.



1ST GIFT



2ND GIFT



3RD GIFT



4TH GIFT

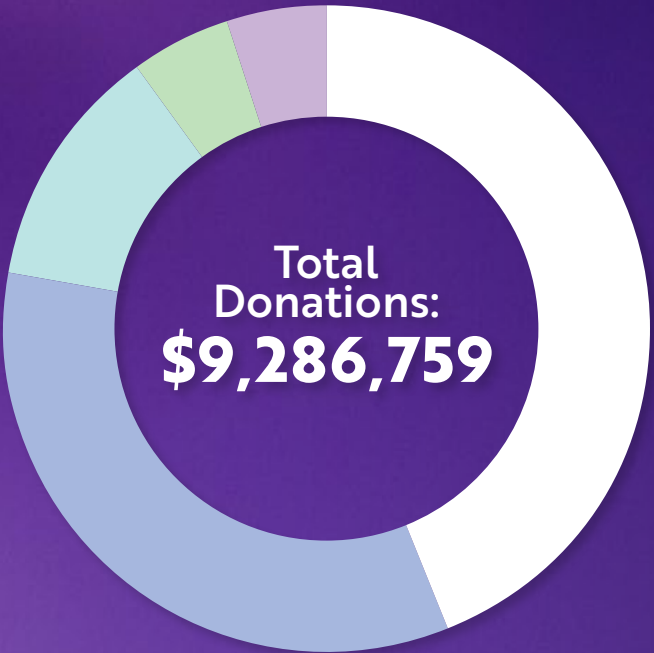
2024/2025 Fiscal Year Honourees:

Tara Barton
Dr. Nick Bauman
Dr. Derek Bos
Rylea Bromley
Dr. Emily Bryson
Dr. Hunter Cape
Susan Clark
Dr. Shawn Crewe
Dr. John Doan
Dr. Stephanie Duquette
Dr. David Evans
Dr. Dmitry Golev
Jessica Gourley
Dr. Tyler Gray
Dr. Joshua Greenberg
Dr. Dmitry Guller

Michelle Harding
Mayowa Ilori
Dr. Julia Ingles
Dr. Marc Italiano
Brenda Jenkins & Gemma
Julie Kozar
Julie Kramer
Ruth Kyle
Margit Lauton
Dr. John MacFayden
Victoria Van Maren
Katherine McCleary
Dr. Alexander Meadley
Dr. Bradley Perrigo
Megan Rostance
Emily Sajnovic

June Scott
Dr. Matthew Smith
Elena Snelleman
Lisa Sweet
Candance Spencer- Walt
Dr. Jerry Xing
Acute Medicine Team
Day Surgery Team
Dialysis Team
Emergency Department Team
Harvie 2 Wayhome Team
Inpatient Surgical Team
Medical Device Reprocessing Department (MDRD) Team
Mental Health Team
Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) Team

Foundation At A Glance 2024-2025



Total
Donations:
\$9,286,759

Sources of Philanthropy

- Foundations 44%
- Individual Giving 34%
- Legacy Giving 12%
- Lottery 5%
- Community Events 5%

TOTAL INVESTMENT TO OSMH
\$2,992,602
GRANTS TO HOSPITAL
\$3.3 Million
ADDED TO NEW HOSPITAL FUND



Equipment Purchased 2024 - 2025



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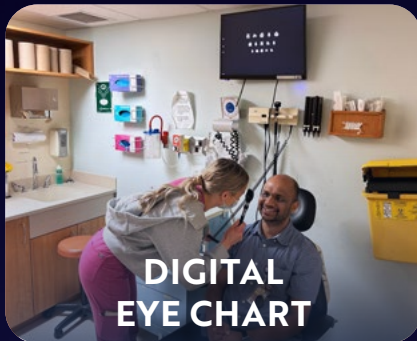
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**DIGITAL
EYE CHART**

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**It is very
important to our
day-to-day job.**

JASON CONNOLLY, MEDICAL LAB
TECHNOLOGIST AT OSMH ON THE
BLOOD BANK FRIDGES PURCHASE



**BLOOD
BANK FRIDGES**

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**This is going to help
guide patient care
during recovery.**

DR. DEREK BOS, UROLOGIST AT
OSMH ON THE BLADDER SCANNER
PURCHASE



BLADDER SCANNER



Our 2024/2025 audited financial statements
are available on our website.
osmhfoundation.ca/about-us/#foundation-financials

Visit our website to view more about these
essential purchases: **OSMHFoundation.ca**



To support Orillia Soldiers' Memorial Hospital as it adapts to the evolving needs of our rapidly growing communities, the Foundation created the Infinite Possibilities Fund.

The Infinite Possibilities Fund supports the current critical needs of our hospital today while advancing opportunities for a brighter future. With this new fund, our hospital can continue to provide a high standard of care to our communities and focus on advancing care opportunities in the future.

The Infinite Possibilities Fund was formally launched in October of 2024. An intimate group of community supporters joined us for an Evening of Infinite Possibilities, hosted at Braestone Farm, to talk about the strides our hospital has made in the past, where we are now, and where we want to be in the future.

Our goal was to inspire our generous supporters to think beyond short-term goals and build an enduring legacy with lasting impact for our communities.

Ryan Spurgeon, a member of the Orillia Soldiers' Memorial Hospital Board of Directors, and his wife, Rebekah, kicked off the Infinite Possibilities Fund with a pledge of \$50,000.

