



# Celebrate the season of giving!

It has been an exciting year and the Kincardine and Community Health Care Foundation has lots to celebrate as we head into holiday season.

In May, the Kincardine hospital expansion project received approval from the Ministry of Health to advance to Stage 3 of the Ministry's five-stage capital planning process. The South Bruce Grey Health Centre (SBGHC) project team has been working hard and will soon submit Stage 3 documents for Ministry review and approval.

The Kincardine hospital has not had a major upgrade in 33 years, at a time when the primary focus was on inpatient care. Today, our hospital provides so many other crucial services such as an Emergency Services, Medical Imaging and Laboratory Services. The demand for all these services is exploding due to modern medical practices and the growing population of Kincardine and surrounding area. But our hospital lacks the space to properly deliver these services while, at the same time, its



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aging infrastructure continues to deteriorate.

By 2026, it is predicted that:

- Emergency room visits will increase by 29%.
- Medical imaging procedures will increase by 52%.
- Lab procedures will rise by 133%.

“I think anywhere you have new facilities, it's very attractive for recruitment and retention of staff,” said Dr. Jason Murray, who works in family medicine and as an ER doctor, and is a member of the *Building Health care for Generations* Capital Campaign Committee. “Attracting and retaining staff will be key to ensuring quality care close to home and reducing the risk of ER closures due to staffing shortages.”

## The hospital needs your support!

Earlier this year, the Kincardine Community Health Care Foundation launched its *Building Health Care for Generations* Capital Campaign.

The campaign looks to raise \$12 million for infrastructure and equipment upgrades at the Kincardine hospital. Learn more on Page 3.

### Why I donate

Resident Larry Bannerman donates

generously to the Kincardine Hospital because, he says, “I like to help different groups that could use some help.”

The Foundation is grateful to each and every one of its donors for their gifts that help fund the ongoing needs of our local hospital.

The *Building Health Care for Generations* Capital Campaign will kick into high gear in 2023, so watch for more information on how you can do your part for local health care.



# Looking forward to the future

The Foundation has been busy during the 2022 year with much to look forward to in the future.

We are pleased that our *Building Health Care for Generations* Capital Campaign is moving forward, with committee members working on several initiatives. Our Capital Campaign committee meets monthly, and has completed the Case for Support, informational marketing material, and recently began canvasser training. I encourage everyone to visit our website [www.kincardinefoundation.ca](http://www.kincardinefoundation.ca) to learn more about the campaign. You will find several resources, a link to the redevelopment plans, our fundraising goals, as well as other information, including how to donate.

The Capital Campaign Committee would be pleased to speak at your community organization meetings or events, where you can learn more about the project. In addition, if you are an enthusiastic community-

minded individual who wishes to make a difference and volunteer, please contact the Capital Campaign at [kinchospitalcampaign@gmail.com](mailto:kinchospitalcampaign@gmail.com).

The construction for the much-anticipated CT scanner is well underway. We are excited to see the walls go up, and we can't wait until the machine arrives in early 2023. We are confident this service will change the landscape of health care services at the Kincardine hospital.

In addition to the expansion project, we continue to financially support the hospital's ongoing medical equipment needs. For the current year, in addition to the CT scanner, we have committed to raise almost \$400,000 in medical equipment and upgrades. We anticipate significant commitments in the next few

years, including an upgrade to our mammography machine.

We wish to extend our deepest thanks and gratitude to all of the staff and physicians at the hospital, who continue to provide exceptional care to their patients under extremely difficult and challenging circumstances. We also extend our sincere thanks to all of the volunteers who give their time at the hospital and for the Foundation.



Becky Fair  
President, KCHCF

On behalf of the Foundation, we thank our community for its continued support, and we look forward to next year when we continue Building Health Care for Generations.

We wish everyone a healthy and happy holiday season, and a very prosperous New Year.

## CT scanner brings cutting-edge tech to hospital

Thanks to generous donations from our community, our health care team can now do more for our patients. The Kincardine hospital is blessed to be installing a brand new CT scanner, which will revolutionize the way patients are diagnosed and treated.

The new X.Cite CT scanner is the most advanced single tube CT scanner in its class, and it produces exceptional image quality at low radiation doses. By allowing our physicians to obtain an accurate diagnosis in a more timely fashion, lives may be saved in our emergency department, cancers detected earlier in family practices, and better outcomes realized for a variety of patients.

The Foundation has committed to covering the cost of the CT scanner, a portion of the service contract cost and the portion of the new build not covered by the Ministry of Health. Bruce Power generously donated \$1 million



Construction is progressing on the addition to the Kincardine hospital to house the new CT Scanner. From left, are Bruce County Paramedic Jeremy Kostal; Dr. Jason Murray and his son Matthew; Registered Nurse Skye Schaus; and Bruce County Paramedic Jim Ainslie.

toward the cost of the equipment and the Ministry of Health is contributing \$2.795 million toward the project.

