



2025-2026

Community Impact

OSMH FOUNDATION ANNUAL REPORT



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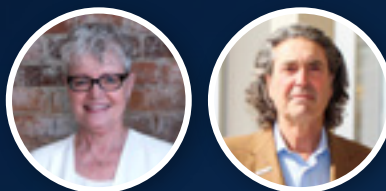
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Land Acknowledgement

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

As we reflect on the past year through the lens of renewal and growth, our Foundation's journey feels much like the natural landscapes that define our community. Seasons shift, roots strengthen, and new possibilities emerge. This year has been one of change and momentum, marked by meaningful progress toward the future of care in Orillia.

We began our fiscal year with an announcement in May that has set the stage for transformational change. The Government of Ontario committed a three-million-dollar planning grant to support early design and development work for a new Orillia Soldiers' Memorial Hospital. This investment recognizes the growing needs of our region and affirms that a new facility is essential to meeting them. Lakehead University was selected as the site for the new hospital, a decision that brings renewed optimism for expanded programs, enhanced services, and a space designed to serve generations to come. The landscape imagery on our cover reflects this vision and the sense of promise it carries.

Throughout this report, you will see how donor generosity is making a tangible difference at our hospital every day. New equipment funded by our community is helping care teams achieve quicker diagnoses, provide greater comfort for patients and families, and better outcomes across many areas of care. These investments reflect a shared belief in making a lasting impact through compassion, commitment, and purpose.

Our community events this past year also offered moments of connection and celebration. Charlee's Run marked its tenth

anniversary, reaching an extraordinary milestone of more than one million dollars raised to support families navigating pregnancy and infant loss. This achievement is a testament to the enduring strength of the families and supporters who gather each year to honour and remember.

An Evening of Something New reimagined what a fundraising gala can be, inviting guests into a fresh experience that blended creativity with community spirit.

This has also been a year of transition. Change brings new opportunities, and we are looking forward to what's on the horizon. As we move into the new fiscal year, the Foundation will be guided by teams who care deeply about this community and the future of local healthcare.

We are entering a new chapter, shaped by collaboration, shared purpose, and the unwavering support of our donors, partners, and community. With every step forward, we are building something lasting together. The path ahead is bright, and your continued support will help ensure that exceptional healthcare remains close to home for everyone who depends on it.

Thank you for taking part in this journey as we shape the future of care in Orillia.

Cathy Clark
Chair, OSMH Foundation Board of Directors

Ian Mishkel,
OSMH Foundation Interim President and Chief Executive Officer

Generational Giving

A Legacy of Love from The Barr Family

Joan and Brian Barr were known for their deep commitment to family, their entrepreneurial spirit, and their desire to uplift others. They were committed to supporting the community they loved.

Brian, an entrepreneur, approached life with energy and drive. Joan, the heart of their home, created a warm and joyful place where both immediate and extended family were always welcome. Together, they delighted in the accomplishments of their children, grandchildren, and relatives, celebrating each milestone and nurturing every success.

Their generosity was not limited to their family. Joan and Brian believed strongly in the importance of supporting essential local services, and Orillia Soldiers' Memorial Hospital was among the organizations closest to their hearts. Over the years, they made meaningful contributions to support equipment needs and improve care for patients across the region.



Brian & Joan Barr

Brian's caring spirit continued even after his passing in 2023. In his will, he left a generous legacy gift to the hospital. Sadly, just over a year later, Joan passed away in hospice care. She was surrounded by her loved ones.

Joan and Brian's son Mike graciously chose to honour both of his parents in a powerful way. From the inheritance he received, he made a significant donation to Soldiers' in memory of Joan and Brian. In doing so, he carried forward the values his parents lived every day: compassion, generosity, and commitment to community.

Through Brian and Joan's lifelong support, and now Mike's heartfelt contribution, the family's legacy continues to strengthen the hospital that has supported so many local families. Their story is a reminder that generosity does not end with one life; it endures through the people we inspire.

A Lifeline for Patients:

The Maxwell and Ruth Leroy Foundation Strengthen Critical Care at OSMH

Orillia Soldiers' Memorial Hospital is proud to share the purchase of four new ventilators, made possible through the generous support of **The Maxwell and Ruth Leroy Foundation**.