"Soldiers' is more than just something I love, it's the soul of OUR community and something I hope we do not take for granted," Ryan Spurgeon said. "Without healthy communities, we lack the cornerstone to build industry, education, and prosperity."



"A growing community is one that has the ability for multi-generations to live and prosper. The future is ripe with opportunity, but it does not come freely. We are so close to seeing a new hospital in our community and ensuring the next generation will be served, but it won't be done without ensuring we balance the needs of today with the goals of tomorrow."

– Ryan Spurgeon, Director, OSMH Board



The Possibilities
are *Infinite*.



ADVANCED CARE CLOSER TO HOME

Every year, OSMH identifies its priority equipment needs. These items replace outdated, end-of-life equipment and provide enhanced services for our regional programs.



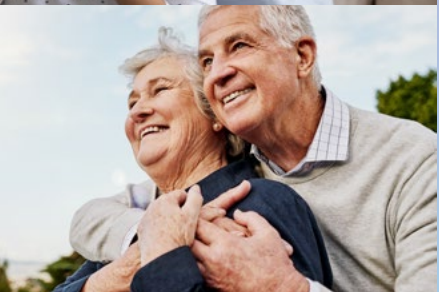
CANCER CARE CLOSE TO HOME

Cancer is diagnosed, treated, and prevented, at OSMH. The demand for cancer care is increasing; we need to build strong, fulsome care around detection, prevention and treatment plans so patients can continue their care close to home.



WOMEN AND CHILDREN CARE

OSMH's Regional Women and Children Program services six community hospitals in North Simcoe County and Muskoka. Patients are referred for the Level II NICU, birth, cancer treatment, diabetes education, and lifesaving medical attention.



SUPPORTING SENIORS

Across Simcoe County seniors over the age of 65 account for 20% of the population. OSMH continues to see an increase in older adults needing long-term hospital care, and each patient needs a specialized care plan.



FUTURE OF OSMH

OSMH has outgrown its aged and undersized facility, and the hospital has been running at over 100% occupancy in every department. A larger, modern hospital is urgently needed to ensure the continued delivery of high-quality healthcare for our rapidly growing community.



Our region's population has grown twice as fast as the rest of Ontario.



Our Hospital has been running at over 100% capacity for the last two years.



We have the oldest hospital infrastructure in the region, with areas of OSMH over 100 years old.



The Future of OSMH.

It is through the outstanding work of the entire OSMH team that exciting milestones have been confirmed for our hospital to advance healthcare in our region.

We are excited to move into the next phase of hospital redevelopment with the confirmation that planning will proceed for the construction of a new hospital in Orillia. We understand that projects of this magnitude require years of detailed planning to complete, and we are eager to embrace the challenge ahead.

Our team is filled with gratitude for the community's support and enthusiasm behind the development of a new hospital. The incredible gift received last year from The Weber Foundation and ongoing support for the new hospital will provide generational benefits to everyone who turns to OSMH for care.

With an eye on the exciting work ahead and the start of something new, we are also proud to continue serving our communities with compassion and excellence. We remain committed to improving health and wellness and look forward to caring for you and your family for many years to come.



Carmine Stumpo, OSMH President and CEO



The *Start* of Something *New*

THE WEBER FOUNDATION'S INVESTMENT INTO OUR FUTURE

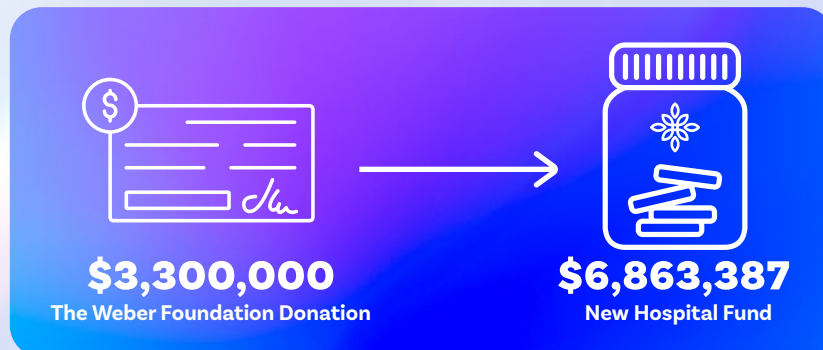
In July 2024, the Orillia Soldiers' Memorial Hospital Foundation received a **donation of \$3.3 million from The Weber Foundation. This is our largest one-time gift to date.**

The Weber Foundation was established in 1997 by Reinhart and Alexandra Weber out of Midland, Ontario. Over the past 27 years, The Weber Foundation has donated more than \$28 million to local charities, including \$700,000 to OSMH in addition to their recent gift of \$3.3 million.

The Weber Foundation's support for Soldiers' has a profound impact on health care in our community. Their recent gift was a generous investment into the future of Orillia Soldiers' Memorial Hospital and the communities it will care for.

"There are many accolades Mr. Weber so rightly deserves, and one of the most prominent is to be known as a community builder," said Carmine Stumpo, President and CEO of Orillia Soldiers' Memorial Hospital. "It is our belief that the gift from Mr. Weber will serve as an inspiration to others in supporting the health of our community to grow."

As we look toward the future, The Weber Foundation's incredible donation to support healthcare excellence marks the beginning of *The Start of Something New*. Together, we are building the future of Orillia Soldiers' Memorial Hospital.



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BRACEBRIDGE
HUNTSVILLE
KAWARTHA LAKES
BROCK
COLLINGWOOD
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SOLDIERS' REGION OF CARE

OSMH At A Glance

APRIL 1, 2024 – MARCH 31, 2025



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