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Victoria Gandy, Evelyn "Evie" Girouard and Isaac Girouard
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Thank You from the Providence Care President and CEO

Another fantastic year at Providence Care was made possible because of your generosity.

As a subacute health organization, your support reaches people at pivotal moments, when they are recovering from illness, rebuilding strength, and working to regain independence. Simply put, your donor dollars help people get back to their healthy lives.

With your continued support, we are one year closer to opening Providence Manor long-term care home. Donor dollars are helping bring this transformational project to life. When the 320-bed residence opens in late 2027, Providence Manor will welcome 77 additional residents into a modern, connected community.

This past year also marked one year of compassionate care at Providence Care Hospice, AB Smith Homestead House. Hospice services are not fully funded by the government, which means they exist because of you.

In its first year, our team provided compassionate end of life care to 176 patients and their families. Your

generosity has created comfort and dignity for these individuals.

Your impact also extends to advancing research and innovation. As an academic health organization, donor support helps move new therapies and innovative approaches into care. Your generosity funds vital rehabilitation and medical equipment in our hospitals, along with mobility supports such as wheelchairs and adaptive devices. Together, these investments improve the quality of life for the people we serve.

And because healing is about more than medicine, your generosity has also brought joy. This year, patients, clients and residents benefited from music therapy, pet companions in our Adult Day Program, and community based supports that helped individuals rebuild their lives.

Thank you for everything you make possible.



Cathy Szabo
Providence Care

Thank You from our UHKF Board Chair

Serving as Chair of the University Hospitals Kingston Foundation Board of Directors over the past two years has been a true privilege—one that I approach with deep gratitude and humility. I never take for granted the generosity, trust and commitment of our donors, volunteers, partners and fellow board members. Their belief in our mission is what makes meaningful progress possible.

The 2025-26 fiscal year marked the beginning of a new chapter for health care in southeastern Ontario. With the City of Kingston designated land for the new hospital, we took an important step forward—from vision to action. This milestone strengthened confidence across our community and reinforced what we can achieve together when we share a clear purpose and long-term commitment.

We also saw generosity shine through in remarkable ways. Our holiday campaign in December brought the community together. Raising more than \$775,000 during this period was not only a financial success, but a

powerful reminder of the collective belief in our hospitals and the care they provide.

Equally meaningful were the personal donor stories that continue to define the foundation. From Megan Wheatley’s accomplishment of climbing Mount Kilimanjaro to raise funds, to the Carman family’s lemonade stand in honour of their son Declyn, these acts show us that philanthropy can be inspiring and deeply personal.

Looking ahead, I am excited by the momentum toward the new hospital, the growing engagement across our community, and the opportunity to steward this generosity with care and responsibility.

Together, we are building something extraordinary!



Brett Patterson
UHKF

Thank You from the KHSC President and CEO

I extend my thanks to every donor, volunteer and community partner who has supported our work this year.

As one of Canada’s leading research and teaching hospitals, we’re advancing specialized care, research and innovation in ways that are transforming lives. This would not be possible without support from donors like you. You truly are an integral part of the KHSC team.

This year, we celebrated a major milestone as our PET-CT program completed its 1,000th scan. Patients are now accessing this world-class imaging closer to home, delivering faster diagnoses and more precise treatments.

Your generosity is also helping KHSC remain at the forefront of surgical innovation. This year, we expanded our robotic program with the addition of a second surgical robot, increasing access to minimally invasive procedures that reduce recovery time for patients.

This year also marked the announcement of Dr. Doris Jabs as the Rose of Hope Clinical Chair in Breast Health, an investment by our community that is

strengthening breast cancer screening and education. With donor support we also introduced MOLLI, an innovative wire-free technology that also is improving the experience for patients with breast cancer.

Looking ahead, our plan to build a new hospital site near the 401, continues to move ahead thanks to support from the City of Kingston. The City’s outstanding vision and the donation of land for our future hospital site will make a huge difference for our community and the region. As we take the next steps in this project, we’ll need the support of donors like you to help turn our vision into reality.

These accomplishments, and many others, are demonstrations of KHSC’s growing role as a destination for world-class care and research.

Your generosity is helping us shape the future of health care in southeastern Ontario.



