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NORTHUMBERLAND HILLS HOSPITAL FOUNDATION

The Foundation is pleased to announce its 2007-2008 Board of Directors:

Julie Thompson (Chair)
Jan Boycott (Vice-Chair)
Bob MacCoubrey (Past-Chair)
Dr. John Metson (Treasurer)
Rhonda Cunningham (Secretary)

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Joan Ross
Diane Saunders
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Louise Stevenson

CARING FOR GENERATIONS SOCIETY MEMBERS MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Five years ago, the Foundation established the **Caring for Generations Society** to ensure that Northumberland Hills Hospital (NHH) would always have regular funding for its capital equipment purchases.

In the **Society's** first year, we attracted nearly two dozen members and celebrated annual gifts of \$22,994. Since then both membership and annual gifts have increased greatly. Today, the **Society** has more than 200 members and realizes annual gifts of over \$130,000. We credit this success to the hard work of **Society** volunteers and the generosity of **Society** members.

Continuous investment in medical technology is fundamental to patient care at NHH. On April 18, 2007, the Foundation Executive Director Rhonda Cunningham, thanked **Society** members for their ongoing support and cited some of the equipment that their donations have purchased for the hospital. These purchases include:

Four vital signs monitors (\$13,270) - Found throughout the hospital, this device is used to monitor a patient's temperature, heart rate, blood pressure and breathing.

Pyxis medication dispensing system (\$71,548) - One of the most advanced medication management systems available today, the Pyxis system makes medication management simpler, safer and more secure.



Under the leadership of Committee Chair Louise Stevenson (*right*) and Committee Member Shirley Johnson (*left*), the **Caring for Generations Society** was recently able to present a cheque for \$130,543 to the hospital.

Lifepak 12 cardiac monitor/ defibrillator (\$25,868) - A vital tool in the hospital's Intensive Care Unit (ICU), this device is used to monitor a patient's heart and provide life-saving treatment.

Becoming a Member

The **Caring for Generations Society** is an easy, rewarding way to ensure that your local hospital remains up-to-date and continues to offer the best care possible.

Membership in the **Caring for Generations Society** is open to all those who contribute a minimum annual gift of \$1,000. Making your donation monthly - a method that many of our members find convenient - this breaks down to \$83.33. For more information about becoming a member in the **Society**, please contact Rhonda Cunningham at 905-377-7767.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Financial Report – April 1, 2006 - March 31, 2007

Condensed Balance Sheet

Assets

Cash and receivables	\$	61,942
Investments		3,524,898
Capital assets		16,964
	\$	3,603,804

Liabilities and Net Assets

Liabilities

Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$	46,390
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Net Assets

Invested in endowment fund		399,563
Invested in other funds		3,157,851
	\$	3,557,414
	\$	3,603,804

Condensed Statement of Revenue, Expenditures and Donation Distributions

Revenue

New Hospital pledge redemptions	\$	245,309
Caring for Generations Society		129,375
Special events		527,909
Endowment donations		211,195
In memoriam donations		95,614
Other donations		2,353,400
Planned Giving		573,424
	\$	4,136,226
Investment income		115,037
Loss on sale of investments		(12,893)
	\$	4,238,370

Expenditures

Special events	\$	165,841
Salaries and benefits		157,840
Other		91,750
	\$	415,431

Net revenue available for distribution	\$	3,822,939
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Donation distributions to the Hospital		1,197,426
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Excess of Revenue over Expenditures and Distributions	\$	2,625,513
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The condensed financial highlights are taken from the 2007 audited financial statements dated May 28th, 2007. The audit was performed by Langhorne, Irwin, Wharram-Spry, Chartered Accountants. Copies of the audited financial statements are available upon request.

A BUDDING PHILANTHROPIST

This spring, the Northumberland Hills Hospital Foundation was pleased to receive a special gift from Echo Beatty, a grade five student at North Hope Central Public School. As part of a class project, Echo raised \$60 in support of the hospital. Rhonda Cunningham, the Foundation's executive director, says, "it's wonderful to see a young person taking an interest in the well being of their community." Please read Echo's note to the Foundation (*right*).



Echo Beatty with Foundation Executive Director Rhonda Cunningham

Dear Doctors and Nurses,

As a class project, we have to do something to help the earth or someone else. I have raised money for you because you saved my daddy when he got in an A.T.V crash. With this money you can buy more oxygen tanks or something. I hope you appreciate the money. Oh! I will be continuing donating to this hospital. I really like you guys because you saved so many of my loved ones.