Ventilators are essential, life-saving equipment used every day in our Hospital. When a patient can't breathe on their own, a ventilator becomes their lifeline by delivering oxygen, removing carbon dioxide, and giving the body time to heal. These machines support our most vulnerable patients in critical moments.

Thanks to The Maxwell and Ruth Leroy Foundation, OSMH now has advanced ventilators that will strengthen patient care for years to come. We are deeply grateful for this impactful gift and for the Foundation's ongoing dedication to the health and well-being of our community.



“It is an honour to receive this generous gift. The Maxwell and Ruth Leroy Foundation's dedication to addressing real, urgent needs creates a meaningful immediate impact for our hospital, patients, and their families.”

– David Arnold, Program Manager - Intensive Care Unit, Respiratory Therapy and CCRT



My Path Through Breast Cancer

Joanne's Story

"I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel." —Maya Angelou

A friend shared this quote with me on my last day of work before retirement. I spent most of my career in healthcare, always trying to go the extra mile for people, but it wasn't until I was diagnosed with breast cancer that I truly understood the power of those words and what compassionate care really means.

In February 2025, I went for my routine mammogram. When a letter arrived saying everything was clear, I breathed a sigh of relief. But a few months later, I felt something that didn't seem right. At first, I tried to ignore it. Like many of us, I hoped it was nothing.



Eventually, I mentioned it to my husband and a couple of colleagues. They encouraged me to call my doctor, who referred me to Orillia Soldiers' Memorial Hospital. Suddenly, everything moved quickly.

By Monday, I had an ultrasound booked for Wednesday. After the scan, the technician told me the radiologist had seen something and wanted to do a biopsy right away. A few days later, I received the diagnosis: tubular breast cancer—a rare, slow-growing but highly treatable form of invasive breast cancer.

Hearing the word "cancer" is something you never forget.



My surgeon, Dr. Monica Chaudhuri, explained everything calmly and clearly. On July 25, I had my lumpectomy. I had worked at Soldiers' nineteen years earlier, and seeing familiar faces brought real comfort. As I lay on the operating table, I shed a few tears. A nurse I knew gently wiped them away, held my hand, and whispered, "Joanne, it's okay. You're going to your favourite island. You're going to have your margarita. All your friends are with you." I will never forget that moment.

Today, I'm grateful to share that I am cancer-free. The care I received at Soldiers' went far beyond treatment. From the front desk to the clinical team, I was met with exceptional skill, compassion, and humanity. In my most vulnerable moments, they listened, comforted, and guided me, and made me feel truly supported every step of the way.



Help provide life-changing care by scanning the QR code above.

Soldiers' Honour Recipients

The Soldiers' Honour program is one meaningful way our community can give back and show their gratitude to the Orillia Soldiers' Memorial Hospital care team. By honouring a caregiver with a donation made in their name, supporters send a powerful message of gratitude for the tireless work that happens behind every patient story. Each honouree is recognized with a commemorative pin and certificate, while donations directly strengthen patient care through vital equipment, technology, and support for recruiting and retaining exceptional staff.

Learn more about the Soldiers' Honour by scanning this QR code:



“It was an amazing feeling to be recognized for doing my daily job. I do my best every day to be kind to my patients and peers, and I teach my children that kindness can change a person's day.”

– Lisa Sweet, a registered nurse with the OSMH Dialysis department. Lisa received her first nomination last year for providing compassionate care to her patients.



1ST GIFT



2ND GIFT



3RD GIFT



4TH GIFT

2025/2026 Fiscal Year Honourees:

Angela Andrychuk
Elise Bennett
Diana Burrage
Brittany Hupponen
Makayla Churchill
Megan Dodson
Dr. Adriano Bulfon
Dr. Nicholas Bauman
Dr. Aaron Barnett
Dr. Tyler Gray
Dr. Julia Ingles
Dr. Scott Kim
Dr. James Lai
Dr. Craig Markle
Dr. Alexander Meadley
Dr. Mark Miller
Dr. Stephen Morris

Dr. Mike Odlozinski
Dr. Kate Rheault
Dr. John Seki
Dr. William Stuart
Tanya Hart
Myja Hogendoorn
John Keener
Julie Kramer
Marlene Long
Sonya Mah
Nikki-Dawn Manley
Katherine McCleary
Kelly McDonald
Melanie Moore
Christina Noganosh
Emily Panthel
Morgin Parent

Kerri Postma
Ron Peters
Andrea Webster
Louise Wilkinson
Charlene Winterburn
Katrina Wojtowych
Luanne Wood
H2 – Wayhome Unit
Labour & Delivery Nurses (OSMH OBS Staff)
OSMH C5 Staff
OSMH Eating Disorder Staff
OSMH ER Staff
OSMH IMRS Staff
OSMH NICU Staff
OSMH S1 Staff



Charlee's Run: A Decade of Hope, Healing, and Community

Ten years ago, Dave and Mallory Holmes created Charlee's Run to honour their daughter, Charlee, and to break the silence surrounding pregnancy and infant loss.