Dr. David Pichora
KHSC Kingston Health Sciences Centre

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22nd Annual Volunteer Awards

Davies Award For Philanthropic Leadership



Mending Hearts with Declyn Lemonade Stand | Declyn's mother Amanda McArthur with daughter Jordyn

Ian Wilson Award for Volunteerism in Fundraising



Sam Davies with Ian Wilson

Davies Award For Philanthropic Leadership



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Sister Dorothy Fournier Award for Volunteerism



Adrian Brookes

Honour Your Caregiver

We extend our gratitude to everyone who supported the Honour Your Caregiver (HYC) program over the past year.

HYC certificates **celebrate devoted staff members** for their expertise and commitment to providing outstanding care.

These sincere acknowledgments are paired with donations through University Hospitals Kingston Foundation (UHKF) and go beyond simple thanks. They recognize doctors, nurses, therapists and health-care professionals while emphasizing that **their empathy and dedication genuinely impact lives every day.**

"This program reinforces the significance of my work," shares Janis Mann, a nurse at Kingston Health Sciences Centre (KHSC). "It motivates me to maintain my passion for nursing. Thanks to the HYC program, I feel confident in my path and will keep striving to offer the best care possible."

Every contribution made through the HYC program supports the enhancement of patient care at KHSC and Providence Care.



In Case You Missed It

➔ Every minute spent with a patient matters. Thanks to \$50,000 in UHKF donor funding, Providence Care has added new Workstations on Wheels (WOW) carts that give clinical staff immediate access to patient records and medications at the bedside. By reducing time spent travelling between workstations and patient rooms, the carts **streamline hospital workflow** and allow caregivers to focus more of their attention where it matters most—on patients.

➔ Thanks to a challenge grant from the Paul B. Helliwell Foundation and five key donors who responded, the Department of Urology at KHSC introduced laser enucleation this spring: a leading edge, minimally invasive procedure that offers patients an incision-free alternative to traditional surgery. This donor-funded technology is helping patients **recover faster and return home on the same day** or after overnight observation.

➔ Women preparing for ovarian cancer surgery at KHSC will benefit from an innovative new pilot project designed to **improve recovery** before they even enter the operating room. A \$43,738 grant from the Women's Giving Circle helped Dr. Jordan Leitch launch a program focused on improving fitness, nutrition and psychological well-being for patients BEFORE surgery, helping set the stage for a smoother recovery.



Jackson Hogan, Jessica Bayne Hogan and Melanie Darling

A New Space for Calm and Comfort

In the child and youth mental health unit where youth can feel easily overwhelmed, a special space is beginning to transform what healing can feel like.

This peaceful new room has opened inside Kingston Health Sciences Centre (KHSC)—a multi-sensory room designed to help young patients regulate emotions, reduce stress and reclaim their calm.

For the youth who come to KHSC during some of the most challenging moments of their lives, this room is a sanctuary.

The space, which opened in November of 2025, relies on gentle lighting, soothing sounds, interactive projections and tactile elements to create a safe environment where patients can relax, de-escalate or re-energize depending on their needs. Staff can tailor the room to each patient, offering everything from soft lighting and slow music to more stimulating visuals and movement to boost mood.

Jessica Bayne Hogan and her son, Jackson, made the room possible thanks to a generous gift.

For the health-care team at KHSC, this new space expands their

ability to support young people without relying on seclusion, restraints or medications.

“The sensory room can be the first line of care when we see a patient starting to struggle,” says Nicholas Axas, Program Operational Director for Mental Health and Addiction Care. “They can go in there and the environment itself helps to de-escalate them. It’s another tool in our toolkit to help kids.”

The room also opens new possibilities for supporting children and youth experiencing depression or low motivation. With adjustable lighting, dynamic visual scenes, and music that can be tailored to raising energy levels, the space can shift from calming retreat to motivational boost.

“If we’re thinking about an individual who might be lacking motivation or experiencing depressive symptoms, there are stimulating ways to apply the room so that you can increase that motivation or increase that heartbeat,” explains Brittany Dolan, Regulated Behaviour Analyst. “It creates a new and exciting environment where we can practice skills in a space where they feel really safe.”

Building the room took nearly a year of planning, coordination and careful design to ensure patient safety, infection control and seamless integration with the unit’s care team.

For Nicholas, finally seeing the room open is deeply meaningful. “It’s been a long process, and the generosity that Jackson and Jessica provided really just helped to spur this on,” he says.

