



Celebrating a Community's Generosity

On November 28, 2007, donors got a sneak peek at the new JDS Uniphase Employee Legacy Critical Care Wing, just before its scheduled opening at the General Campus. This special evening allowed The Ottawa Hospital Foundation to thank individuals and groups who have helped make this facility a reality.

The Foundation is grateful to every donor who supported this wing—every dollar earmarked for the ICU, the operating rooms, the pain clinic and other areas—makes a difference. The benefits to our community will be felt for generations to come.



A new donor wall celebrates the \$15-million pledge made by a group of JDS Uniphase employees and alumni, including Sylvie Villeneuve and Yves Tremblay (who is also Chair of The Ottawa Hospital's Board of Governors).



Dr. Éric Poulin, Chief of Surgery, demonstrates the minimally invasive surgical equipment in the new ORs.

Marietta Fraser, who works in the new Ottawa Pain Clinic, is thrilled with the modern space and equipment, which helps her provide the best care to her patients.



Cancer Care at The Ottawa Hospital



Murray Ages addresses the crowd at the opening of the Ages Cancer Assessment Clinic in June 2007, which was made possible in large part by a significant gift from the Ages family.

The Ottawa Hospital is the hub for cancer care and research in our region. This year, thousands of people will come to the Hospital for many reasons, including diagnosis at the Ages Cancer Assessment Clinic, surgery in the new Critical Care Wing, and chemo or radiation therapy at The Ottawa Hospital Cancer Centre.

Ages Cancer Assessment Clinic

This innovative clinic, with units for lung, prostate and colorectal cancers, was made possible thanks to community donations. The only one of its kind in Canada, it focuses on patient education and offers a unique 'nurse navigator' system, in which a caregiver remains with patients throughout their diagnosis and treatment. The clinic aims to cut diagnostic waiting times from an average of four months to four weeks.

Critical Care Wing

Approximately 60 per cent of cancer cases at the Hospital require surgery; most of that will be performed in the new wing, which was built with community support. Minimally invasive surgical techniques will mean reduced pain and faster recovery times for thousands of patients.

The Ottawa Hospital Cancer Centre

In 2004, the Ottawa Regional Cancer Centre merged with The Ottawa Hospital to become The Ottawa Hospital Cancer Centre. This centre is the major provider of outpatient radiation and chemotherapy treatments in the region.

As the fundraiser for The Ottawa Hospital Cancer Centre, The Ottawa Hospital Foundation will launch a fundraising campaign in 2008 to expand the centre and ensure it can provide the best care and shorter wait times. With your support, we can have a tremendous impact in the battle against this devastating disease.



Donors fill the Critical Care Wing atrium during the pre-opening celebration in November 2007.

Meet Some Stars

Community support for improvements to facilities and patient care helps the Hospital recruit – and retain – the best cancer medical stars.



Dr. Michael Fung Kee Fung

Specialties: Gynecologic oncology; leads research efforts to develop better cancer treatments and new models of cancer surgery care.

What that means: Dr. Fung Kee Fung heads teams of experts that are developing better screening methods for ovarian and cervical cancer. He is also helping find new strategies for cancer surgery care, to ensure uniform access to high quality care for people all across our region.

How your support helps him do his job: Community support helps fund research activities into new screening practices and innovative patient care. Surgical teams can then transfer this knowledge out to other hospitals, benefiting countless people. “We need community funding to help us continue our important work to raise the standard and quality of cancer surgery and care for our patients.”



Dr. Chris Morash

Specialties: High-risk, nerve-sparing surgery for prostate and testicular cancers.

What that means: When prostate cancer recurs after radiation therapy, surgery is the only option, which can result in loss of bladder and sexual function. Dr. Morash is one of only a handful of Canadian surgeons performing specialized techniques that preserve full function for a high quality of life.

How your support helps him do his job: The innovative MDS Nordion Prostate Cancer Diagnostic Unit opens in early 2008 at the Ages Cancer Assessment Clinic. “Wait times for diagnosis and biopsy will be lowered significantly when this unit opens. It will also provide a vehicle for tremendous new research opportunities. Through ongoing community support, we can continue this work.”



Dr. Ilias Cagiannos

Specialties: Minimally invasive surgical techniques to remove cancers in organs such as the kidneys, prostate and bladder; expertise in kidney and bladder reconstruction.

What that means: Reconstructive and nerve-sparing surgery reduces pain and recovery times, and dramatically lessens the long-term impact on patients.

How your support helps him do his job: “Minimally invasive treatments are very technology-based, and come with significant increased costs for new capital equipment and ongoing technical support. We very much need the community to invest in its own future.”

Monthly donations

help you help the Hospital

Why I give monthly

In 1999, dark shadows began to float randomly over Anthony Johansen's left eye. Tests showed that these shadows were a symptom of mini-strokes, caused by a huge blockage in his carotid artery on the left side of his neck. The blockage was a ticking time bomb toward a potentially deadly stroke.

Anthony underwent lifesaving surgery at the Civic Campus, and decided to express his gratitude for the incredible care he received by becoming a monthly donor to the Hospital.

He knows there are many benefits to being part of the Foundation's Partners in Care – those donors who choose to give monthly. He receives invitations to Foundation events, as well as regular information updates on the impact of his donations. But his main reason for giving monthly is simple: predictable spending helps him plan out his budget for the year.



Joy and Anthony Johansen

How your monthly gifts benefit the Hospital

Dr. Jack Kitts values loyal donors like Anthony Johansen. As President and CEO of The Ottawa Hospital, Dr. Kitts knows how important it is for our community to support the Hospital. And how vital those regular monthly donations are in helping the Hospital plan for future improvements.

"Our community's generosity makes it possible for us to build new facilities and fund vital research, which helps attract and retain the best medical leaders." Regular donations also allow Dr. Kitts and his team to plan ahead for new improvements to patient care, including developing new treatments and bringing research discoveries to patients' bedsides.

"I am grateful that we have donors who are inspired to make a long-term commitment of regular support to help us build the best hospital for our community."



Dr. Jack Kitts, President and CEO, The Ottawa Hospital

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