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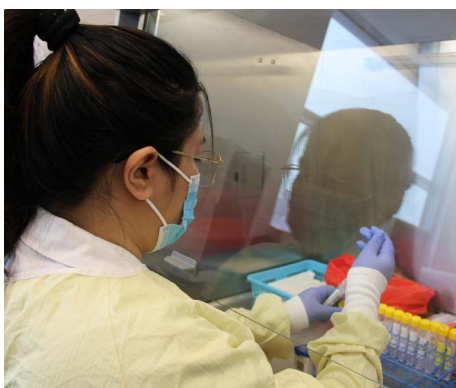
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Donors Put Their Support to the Test

Thanks to an outpouring of love and support from the community, we are proud to claim that every COVID-19 test done at Humber River Hospital is thanks to the generosity of our donors.



Starting from the beginning of the pandemic right up until the end of December, donors far and wide came together to raise over \$500,000 for all the testing equipment needed at Humber. This includes support from community leaders like Upper Crust, IC Savings and The Rogers-Hixon Foundation who led the way with leadership gifts. Today, the lab has the ability to successfully complete up to 1,400 tests a day for patients in Surgery, the Emergency Department, clinics and transfers to long-term care, with most results coming back within an hour.

"I would like to thank our donors for providing the funds to purchase these

instruments," states Dr. William Dubinski, Chief of Pathology and Medical Lab Director at Humber River Hospital. "Because of their generosity, we have expanded our testing capacity and continue to remain open for procedures and surgeries that were previously delayed in earlier waves of the pandemic."

As we all know, testing is crucial in the fight against the pandemic to control transmission, but it's also vital to help keep clinics and surgeries going in the Hospital.

Thank you donors for funding all COVID-19 testing at Humber!

Thank You for Lighting New Ways in Healthcare

The following individuals and corporations have answered the call for better healthcare by recently committing more than \$100,000 in support of Humber River Hospital.

\$750,000

Jack & Pat Kay

\$500,000

Iacovelli Family

\$200,000

Estate of Jackie Rosati

\$101,802

Roy & Joan Hintsa

\$100,000

Silvana & Adelchi Franzolini

\$100,000

Michael & Marsha Lax



Dr. Ian Brasg

Physician, Infectious Diseases

Dear Friends,

Happy Spring! I know we are still dealing with some difficult days, but I hope we can find the optimism and sense of renewal that this new season brings.

Probably never before in our history have we needed a new beginning more than right now. It's been a tough 14 months and we have all been challenged personally, professionally and emotionally. But in a time like no other, there have also been profound moments of compassion, caring and support. For the frontline at Humber River Hospital, those moments have been made possible by you, our generous donors. As soon as the pandemic hit, our community mobilized their support in the form of donations, PPE, messages of hope and special treats to make our day. The fact that our donors funded all of the COVID testing equipment in our Hospital is particularly meaningful to me. We are so grateful for your support.

Today, our focus is on vaccination and the worldwide effort to eradicate COVID-19 once and for all. By the time you read this, some of you may have received your vaccine, and for others it's just on the horizon. I hope you feel the same sense of hope I did when I got my two jabs. The end of the pandemic is in sight and your continued support will make us victorious once and for all.

As we enter (what we hope) is the final stretch, I want you to remember: be kind, be patient and be diligent. We've been in this together from day one and all of us at Humber will always be here for you, just as you have been there for us.

Wishing you the best of health and many brighter months ahead,

Dr. Ian Brasg

Physician, Infectious Diseases

Humber River Hospital

Donor Profile: HRH Family Practice Physicians

Congratulations and thank you! After almost a decade of fundraising, the HRH Family Practice Physician team has proudly exceeded their fundraising goal and raised \$281,327 which is well over their original target of \$250,000! In total, 86 family physicians gave personal gifts and multi-year pledges and most recently, we had powerful matching gift initiatives led by Dr. Seong Choe and Dr. Bharat and Dr. Sheila Shah.

"This group pledge started in 2012 and through the perseverance of the team, including the HRH Family Practice Committee, I'm so proud of every physician who gave so generously," states Dr. Arthur Kushner. "Together, we have impacted the lives of millions of people in our community and in fact we have become part of our patients' lives – and now this lasting legacy in the Hospital will stand as a symbol of our commitment to all who we serve."