Thanks to Jessica and Jackson’s gift, KHSC now has a therapeutic space where countless young people can steady their minds, reclaim their sense of control, and begin to heal with renewed hope.

Educating the Next Generation of Nurses

In a health-care system defined by constant change, a nurse’s education can never stand still.

New technologies, evolving treatments and increasingly complex patient needs mean nurses must continually upgrade their skills to provide safe, high-quality care. Yet access to certain types of education offered outside of the hospital can depend on whether a nurse can afford it.

For more than three decades, the Kingston General Hospital (KGH) Nursing Alumnae Endowment Fund has helped ensure nurses at Kingston Health Sciences Centre (KHSC) can continue learning, growing and advancing their practice.

Established in 1992, the endowment (a pool of investments used to provide long-term, sustainable income for charities) was created to remove potential financial barriers that could prevent nurses from pursuing additional training. The endowment is now worth \$350,000. Since 2014, almost \$100,000 has been granted to support nurses in their education and executives recently donated \$4,000 in November 2025.

“Any opportunity for a nurse to gain more education, whether to keep current or to learn a new specialty, often comes with funding issues,” said Linda Chaplin, co-chair of the KGH Nurses Alumnae Endowment Fund. “So to have money available to allow nurses to access those educational endeavours is a priority.”

In 2025 alone, the fund supported nurses pursuing university



Jacqueline Kelly (left) and Linda Chaplin (right) present a cheque to UHKF Donor Relations Specialist Marie Mackenzie

and college courses, specialty certifications, maintenance training, and conference attendance.

For nurses balancing family responsibilities and full-time employment, that support can make the difference between postponing education and moving forward.

Jacqueline Kelly, president of the KGH Nursing Alumnae, said the funding is important.

“Especially for new grads, they may decide they want to move into a specialty like the OR or ICU, but they have to take additional courses to get there,” she said. “If they’re working full-time and have a family, it can be hard. So we support them so they can take that step. It feels good to help our fellow nurses.”

The KGH School of Nursing was established in 1886 and closed in 1974 as universities and colleges took over nursing education. But the KGH School of Nursing alumni association remains active, making it one of the oldest and most enduring in Ontario.

Your Impact is Legendary



7,981 generous donors supported University Hospitals Kingston Foundation (UHKF). **75 community groups and events** raised **\$1.3 million+** in support of Kingston Health Sciences Centre (KHSC) and Providence Care.



Through your donations, **120 pieces of equipment**, totalling **\$7.3 million+**, have been approved for purchase by KHSC and Providence Care. Items include medical recliners, stretchers, ultrasound systems, wireless probes, an echocardiogram unit, virtual patient observation cameras, lifts, video capsule endoscopy units, cuddle beds and more.



Your generosity is powering **amazing research** in cancer care, heart health, emergency medicine, respiratory and sleep disorders, neurological diseases, women's health, surgical innovation, medical imaging and other **groundbreaking studies** that advance treatment, improve



patient outcomes and transform health care for our community.

Donor support provides specialized medical **equipment**, mobility and accessibility **aids**, patient and family **resources**, therapeutic and recreational **programs**, palliative care **enhancements**, pediatric **supports**, mental health and wellness **initiatives**, facility **improvements** and other vital services that help patients receive compassionate care when they need it most.



Funding supported **staff education**, clinical **certifications**, **conferences**, **workshops**, **leadership development**, student **placements**, **mentorship** opportunities, **quality improvement** learning and **specialized training** in areas such as dementia, mental health, palliative, emergency and urgent care, as well as **educational resources** that strengthen the skills and expertise of our



health-care professionals. These investments help ensure our teams continue to deliver **safe, high-quality**, and **compassionate care** to patients and families.

525 HYC certificates were presented to **206 staff and departments** for their skill, dedication, compassion, enthusiasm, daily presence and spiritual support through UHKF's **Honour Your Caregiver** program.



UHKF Memorial Programs received over **2,800** gifts totalling **\$370,000+** to honour the memory of **646** loved ones. You also helped us add **23** new Evergreen Society members to bring the total to **160** members representing **\$22 million+** in future donations.



UHKF received **80 gifts** in celebration of individuals' birthdays, anniversaries and other special occasions.

New Providence Manor Taking Shape for Late 2027 Opening

The future of long-term care in Kingston is beginning to take shape, one milestone at a time.