# The \$12 million mission

We need your help to make our hospital grow!

The redevelopment and expansion project planned for the Kincardine hospital will more than double the areas included in this first phase of the hospital improvement.

The emergency department will increase to 9,164 sq. ft. from 3,915, and see acute treatment spaces increase to 13 from nine (including at least one unit that can convert easily to a safe room for mental health patients). The medical imaging unit will increase to 7,153 sq. ft. from 2,444 sq. ft., and the lab will increase to 2,210 sq. ft. from 950.

The diagram to the right gives a general overview of the size and location of the expansion. At this stage, it's still a work-in-progress.

The *Building Health Care for Generations Capital Campaign Committee* is thankful for the contributions made to kick off the fundraising efforts, in particular a \$1.5 million donation from Bruce Power, along with an additional \$500,000 donation from Bruce Power's Supplier partners through the Bruce Power Supplier Sponsorship Program.

Bruce Power also contributed \$1 million to the purchase of the CT scanner.

"Access to quality health care is crucial to any thriving community like Kincardine, and that's why Bruce Power and our Suppliers are proud to commit \$2 million to the *Building Health Care for Generations Capital Campaign*," said Mike Rencheck,



Bruce Power's President and CEO. "I encourage local businesses and families to support the hospital campaign to their fullest capabilities so we can have first-class health care close to home."

The Municipalities of Kincardine and Huron-Kinloss committed \$600,000 and \$100,000 respectively in their 2022 municipal budgets to the campaign. The fundraising committee has asked for overall contributions of \$2.4 million from Kincardine and \$600,000 from Huron-Kinloss over the course of the four-year fundraising drive.

Members of the *Building Health Care for Generations Capital Campaign Committee* have begun reaching out to community groups and organizations to deliver presentations about the

**Legend**

- PINK – Emergency Department
- AQUA – Medical Imaging
- BLUE – Entrance, patient registration (front of house)
- ORANGE – Laboratory
- GREEN – Food services
- YELLOW – Back of house

project, which is a fundraising effort that will improve health care for everyone in our community – now and for generations to come. Its success will not be possible without everyone's support. To learn more about the campaign, and to donate, visit [kincardinefoundation.ca/capital-campaign](http://kincardinefoundation.ca/capital-campaign), and follow us on Facebook and Instagram for all the latest updates.

# The gift of gratitude – a patient’s story

In July 2022, John and Patricia Crow experienced firsthand why access to quality health care with advanced medical equipment can be the difference between life and death.

After two days of severe abdominal pain, Patricia brought John to the South Bruce Grey Health Centre’s (SBGHC) Emergency Department (ED) in Kincardine. Following initial investigations, it was determined John needed a CT scan. Prior to this, John had no significant past medical history and was otherwise healthy. With the SBGHC’s CT scanner being in Walkerton, John had to travel by car to receive the scan and return to Kincardine’s ED for results. This is a common occurrence for Kincardine patients who require CT scans for timely diagnostic and treatment.

“When I was asked to take John to Walkerton in the condition he was in, I was astonished,” Patricia said. “I didn’t make it five minutes away from the hospital when I knew something was really wrong.”

John’s condition was deteriorating so they immediately returned to the Kincardine hospital. John desperately required a CT scan to diagnose and treat the cause of his rapid decline, so he was swiftly loaded into an ambulance with a nurse and transported to Walkerton. The CT scan revealed that John was bleeding profusely in his abdomen. He needed emergency surgery to repair a blood vessel.

Upon returning from Walkerton, John received blood transfusions and his family was able to spend some time at his bedside while awaiting the ORNGE air ambulance. The air ambulance was en route when John took a turn for the worse. His care team sprang into action, assisted John to breathe, and gave him seven units of blood before he was airlifted to London for surgical intervention. He received a total of 22 units of blood throughout the course of his treatment.

John, who was born in Illinois and moved to Kincardine 30 years ago, spent the next eight days on life support.



“For eight days we didn’t know if he was going to live or die,” Patricia said, through tears. John underwent four surgeries over his two-week stay in London before being sent back to Kincardine hospital to await discharge. However, shortly after his return to Kincardine, he was airlifted a second time and was in London for three more weeks before returning home in September.

“I could not get over the excellent care I received in Kincardine hospital,” said John, 69, who shares 12 children with Pat, who he married 24 years ago, as well as 26 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

“If it weren’t for Dr. Murray, his nurse Skye, and all the staff working in Kincardine that day, he wouldn’t be here today,” Patricia added.

## How you can donate

Make an electronic funds transfer to  
[kchcf@hurontel.on.ca](mailto:kchcf@hurontel.on.ca).

Donate once, annually or monthly using a credit card or PayPal through the Foundation’s page at  
[www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/8930](http://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/8930)

Mail a cheque payable to Kincardine and  
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Detailed Case for Support including the history of our hospital can be found at [kincardinefoundation.ca](http://kincardinefoundation.ca).