In recognition of this group gift, Meeting Room 4 on Level 3 of the Hospital has officially been dedicated to the HRH Department of Family and Community Medicine.

Right now, thousands of people are seeing this permanent signage as they receive the COVID-19 vaccine since this room is being used for the 15-minute recovery time after the vaccine is administered.

Thank you again to our family physicians – you have the biggest hearts and our patients are lucky to have you!



WINK: Women Join Forces to Donate \$50,000 to Humber's NICU

On International Women's Day, 25 women opened their laptops and logged into their Zoom accounts ready to hear directly from Humber's Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) and Emergency Department (ED) Patient Comfort Fund.

Every year, Women in Kindness (WINK) works together to support Humber River Hospital. Members join WINK through an entry donation and have the opportunity decide together where their funds will be directed, making meaningful change throughout our Hospital community.

This year, after hearing from program directors, physicians, staff, and grateful patients from both Programs, the women voted to direct their collective \$50,000 gift to the NICU, which plans to use the donation towards purchasing a new ventilator to support the care of our tiniest patients.

"I am so grateful that these powerful women are choosing to empower others," says Jhanvi Solanki, Program Director of the Maternal & Child Program. "The NICU being this year's WINK recipient was the most meaningful compliment. Even if we hadn't won, the understanding and interest from the WINK group will be something I will carry forever."

"One of our big promises to our WINK members is that they will always be in control of their collective funds," says Lindsay Owen, a Development Officer at Humber River Hospital Foundation. "They have the power to direct their money, and they get insider access to the world of Humber to help them make informed decisions."

We can't wait to see what this amazing group of women does next!

Care That Won't Quit

Throughout the pandemic, Programs across our Hospital have adapted to provide the best patient-centered care given our new reality. Here's what our patients, physicians, and staff have to say:



Dr. Gautam Sudan
Medical Oncologist,
Cancer Care Program

"Our entire team has done a great job of continuing to provide care, and most of our patients haven't had a delay in care. When it comes to cancer, even a few weeks can make a difference in outcomes, so everyone came together to make sure that urgent treatments, procedures, and medical imaging was getting done. Virtual care has meant that we are able to see many of our patients regularly without exposing them to additional risk. And patients coming in for chemotherapy are being tested before every cycle."

"In the final weeks of my pregnancy I thought I felt my water break, but I quickly realized it was blood. The ambulance took me straight to Humber. The team made sure I was okay and reassured us that our daughter was fine. It was a relief during COVID that my husband was able to stay with me the whole time. After Zoey was born, David stayed with us in our room. If we needed food or anything from downstairs, a Patient Family Liaison got it for us so that he didn't need to leave the room."



Rebecca
Grateful Patient,
Labour & Delivery



Sumit Goyal
Compounding Supervisor,
Pharmacy Department

"In our Pharmacy Department, I lead a team of people responsible for preparing and delivering COVID-19 vaccine syringes to the nurses who administer it to the patients. We thaw the vaccine vials from an ultra-low temperature to room temperature, disinfect them, and prepare and barcode each syringe in a completely sterile environment, exceeding all the mandatory standards. Every syringe we deliver is thoroughly checked and ready to be administered. During these times when people are struggling with the pandemic, I feel very proud of our Pharmacy Department, which is currently working hard to prepare over 100 doses an hour."

"A few months after my dad started dialysis, COVID-19 arrived and Toronto went into lockdown. We started to be concerned that he would be exposed to the virus during his frequent trips out of the retirement home. He needed this life-saving treatment, but that fear was always in the back of our minds. We were so grateful when he was given the opportunity to start using NxStage, a dialysis machine he could use in his retirement home with the help of a personal support worker."



Robert
Grateful Son of Umberto
(pictured), Dialysis



Melice

Social Worker, Child & Adolescent
Mental Health Program

"A few months ago, before schools were planning to reopen after months of being closed during the pandemic, clinicians on our team noticed that many of our young patients were experiencing anxiety, trouble thinking, and difficulties sleeping in anticipation of going back to school. So Flora, who is a Child and Youth Worker, and I teamed up to develop a one-day workshop for 13 to 17 year old outpatients with back to school fears. I'm really proud we were able to make that transition easier."