Construction on Providence Care's new long-term care home, Providence Manor, is steadily progressing, bringing the vision for a modern, welcoming facility one step closer to reality.

Scheduled to open in late 2027, the new building marks a transformational investment in long-term care for Kingston and the surrounding region by creating a brighter, more comfortable and more connected home for residents, their families and care partners.

Groundwork construction began in 2024, and over the past year, crews have marked several significant milestones within the build. All windows have been installed, much of the building is enclosed, and interior drywall work is underway.

"Drywall starting may seem like a small milestone, but it's huge," said Krista Wells Pearce, Providence Care Vice President of Corporate Services and Executive Director, Hospice. "It means large portions of the building are now weather-tight."

The new Providence Manor, located at 1200 Princess Street, will replace the current facility with a modern 320-bed home designed to meet Ontario's updated long-term care standards. The redevelopment will also add 77 much-needed beds, helping address the growing demand for long-term care spaces in the region.



The current Manor, which was originally established in 1861, will then be repurposed as Providence Commons.

"It's going to make a tremendous difference for people who need long-term care and for the families supporting them," said Krista. "This new home is being designed around dignity, comfort and quality of life."

Thoughtful design features will enhance everyday living for residents including larger living spaces, improved accessibility, air conditioning throughout the building and significantly more natural light through oversized windows. Outdoor balconies and gathering spaces will also provide residents with easier access to fresh air and opportunities to spend time with friends and family.

"We want it to feel like home," Krista said. "We want residents and families to walk in and immediately feel comfort, confidence and dignity."

The transformative project would not be possible without philanthropy. Community support, including the extraordinary generosity of late philanthropist Brit Smith, has played a critical role in helping move the redevelopment forward.

This information is for the year ending March 31, 2026.

The complete UHKF financial statements, audited by KPMG, are available at uhkf.ca.

Fundraising priorities are set in accordance with Kingston Health Sciences Centre and Providence Care plans and needs, and donations that are designated to specific funds are spent accordingly.

More than **\$79.4 million** in new outright gifts and future commitments was raised through the generosity of **7,981** donors.

Total gifts receipted, including payments on amounts pledged in prior years was **\$97.2 million**.