Thank you!
Echo Beatty

MRI...COMING SOON



Northumberland Hills Hospital's new magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) service will be fully operational by late September or early October 2007.

On May 24, 2007, hospital board members set a tentative launch date for the new service and approved GE Medical as the project's official vendor. GE will renovate the MRI suite and provide the scanner.

Unfortunately, the renovation cost will be higher than originally estimated. A labour shortage, caused by the construction boom in western Canada, combined with higher copper prices (copper is needed to line the MRI suite's walls) has increased the renovation cost by \$600,000.

The total cost of the MRI project now stands at \$3.1 million. While this cost is significant, the benefits of a local MRI service are priceless. The new service will mean shorter wait times, less travel, and improved diagnoses for thousands of west Northumberland residents suffering from serious and life-threatening diseases.

Over the next several months, the Foundation will work with the community to raise all necessary capital.

DONOR PROFILE - HERBERT "BERT" MEDHURST



Bert Medhurst with his daughter, Anne Baxter.

At 93 years old, Herbert Medhurst - or "Bert" as he prefers to be called - has lived in Cobourg nearly all his life.

Born in the former Cobourg Hospital, Bert was raised in a small house on the south side of Chapel Street. In 1924, when he was only ten years old, Bert started his career. Delivering groceries for Curry Ralls - a general store once located near the Cobourg harbour - he earned \$16 a week.

During a dance at the pavillion that once stood in Victoria Park, Bert met his wife, Millie. Married in 1940, Bert and Millie had only spent a short time together when Bert left Cobourg to fight in the Second World War.

From 1941 to 1946, he served with the Sherbrooke Fusiliers as a Sherman tank gunner and radio operator. Through the course of the war, Bert fought in France, Holland, and Germany.

After the war, Bert returned to Cobourg and civilian life. For four years, he ran a bread route, making deliveries by horse-drawn carriage. In 1950, Bert opened a small grocery store on the corner of Chapel and Walton Street. The store, known as "Medhurst's," was in business for over a decade. In the sixties, Bert returned to the military as a civilian and managed the supplies at Canadian Forces Station Cobourg. When the base closed in 1970, he took a job with the Cobourg Public Utilities Commission, driving a bucket truck and checking gas metres. After a long and colourful career, Bert retired in 1979.

Bert and Millie enjoyed 58 happy years of marriage, until her death in 1998. During their time together, they raised a son and a daughter who now live in Kingston and Cobourg.

Bert has been a regular and generous supporter of the Northumberland Hills Hospital Foundation, and for that we are truly grateful.



Special Letters to the Foundation

Enclosed please find my donation to the NHH Foundation. I recently had occasion to visit the Emergency Department with a minor heart event and was admitted for four days for observation. I want to say how much I appreciate your prompt reception and most capable and considerate attention. It was very much appreciated.

Sincerely,

J. Bird

POWERS OF ATTORNEY



Bruce Coleman is a member of the Foundation's Planned Giving Committee. He is a lawyer in Port Hope.

When an injury or illness causes an inability to manage personal finances, immediate family members, such as your spouse or children, are not automatically entitled to sign on your behalf. That is, unless there is a signed Power of Attorney document appointing a family member or other trusted person as "attorney," control of your business affairs could be lost.

Without a Power of Attorney, the provincial government's Office of the Public Guardian and Trustee could become the manager of your business affairs. While your family can make a costly, time consuming application to the government or through the courts to regain control, a Power of Attorney is a relatively simple document that can be easily created in advance.

Whereas a Will is only effective in the event of your death, a Power of Attorney is effective while you are still living. The Power of Attorney document must be signed when you are sufficiently competent to do so,

but usually provides that it will be effective if you become mentally incapacitated.

Your attorney (the person you appoint under a Power of Attorney) is authorized to transact business on your behalf. Unless specifically limited in the document, your attorney can sign anything in your name except a Will or a new Power of Attorney.

This authority can extend to banking, paying bills and debts, managing investments, operating a business, and selling a home or other real estate.

Continuing Power of Attorney for Property

By signing a Power of Attorney document you can designate one or more persons to be your attorney (or attorney's) to deal with your financial property or real estate matters. This document is called a Continuing Power of Attorney for Property.

Power of Attorney for Personal Care

When drafting a Power of Attorney, you should also consider a second document called a "Power of Attorney for Personal Care." In the event of your incapacity, this document allows your attorney to make medical and health care decisions on your behalf. The Power of Attorney for Personal Care can be very detailed, listing specific treatment options, or very general and non-specific. The document can also include a "Living Will" provision that authorizes the discontinuance of life support if there is no prospect of recovery.