"My Carpal Tunnel Syndrome had gotten so bad that I was at risk of losing full functionality of my hands. After the first wave of COVID-19 I learned I was going to be one of the first patients scheduled for surgery. I was grateful but also nervous. My surgeon Dr. Ayeni was amazing. He created a light, comfortable atmosphere. Even though we were all wearing masks that really put me at ease. After my surgery, I felt immediate relief. I am so happy I can use my hands again!"



John

Grateful Patient, Surgery



Dr. Olivier Heimrath

Urologist, Urology Program

"Our Urology Program at Humber has access to many innovations that allow our patients to go home sooner after a procedure. Throughout the pandemic, we have been able to continue to offer treatments while minimizing exposure. Even during these very unprecedented times we are performing a large volume of procedures for our patients, thanks to the technologies we use and the flexibility of our team. We are still providing lots of care."

Corporate Corner: Greenwin Corp.

Greenwin Corp. has been a longtime donor of Humber River Hospital. They began their support in 2015, when we opened our doors to the North-America's first fully digital Hospital and have continued every year since then, supporting various initiatives including our annual Gala. This past year Greenwin Corp. stood beside us in one of our most challenging years, showing their solidarity to our Hospital through their support of our COVID-19 Humber Frontline Support Fund. But, their generosity didn't stop there.

More recently, Greenwin Corp. expanded their contributions to help fund NxStage machines for home dialysis. This year, when keeping vulnerable patients at home has been more important than ever, Greenwin Corp. helped to ensure that more patients can have access to the care they need in the comfort and safety of their own homes.



"This past year has demonstrated the critical importance of healthcare that reaches people directly where they live," states Cary Green, Chairman, Greenwin Corp. "We are grateful for the continued opportunity to partner with Humber River Hospital and provide increased community access to in-home care."

Thank you Greenwin Corp. for your continued support and partnership and for embracing our vision to light new ways in healthcare for our community and well beyond.

Introducing...

While there are many things about 2020 we will want to leave behind, not all lasting effects of the pandemic have been negative. Challenges, sorrow and gratitude have inspired the creation of some very impactful, donor-funded programs that are here to stay:



The Humber Frontline Education Support Fund

We started the Humber Frontline Support Fund as a way to put a smile on the faces of our frontline, in recognition of the tremendous personal sacrifices they have made for all of us during the pandemic. We can't think of a better way to carry on the spirit of the fund than to give them the gift of a brighter future. Thanks to an outpouring of support from donors, the Foundation is now proud to establish the Humber Frontline Education Support Fund. Frontline workers can apply for a grant to help fund programs that will upgrade their skills and enhance patient care. We believe supporting education will help our frontline remain strong for years to come.



Emergency Department Patient Comfort Fund

Humber has cared for more COVID-19 patients than many other hospitals in the city and nowhere is this felt more than in our Apotex Emergency Department, the first point of intake for many COVID-19 positive and suspected patients. We have seen a surge of patients in mental health crisis because of the loneliness of social distancing, job losses due to a beleaguered economy and general feelings of despair that this pandemic has intensified. Many of these patients struggle with the basic human needs. Through the generosity of our donors, we have created an official Patient Comfort Fund at Humber that provides those patients who are most in need with vouchers for transportation and/or food.

While our shared experiences in 2020 have helped create these programs, ongoing funding is needed. For more information or to make a gift, please contact Daniela Campoli at 416.242.1000, ext. 81529, dcampoli@hrh.ca

Humber Numbers: COVID-19

In 2020, our donors helped enable Humber staff to provide rapid, life-saving care during the COVID-19 pandemic. You have saved lives. Humber treated more patients than many other hospitals in the city without sacrificing our special brand of patient care. Here's how your support helped fund our fight from March 2020 to February 28, 2021:



14,254

meals and treats, **8,952** pieces of casual clothing to help with sanitization routines before and after each shift, and **850** free rides given out to frontline by the Humber Frontline Support Fund



25,000

Number of vaccines given at the HRH CoVax Clinic



433,000

Pieces of Personal Protective Equipment donated, including N95s, surgical masks, gloves, gowns, and face shields to help keep our frontline workers safe.



1,398

Number of COVID positive patients cared for at Humber



41,000

Number of tests conducted at Humber (testing machines funded by donors)



\$1,983,877.50

Funds raised by the community for Humber's COVID-19 response

Awesome Chair Leads the Way to Awesome Golf Tournament



For the first time in its 38-year history, the AWESOME Invitational Golf Tournament sold out in record time and by the end of January, all foursomes had been scooped up by eager golfers and sponsors!