Realized Investment and Other Income
\$11.2 million

Total Foundation Operating Expenses
\$4.8 million

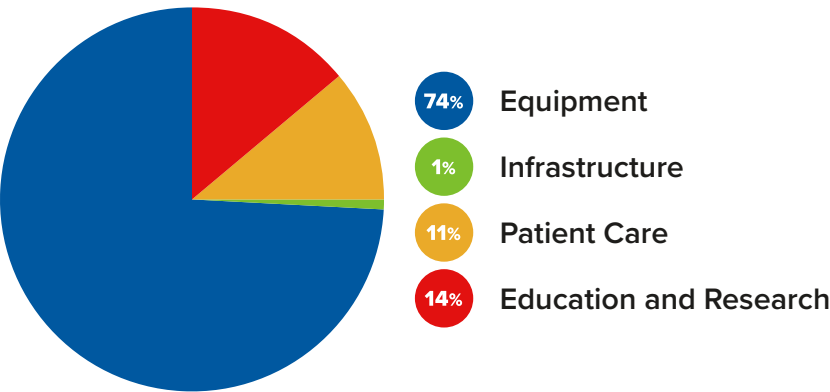
Metrics Based on Production Revenue

Cost to Raise a Dollar **\$0.05**
Return on Investment **\$20.29**

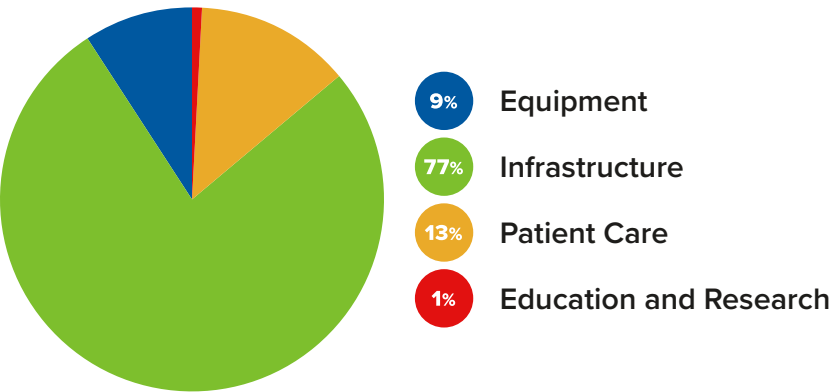
Net Fundraising Revenue
\$75.51 million

Raised Per Direct Fundraising Staff
\$6.60 million

Kingston Health Sciences Centre | **\$9.1 million**

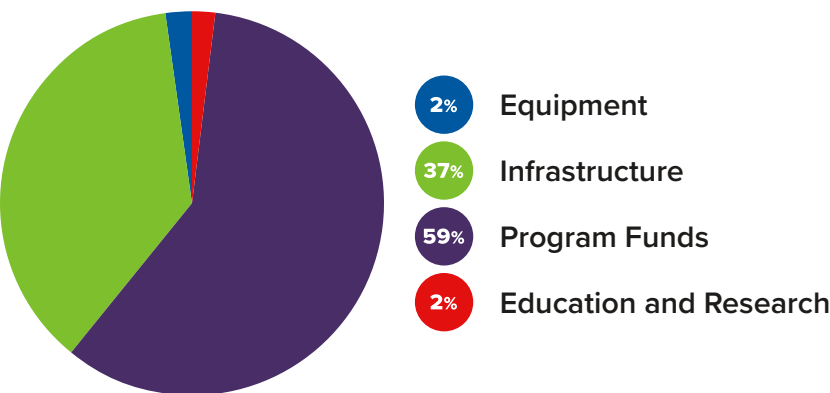


Providence Care | **\$7.1 million**

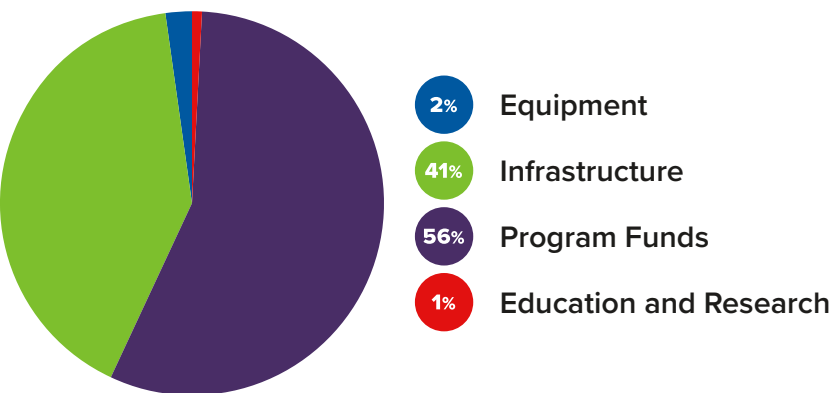


Funds Held for Identified Priorities, Future Projects and Ongoing Needs

Kingston Health Sciences Centre | **\$156 million**



Providence Care | **\$45.7 million**



Total Endowments | \$26.2 million (Funds for which donors have directed that only income generated is applied to a specific purpose.)



Second Surgical Robot Means Shorter Wait Times, Better Outcomes

↑ Dr. Sunil Patel performs an operation using a surgical robot

➤ Surgical robots allow specialists to perform complex, minimally invasive procedures from afar using consoles

When a second surgical robot arrived at Kingston Health Sciences Centre (KHSC) in October 2025, it marked more than a technology upgrade. It signaled a major step forward for patient care in southeastern Ontario. Months later, the impact is clear. “For us, it’s been transformative,” says Dr. Sunil Patel, a colorectal surgeon and KHSC’s robotic surgery lead. “Not only did we get a second robot, but we upgraded the original system as well. It’s like going from a 2015 computer to a 2026 model. Everything is



faster, more efficient and capable of handling more complex work.” That efficiency is translating directly into better patient care. With two surgical robots now running, doctors can perform significantly more robotic procedures each year, more than doubling capacity from roughly 200 to 300 cases annually to an anticipated 600 or more. For patients, that means shorter wait times and faster access to life-changing surgeries. It also means access to procedures that were previously unavailable locally. The expanded program has introduced new specialties, including liver surgery and complex upper gastrointestinal and bariatric procedures, while increasing volumes in lung, colorectal, gynecologic, and urologic surgeries which have been available since the original robot was introduced.