Power of Attorney and Charitable Donations

If you regularly make donations to select charities, your attorney may be at liberty to continue this; however, your attorney is obligated to deal with assets wisely and should avoid disputes with family members or other persons who will eventually have an interest in your estate. Therefore, if you wish to continue giving to charities in the event of your incapacity, it is wise to clearly state this in your Power of Attorney document.

In summary, Preparing Power of Attorney documents should be an integral part of any estate or financial planning exercise.

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4th ANNUAL DONOR AND VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION NIGHT

On June 6, 2007, nearly 200 guests enjoyed an evening of music and refreshments at the annual donor and volunteer appreciation evening held at the hospital in the Rotary Club of Cobourg Courtyard.



Lori Bernstein and Ross McKie's names were added to the Foundation's donor wall at the Patron level.



Erin and Tyler Hathway joined us on behalf of Lubricon Industries Canada. The Port Hope lubricants and chemicals manufacturer is a Platinum Sponsor of this year's Fisher's Foodland "Golf for Health" tournament, which was held on July 17.



From left to right: Carol Lawrence, Eileen Wilkinson, Pat Hawkins, and Colleen Ross at this year's appreciation evening.



Joyce and Brian Hagan's names were added to the Foundation's donor wall at the Friend level.

Special Recognition

Every year we have certain donors who deserve special recognition for their outstanding support of Northumberland Hills Hospital.

For the past eight years, James and Susie Jin - owners of the General Nutrition Pharmacy (GNP) in Cobourg - organized the GNP Mile. The community event raised close to \$29,000 towards vital equipment purchases.



The men behind the voice! Joel Scott (left), program director for The Star 93.3, and Dave Divine, program director for 107.9 The Breeze, were recognized for their continuous support of the hospital alongside other members of the media, including Northumberland Publishers and Northumberland News.

THE NORTHUMBERLAND HILLS HOSPITAL FOUNDATION'S GOOD NEWS PAGES



Blind-folded and pushing a stretcher, participants compete in a relay race during Survival Health Hustle 2 - a unique fundraising event organized by the Youth Cares Committee, held on May 12. Despite a cool day, participants had a great time and the event raised \$6,000. Proceeds will help purchase a cardiac monitor/defibrillator for the hospital's Emergency Department.



John Owens holds a framed print of Eddie Shack, which he framed and donated to the Foundation. John is a long-time supporter of the hospital and the owner of Johnny O's Sports Collectibles. The print itself was donated by Bill and Eileen Hughes of Colborne.



Laboratory Technologists Eileen Brown and Chris Toope display the new Pheonix bacteria identification unit in the hospital laboratory. The Pheonix is one of several pieces of laboratory equipment, recently purchased with proceeds from the 2006 Light up a Life Campaign.



The Mighty Docs of Northumberland and the NHH All-Stars gather for a combined team photo after the Docs vs. Jocks staff hockey game on March 17. The game, a playful match between local doctors and hospital staff, raised over \$1,200 for the hospital.

Quote of the Month

*"As the purse is emptied,
the heart is filled."*

—Victor Hugo

STREET HOCKEY FESTIVAL A RESOUNDING SUCCESS



Players from one of 82 teams who participated in the 2007 Northumberland Street Hockey Festival pose for a photo between games. Presented by Canadian Tire on May 5, the event raised \$6,438 in support of the Northumberland Hills Hospital. A special

thank you to Damien Cunningham, who founded and organized the event in Cobourg, and to Robin Ferguson, who organized the event in Colborne.

THE NORTHUMBERLAND GPS TREASURE HUNT 2007

This summer the Northumberland Hills Hospital Foundation is teaming up with the Northumberland Community Futures Development Corporation (CFDC) in an exciting new initiative: the Northumberland GPS Treasure Hunt 2007. Synonymous with "geocaching," the GPS Treasure Hunt aims to promote recreational and eco-tourism opportunities, while contributing to Northumberland County hospital foundations.

Geocaching is an outdoor adventure game that uses GPS technology to locate hidden caches, which can range from plastic containers with small prizes, to historical landmarks. This outdoor activity gets you off the couch and outside to discover the hidden treasures of your community!

While the project's details are still being developed, The Northumberland GPS Treasure Hunt hopes to include a total of seven challenges - one in each municipality throughout the month of August. Participants will pay \$10 (maximum of \$25 for a family) to enter a challenge of their choice, and all proceeds will support local hospital foundations. GPS units will be provided on challenge days along with on-site training.

For more information on this project, please visit the Northumberland GPS Treasure Hunt website at www.northcfdc.ca/geocaching.htm.

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