"We thought we would maybe have 50 people join us. That first Charlee's Run saw over 200 people standing with us, sharing stories, names, dates and memories," Mallory remembers. "In that moment we knew we were far from alone in our loss and we made it our mission to make sure no other family would ever feel alone in theirs."

Charlee's Run quickly became more than an event. It became a village of support for those who have experienced the loss of a loved one far too soon.

"This village wraps
its arms around those
whose arms are empty,"

—Mallory Holmes



Charlee's Run has supported renovations to OSMH's Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU), as well as help fund a bereavement cart, central patient monitors, panda warmers, giraffe warmers, incubators, bassinets, and paediatric syringe pumps.



CHARLEE'S RUN

"This village wraps its arms around those whose arms are empty," Mallory says. "There are no words to express just exactly how much this means to these families, as well as to our family."

Over the past 10 years, Charlee's Run has raised more than **\$1 million** for Orillia Soldiers' Memorial Hospital. Along with the enhancements to neonatal and paediatric equipment and services, Charlee's Run also introduced critical bereavement resources to families to remind them that they are not alone in their loss.

Dave and Mallory carry Charlee's memory with them every day, just like the thousands of Charlee's Run participants do with their own losses. Though nothing can ever replace their daughter's presence, the legacy Charlee has inspired brings light into the lives of countless families.

"We would give anything to have Charlee here with us today, but we know that even though her lifetime was short, her legacy is forever. As her parents we could not be more proud of our girl."

Charlee's Run stands as proof that even the smallest footprints can leave the biggest marks on the communities we serve.





Gifts of Securities Giving that Makes Sense

For Pat and Ron, giving has never been about recognition. It comes from gratitude, responsibility, and a belief that strong communities depend on people who care.

“We just feel you should give,” Pat says. “It’s something we taught our kids, too.”

Their approach reflects both heart and strategy. Pat’s lifelong volunteerism and empathy are balanced by Ron’s practical, decision making mindset. “She’s the giver,” he says. “But together, we make it work.”

That shared outlook led them to support Orillia Soldiers’ Memorial Hospital. “You can see exactly where your money goes,” they say. “That matters to us.”

Several years ago, Pat discovered giving through gifts of securities. After speaking with their advisor, it quickly became their preferred method because it maximizes their impact while reducing tax on capital gains.

“It’s a win-win,” Ron explains. “The hospital benefits, and it just makes sense for us.”

Today, they give multiple times a year using this approach—motivated by gratitude for the care they’ve received and a desire to support their growing community.

“We feel lucky,” Pat says. “And because of that, we give.”