“We’re treating more cancers, performing more advanced procedures and doing it in a more timely way,” says Dr. Patel. Beyond the operating room, the program is elevating KHSC’s reputation as the hospital has become a leader in robotic general surgery across Canada, including the Canadian leader in robotic colorectal surgery. “There are larger centres with multiple robots, but what’s unique (at KHSC) is how many specialties are using them,” Dr. Patel explains. “From a general surgery perspective, we’re among the leaders in the country.” This progress has been made possible through community generosity. Major contributions to robotic surgery at KHSC come from local leaders including the Power of Hope Golf Tournament, Parrott Foundation and B’nai Brith Lodge 1191 Kingston. In addition to countless gifts from other generous donors that add up, these gifts have helped bring the second surgical robot to Kingston. “We saw an opportunity to help bring leading-edge care closer to home,” says Bryon Springer of B’nai Brith Lodge 1191 Kingston. “Knowing this investment will help patients recover faster and access life-changing surgery right here in our region is incredibly meaningful.”



Arlene King and David Hendin

Legacy Giving Creates a Lasting Impact

This year marked another milestone for the Evergreen Society as we welcomed 23 new members, bringing our community of legacy donors to 160 members. Each person who has chosen to leave a gift in their estate plans is helping ensure exceptional health care remains available for future generations across southeastern Ontario. Over the past year, 29 estate donors generously fulfilled their final wishes by supporting care, research and innovation through gifts totaling more than \$71.3M. These remarkable contributions are already making a difference, helping fund specialized ophthalmology equipment, advancing respirology research and supporting priorities across Kingston Health Sciences Centre and Providence Care. The impact of legacy giving extends far beyond any single project. It reflects a shared commitment to improving lives and strengthening health care for years to come. The Evergreen Society proudly recognizes those who have included UHKF in their estate plans, as well as the individuals whose legacies continue to benefit patients, families and health-care teams today. Together, they are creating a healthier future for our community.

Dr. Tom Skinner

Davies Award Projects Deliver Real Impact for Patients and Care

One year after receiving support from the Davies Award for Innovation, two projects from Kingston Health Sciences Centre (KHSC) physicians are already demonstrating how bold ideas can translate into meaningful change.

For Dr. Andrew Giles, the impact of his pilot project for patients with malignant pleural effusions (an accumulation of fluid between the lung and chest wall leading to severe breathing difficulty) has been immediate. Traditionally requiring operating room time and hospital admission, these procedures are now performed in a streamlined outpatient model which reduces wait times.

“We’ve taken a procedure that is traditionally done in the operating room and moved it into endoscopy with sedation,” says Dr. Giles. “Patients don’t need a full anesthetic. They have a single incision, and they can go home the same day with support from home care.”

As of March 2026, the pilot project program has treated 20 patients, and early statistics show it is dramatically improving efficiency across the health-care system. Diagnostic timelines have been reduced by an average of 57 days, 17 hospital admissions have been avoided, and the hospital has saved more than \$100,000.

Also at KHSC, Dr. Tom Skinner’s kidney transplant cooling jacket—designed to keep organs at optimal temperatures during surgery—recently reached a major milestone with the awarding of a U.S. patent.

“That was a huge win for us,” says Dr. Skinner. “It’s an important step forward as we work through the regulatory process and move toward first-in-human trials.”

The device addresses a critical challenge in transplantation; preventing organ damage during the period when blood flow is temporarily interrupted.

“The longer a kidney is warm during transplant, the worse the outcomes can be,” he explains. “If we can keep it cold during that time, we can potentially improve how well the kidney functions and how long it lasts.”

For patients, this could mean fewer complications and a reduced chance of the body rejecting the transplanted kidney.

“If we can make transplanted organs last longer, more people will ultimately benefit,” says Dr. Skinner.

The Elaine and Michael Davies Award for Innovation is funded by an endowment established in 1989. Since 2016, the purpose of the endowment is to fund hospital-based innovation at both KHSC and Providence Care.

Gananoque Lions Club Strengthening Regional Health Care

For the Gananoque Lions Club, supporting the University Hospitals Kingston Foundation (UHKF) is ultimately about ensuring their community has access to the best possible care close to home when it matters most.