A combination of pandemic-safe enhancements, a reinvigorated committee and a passionate chair have come together to bolster the Foundation's longest running signature event. Meet the man behind this success – our chair and newest Foundation Board Member, Nick Simone.

Tell us a little about yourself!

My name is Nick Simone, and I joined Humber River Hospital Foundation's Board of Directors in August 2020. I have a background in entrepreneurship and am passionate about improving operations and systems. I have had the honour of leading many organizations in the financial services sector to success.

What makes you passionate about Humber River Hospital?

Humber has been important to my family my entire life. I grew up near the Church Legacy Site where my grandparents received care on a regular basis. My father was also a Cancer Care patient there. I knew that Hospital inside out. My mom's Cardiologist is at Humber. Humber River Hospital is and has always been my family's Hospital.

Are there any other Programs of Care that you have a personal connection to?

My daughter is currently completing her PhD in Clinical Psychology, so I'm very interested in Mental Health. I have been really impressed learning about Humber's Child and Adolescent Mental Health Program.

What is the most interesting way technology is being used at Humber?

The technology behind the Command Centre, Humber's data-driven mission control, is unbelievable. The Command Centre draws on real-time data and video feeds from across the Hospital, and uses advanced algorithms and predictive analytics to continuously interpret these data flows – all so that we can help patients move smoothly through the Hospital.

The closed-loop Pharmacy system is also quite impressive. All of the medication is being picked, packaged, delivered, and administered with a remarkably low chance of error.

And, I enjoy telling others about Humber's Automated Guided Vehicles (AGVs) that deliver linens, food and non-narcotic medication throughout the Hospital.

Do you have a favourite fundraising project?

I have been on Team Revolution for about five years. We are a group of cyclists who raise money for local healthcare and have raised over \$2 million to date! I have travelled with Team Revolution to Italy twice to ride in granfondos in support of Humber River Hospital.

I am also a golfer, and that is how I got involved with the AWESOME Invitational Golf Tournament. Last year, AWESOME was one of the only events that was able to happen during the pandemic. We took a different approach so that it would be safe, and it was a big success.

I am happy to report that we have already sold out for 2021! This will be my second year as Chair, and we are ready for another great Tournament at Islington Golf Club!

What inspires you?

I am inspired by people who do good things, treat others fairly, and make ethical, moral decisions, so I do my best to live that way too. My family and friends are important to me. And my relationship with my peers and the people I work with is important to me. I try to set an example of being kind and giving back.

Still want to support Nick and the Tournament?

We have a few non-golfing sponsorships available. For more information, please contact David Welbourn at 416.242.1000 ext. 81535, dwelbourn@hrh.ca



Pam Wing
President and CEO
Humber River Hospital Foundation

Dear Friends,

I'm happy to share some personal (and professional!) news with you about exciting changes in leadership at the Foundation. After three successful years as President and CEO, I have made the decision to retire later this year – a transition I am looking forward to but one that is bittersweet as I have loved my time here at Humber River Hospital Foundation. To that effect, I am pleased to announce the Board of Directors has appointed Sandra Sualim as the new President and CEO of the Humber River Hospital Foundation, effective Monday April 19th, 2021.

Sandra is highly respected and well-known in the world of fundraising. Her exemplary work and proven track record of success make her a natural to elevate donor impact at Humber. Sandra joins the team from her previous role as Executive Director of the Foundation for Boys and Girls Clubs of Canada where she raised millions of dollars for Canada's largest child and youth-focused non-profit. She is a graduate of the University of Toronto with an Honours Bachelor of Arts, has an advanced Diploma in Public Relations from the University of Victoria, and holds her Certified Fund Raising Executive (CFRE) certification. Additional prior leadership roles Sandra held include SickKids Foundation and Havergal College. She holds several board positions, including VP Governance of the Association of Fundraising Professionals, Greater Toronto Chapter.

Please join me in extending a warm welcome to Sandra. I'm not leaving quite yet and will stay for a little bit of time to help successfully transition Sandra into her new role. It has been an honour working alongside the Foundation team and our community of caring and loyal donors – thank you for all that you've done for Humber... and all that you will do in the future!

Wishing you the best of health,
Pam

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