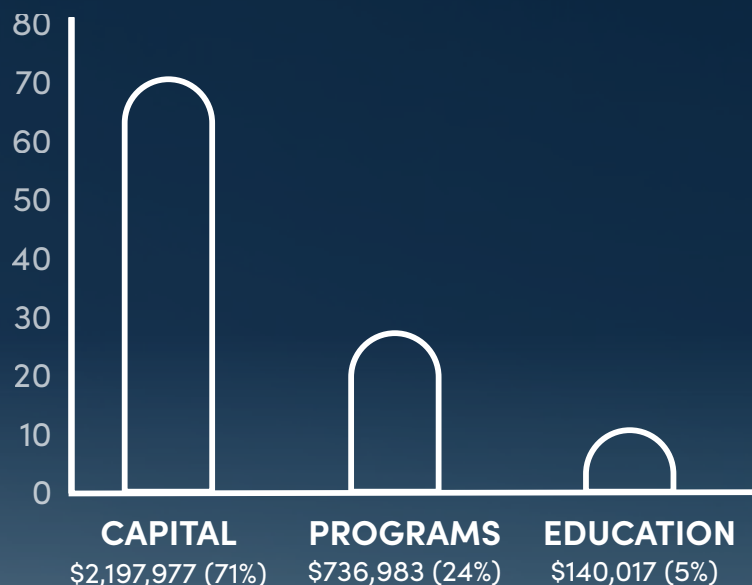


Tax Saving Tips

from Janine Purves, Financial
Advisor & Planned Giving Consultant

- 1. Share your goals:** Communicate your intentions with family and share causes that are important to you. This can help them understand your intentions and prevent any confusion down the line.
- 2. Consider leaving a gift of securities:** Securities of stocks, bonds, ETFs, and mutual funds can be donated directly to a charity in kind. This means you can donate directly to the charity, the donor receives a tax receipt for the fair market value, and it eliminates capital gains tax on the appreciation of the asset.
- 3. Write it down:** Make sure your will is up to date, and update the beneficiaries listed on your registered accounts and life insurance policies. Speak to a professional to ensure everything is done according to plan, which includes using the official legal name of the charity along with its CRA registration number. As life changes, make sure to keep your documents up to date.
- 4. Let the charity know:** If you are comfortable, share your intent with the charity. You can let them know today to join their legacy society, or you can also leave a letter with your will to share with the charity.

Your Impact Measured



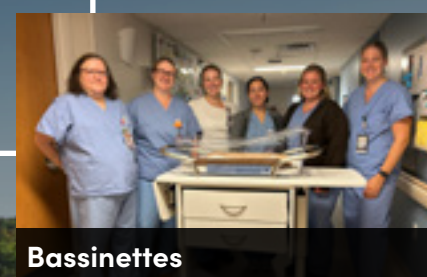
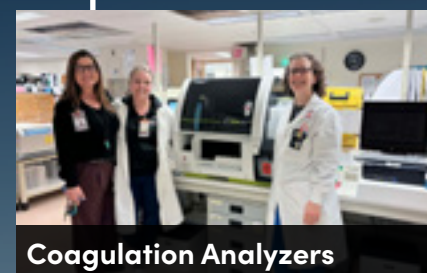
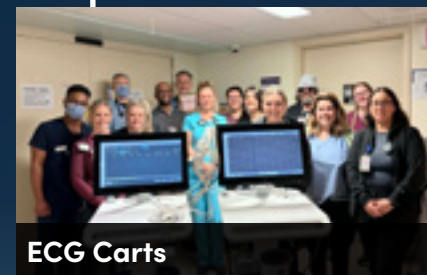
Donation Revenue: \$5,038,700

Total Revenue: \$6,749,896

Grants to OSMH: \$3,074,977

Equipment Purchased in 2025/2026

GYNE Exam Tables
 Ventilators & Humidifiers
 Stirrups & Clamps
 Microdrill
 Coagulation Analyzers
 Blood Gas Analyzer
 Blanket Warming Cabinet
 Bassinettes
 Endoscopes
 Steam Sanitizer
 ECG Carts
 Stress Test System
 PACS Radiologist Workstation
 Lymphatic Probe System



Our 2025/2026 audited financial statements are available on our website osmhfoundation.ca/about-us/



An Evening of Something New

This past November, the public was invited to partake in a night like no other at Lakehead University in Orillia. **An Evening of Something New** was created to be exactly that, the beginning of a new chapter and a meaningful turning point. Thoughtfully designed to honour the past while embracing the future of philanthropy, the event was a complete reimaging of what a fundraising gala can be.

The night welcomed both new and long-standing donors into an immersive experience where design, purpose, and emotion seamlessly converged. Guests were invited to move about the room and engage in meaningful conversations with other community members. This brought about a great sense of belonging to a community that is passionately helping to shape the future together.

Guests were also engaged by thoughtful remarks from hospital leadership and physicians, offering vital insight into the importance of investing in the future of OSMH and local healthcare. A particularly meaningful moment of the evening came from physician and donor Dr. Price-Jones, who shared his personal giving journey and spoke movingly about why supporting Orillia Soldiers' Memorial Hospital holds deep significance for him and his family. He announced that his donation will go directly to help fund the new mammography machine at OSMH.

An evening built on relationships, conversation and connection had guests inspired and excited about supporting the future of healthcare.

Experience The Awakening

Orillia Soldiers' Memorial Hospital was born from courage, shaped by compassion, and for more than a century, its pulse has been our own. Now, we awaken to build tomorrow.