Each year, approximately 4,500 Gananoque residents receive care at Kingston Health Sciences Centre (KHSC). For Lions Club members, that statistic makes the connection clear that giving through UHKF is an investment in the health of their community.

“We support hospitals in Brockville and Kingston because people from Gan go to both,” said Debbie Donaldson, past president of the Gananoque Lions Club. “Where you live is where you care. We live in Gananoque, and we want to be able to help others.”

That commitment has translated into meaningful, targeted support through UHKF. In the past two years, the club has made a \$6,000 investment in the hospital’s eye clinic and a \$6,000 gift to help fund a brain monitor for the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU).

These investments directly enhance patient care, from supporting newborns in critical need to improving access to vision services for patients across southeastern Ontario.

The Lions’ focus on vision care has a connection to a famous historical figure. During the Lions Club International Convention in 1925, disability rights activist and author Helen Keller



encouraged Lions to become "knights of the blind in the crusade against darkness." That call to action has remained a cornerstone of the organization’s global mission for 100 years.

Through UHKF, that legacy is brought to life locally, ensuring Gananoque residents have access to timely treatment and specialized care. The club’s support also reflects a broader philosophy of responding to emerging needs in health care.

“If there’s a need, there’s a Lion,” said longtime Gan Lions Club member Paul Robertson. “Our main motto is ‘We serve.’”

Since its founding in 1939, the Gananoque Lions Club has donated approximately \$1.5 million to charitable causes.

“It’s not just about giving,” said Debbie. “It’s about helping people when they need it most.”

1,000 PET-CT Scans and Going Strong

One year after launching southeastern Ontario’s first PET-CT (Positron Emission Tomography and Computed Tomography) program, Kingston Health Sciences Centre (KHSC) reached a remarkable milestone in March 2026; completing its 1,000th PET-CT scan more than a month ahead of schedule.

For patients across southeastern Ontario, that number represents far more than a statistic. It means faster diagnoses, less travel, earlier treatment decisions and access to world-class care closer to home.

Before the PET-CT scanner arrived at KHSC in March 2025, many patients were forced to travel to Ottawa or Toronto for advanced imaging. Cancer Care Ontario estimated that approximately 1,000 patients each year left the region for these scans.

Thanks to the new program, patients and families can now receive this specialized care in Kingston, reducing both stress and wait times while keeping people connected to their local care teams.

PET-CT imaging combines metabolic and anatomical imaging, allowing physicians to detect disease earlier, plan treatments more precisely and monitor how well therapies are working. The technology is especially valuable in cancer care, where timely and accurate imaging can significantly influence patient outcomes.



“This achievement represents more than a number. It means faster access to advanced imaging and better care for the community that we are proud to serve,” said Dr. Omar Islam, Head of Radiology at KHSC.

For patients like Christine Hollings, who was diagnosed with melanoma in 2017, receiving scans locally makes a difference.

“It’s perfect being closer,” said Christine, who previously had to travel to Ottawa for PET-CT scans. “I don’t have to travel as much, and I know the hospital.”

The \$10 million project was made possible through government and philanthropic support.

“There currently are only a small number of PET-CT scanners in Ontario, so relatively few hospitals are able to offer this technology,” said KHSC Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer Dr. Renate Ilse. “We can already see the impact that this new program is having here at KHSC.”

Donors Power a Major Pharmacy Upgrade at Providence Care

Every medication given at Providence Care’s Providence Care Hospital site represents a critical moment in a patient’s care journey: the right medication, at the right dosage, delivered at exactly the right time to the right patient or client.

Behind each of those moments is a complex system working quietly to keep patients safe.

Now, thanks to donor generosity through University Hospitals Kingston Foundation (UHKF), that system is stronger than ever. A new \$2 million technology investment is helping ensure those medications reach the right patient at the right time while making work easier for staff.

Providence Care recently completed a major upgrade to its Omnicell Automated Dispensing Units (ADUs), replacing an aging system that had reached the end of its service life at Providence Care Hospital.

Installed across nine inpatient units and one outpatient clinic throughout the hospital, the new Omnicell cabinets serve as secure medication dispensing systems. Connected directly to the hospital’s electronic health records, they help streamline the medication management process from physician order to pharmacist verification to nursing administration.

“The cabinets provide an added layer of safety where everything is connected,” explains Dr. Hossam Fetar, Pharmacy Manager at Providence Care. “The physician places the order,



the pharmacist verifies it, and then the cabinet guides the nurse to the correct medication and dose. It adds security, traceability and helps ensure safe medication administration.”

The upgraded technology offers several advantages for staff. New guidance lights direct nurses to the correct drawer and medication, reducing the risk of errors. Enhanced reporting capabilities help pharmacy teams track inventory more effectively, while larger storage capacity allows medications to be organized according to the unique needs of each patient care unit.

The \$2 million project was made possible through donor support.

“On behalf of the pharmacy team and Providence Care, we are so grateful to the donors,” says Dr. Fetar. “This investment improves medication safety, streamlines operations and enhances patient care. We truly appreciate the donors who helped make this project possible.”

We ❤️ Our Community Events

Across our region, community members are turning gratitude, determination and personal experiences into **meaningful support for local health care.**



570 Kilometre Fundraising Walk

In September and October, Corey Dunn walked 10 kilometres every day for 57 days and raised \$4,110 for the KHSC Neurosurgery Department.

Why 57 days and 570 kilometres? In 2023, Corey spent 57 days in the hospital due to a severe spinal infection and didn’t know if he would ever walk again.

Corey, who works as an Environmental Services Attendant at KHSC’s Hotel Dieu Hospital site, decided to give back in recognition of the health-care professionals who supported him throughout his recovery.



Baby Bobby Birthday Fundraiser

The Salt family raised \$1,590 for the KHSC Neonatal Intensive Care Unit in honour of Baby Bobby’s second birthday.

When Bobby was born in Belleville on February 12, 2024, he was not breathing and experienced seizures. He was rushed to KHSC where he made a full recovery. The family has hosted the fundraiser two years in a row to thank the NICU nurses, doctors and staff, while supporting future families.



Banding Together With YGK Healthcare Champions

In June, the YGK Healthcare Champions brought the community together for Banding Together, a concert fundraiser featuring Old Docs New Tricks, a band of Kingston physicians.

The event raised an incredible \$35,000 in support of Donation Advisor which uses advanced AI and patient clinical data to help health-care teams identify and support potential organ donors.

By improving the ability to predict the timing of death, the program aims to increase successful organ donations and ensure more families can fulfill a loved one's wish to give the gift of life.



Kids For Kids

In March, the Kids for Kids Hockey Tournament attracted more than 100 teams and helped raise \$25,000 for the pediatric program at KHSC.

Since 1998, the Kids for Kids group has raised more than \$2 million for KHSC’s children’s programming and for BGC South East, to support local families who need a helping hand.

Through walks, tournaments, concerts, celebrations and extraordinary challenges, these dedicated fundraisers are helping **advance patient care, research and innovative programs.**



His Fight Is My Fight

In August, the His Fight is My Fight Golf Tournament raised \$19,000 for KHSC's Cancer Centre of Southeastern Ontario, bringing their four-year total to more than \$63,000.

The event was started by Ryan Marley and his family after Ryan was diagnosed with Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia about seven years ago. Determined to make a difference in the fight against cancer, the family transformed a difficult personal journey into something positive and are now helping advance cancer care and support patients throughout the region.



Kingston Road Runners Association

In October, the Kingston Road Runners Association gave \$4,000 in support of KHSC’s Diabetes Clinic to help advance diabetes education and programs that make a difference in the lives of our patients and community.

The money was raised from their 2024 and 2025 Anniversary Runs which celebrate fun and healthy lifestyles.



Mascon Restorations Golf Tournament

In September, Mascon Restorations held their third annual Charity Golf Tournament at the Loyalist Golf and Country Club, raising \$10,000 for the Burr 4 Mental Health Unit at KHSC.

Since 2023, Mascon has raised \$40,000 for organizations helping those struggling with mental health and addiction issues.



Mount Kilimanjaro Climb

In August, Megan Wheatley climbed Mount Kilimanjaro (the highest peak in Africa at 5,895 metres) as a way to help and inspire others. Thanks to support from donors and sponsors, she raised \$7,706 for Providence Care’s Community

Brain Injury Services, who provide life-changing supports to those living with acquired brain injuries.

Megan sustained a traumatic brain injury in a car accident at the age of 17. Her trek up Kilimanjaro was driven by a desire to raise funds, inspire others, and prove that a brain injury does not have to limit one's potential.

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