Sunshine Club Spotlight Ian Gordon

Ian Gordon is an avid volunteer, passionate community supporter, and Sunshine Club member. He is proud to support Orillia Soldiers' Memorial Hospital, the place that has provided lifesaving care to him and his loved ones, through monthly donations.

"Soldiers' has always been good to me", Ian said. "It's a cause very close to my heart."

Ian has lived in the Orillia area since 1957 and has been friends with people who have relied on the hospital, as well as the physicians, nurses, and hospital staff that care for his community. He credits these relationships for showing him the importance of supporting healthcare.

"Hospitals are so important to communities", he said.

Each year, Ian and his wife, Linda, plan out their donations so they can support the charities that matter to them. Ian likes the practicality of being a Sunshine Club member, because he can make donations throughout the year without having to think about it.

"Giving monthly to OSMH is like going out for one less coffee a week."

Monthly gifts ensure communities have access to enhanced care close to home by providing Orillia Soldiers' Memorial Hospital with a predictable income to support areas of greatest need now and plan for future investments.

**To become a member of the Sunshine Club
or to learn more, please scan the QR code**



Looking Ahead:

Building the Future of Care at OSMH

Tom Roberts
Interim President & CEO, OSMH



Planning for the future of healthcare in our region has reached a significant milestone. This is a generational opportunity to build the modern healthcare system that will support the communities we serve for decades to come.

On May 23, 2025, the Government of Ontario announced \$3 million to advance planning efforts for our new hospital. This marked a pivotal step forward, moving healthcare in Orillia and the surrounding region from vision to action toward a new hospital, built through strong government and community partnership.

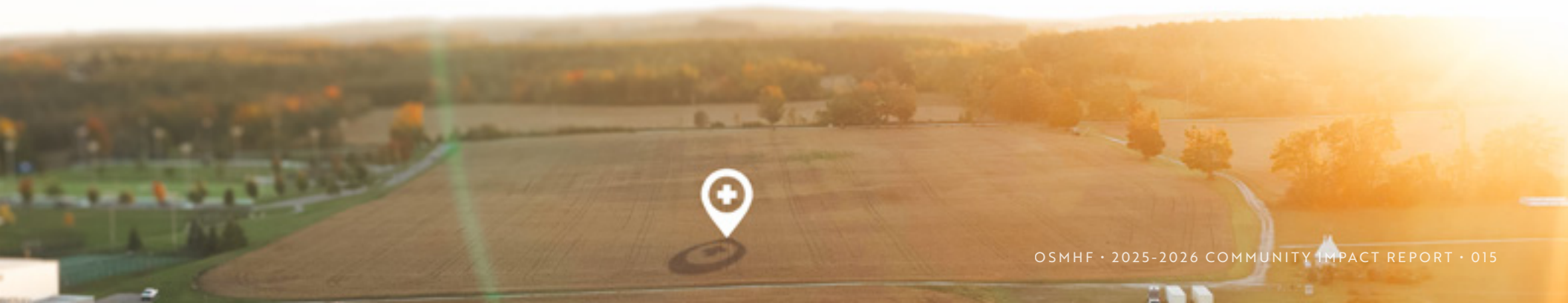
Lakehead University's Orillia campus was identified as the site for the new hospital. This location supports the long-term needs of the hospital and the creation of a connected civic campus where healthcare, education, research, and community services can grow together.

On June 5, 2026, the Government of Ontario returned to Orillia to announce that OSMH has been approved to proceed to Stage 1.3 (Functional Program) in the province's capital planning process. This is a major milestone as detailed plans, including defined space requirements, project scope, and early designs, are now being created specific to the Lakehead site.

While planning is underway, patient care at the current hospital site remains uninterrupted. Investments in patient-care equipment and infrastructure remain essential as OSMH continues to deliver on our mission of providing high-quality, compassionate care for the communities we serve,

Community philanthropy plays a vital role in this journey. Local support helps fund the equipment, technology, and patient-centred environments that turn a hospital into a centre of excellence. Every gift made today helps sustain exceptional care now while also laying the foundation for the next generation of healthcare in our region.

Together, with transparency, stewardship, and community engagement guiding every step, we are shaping a future where outstanding care remains close to home, supported by a healthcare system built to grow with the communities we serve.





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