

# Pulse

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## Patient Medical Equipment Appeal - \$69,994



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Now that spring is in the air, our thoughts turn toward renewal and new beginnings. We at Four Counties Health Services (FCHS) and FCHS Foundation are thankful that after three challenging years, we have entered a season of revival.

We are grateful to our dedicated staff for their ongoing commitment to care close to home, and to you, our donors for your continuing support.

As well, the Foundation is happy to welcome back our hospital volunteers. We have missed their commitment and presence in our healthcare village!

The theme of renewal and growth is ever-present in our hospital community as we strive for continued excellence in care, which includes the most up-to-date equipment and technology available.

For our 2023 Spring Appeal, FCHS Foundation continues to raise funds to purchase medical equipment for patient care right here at Four Counties Health Services, Newbury. Please consider contributing to our Spring Appeal. We appreciate your support!

### Bladder Scanner



Performs Urinary Outflow Testing

Active Care Nursing Unit

\$17,694

### Wandering System



Keeps Wandering Patients Safe

Active Care Nursing Unit

\$14,600

### Piccolo Analyzer



Performs Liver Function Testing

Emergency Department

\$25,000

### Ultrasound Stretcher



Ergonomic Ultrasound Stretcher

Diagnostic Imaging

\$9,100

### Treatment Bed



Treatment Bed for Physio Patients

Physiotherapy Department

\$3,600

**YES! Here is my gift to help support the FCHS Medical Equipment Appeal**

Donation Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Payment Method:  CHEQUE  VISA  MASTERCARD

Card No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiry: \_\_\_\_\_ CVC: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**YES!** I would like to join the **Monthly Giving Program**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Province: \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

# FCHS Foundation Update



On behalf of the Board of Governors, I send greetings to our supporters and residents of the FCHS area. As we usher in spring with blossoms and green grass, we also usher in hope that life, as we knew it, has returned. We acknowledge our healthcare workers to whom we are indebted, as they have persevered through all the trials of the past three years.

Thank you for your support and donations to purchase equipment needed for quality care. Each year FCHS Foundation works with our hospital partners to determine how best to support medical care for area residents. This newsletter illustrates necessary equipment requirements for FCHS totalling \$70,000.

This year we are reaching out in a new way with an open house to raise awareness, honour staff, and showcase hospital services. We invite you to our FCHS Open House and Family Fun Day on Saturday, June 3rd from 10 am to 2 pm. Join us in celebrating our health and first responder heroes, while learning about new services and changes to the hospital campus. The event will have a Superhero theme with fun activities for all ages. Visit us at our new Foundation office where you will receive a scavenger-hunt style passport to tour various areas of our healthcare village.

The Foundation Board and staff look forward to engaging with our neighbours onsite once again as we celebrate our hospital community. Hope to see you there!

**Tom Jeffery**  
Board Chair, FCHS Foundation

## McRoberts Family Testimonial



Our late father Ralph was very happy to hear of the planned hospital at the four corners back in the early 1960's and was enthusiastic about supporting this new community effort. He knew it was important to have health services available nearby, not only for emergencies but also for in-hospital care.

Dad realized that a patient could likely have their own doctor caring for them and family members wouldn't have to travel long distances to visit. It was important for both Mom and Dad to be involved in the community fundraising events as well as donating toward the purchase of special equipment or required upgrades.

Also, our mother Margaret volunteered to set up the library at the hospital in the early days. Mom really enjoyed the time she spent there being able to help out.

Even though our family now lives far from the area, we continue our parents' legacy of giving to FCHS Foundation. This year when the family got together to assist Mom with her yearly donations, Four Counties Hospital came to mind right away. It's nice to continue the small legacy that Dad got us all involved in so many years ago.

*Daughters: Shelley Robinson, Elaine McFadden, & Lori Dore*

### YES! I would like to join the Monthly Giving Program

I would like to give \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**METHOD OF PAYMENT:** I authorize The Foundation of Four Counties Hospital to withdraw from my bank account through my financial institution on the 10th day of each month.

I have enclosed a VOID cheque     I prefer to use my credit card     VISA     MASTERCARD

Card No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiry: \_\_\_\_\_ CVC: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

You will receive a tax receipt at the end of the year. At any time you can change or cancel your monthly contribution by notifying **The Foundation: 519-693-4441 x 2438**

At FCHS Foundation, we appreciate your support and treat your information with respect. We do not rent, sell or trade any personal information. The information you provide will be used to issue your charitable donation receipt and to keep you informed of events and fundraising opportunities in support of FCHS. If at any time you wish to be removed from our mailing list, simply contact us: 519-693-4441 ext. 2438 or info@fchsfoundation@mha.tvh.ca



# What's Happening at Four Counties Health Services

## Announcement of MHA President and Chief Executive Officer



The Middlesex Hospital Alliance (MHA) Board of Directors recently appointed Julie McBrien (she/her/they/them) to the position of President and Chief Executive Officer for Four Counties Health Services and

Strathroy Middlesex General Hospital effective February 28, 2023. The appointment of Julie was made following an extensive search and recruitment process with interest from remarkably talented leaders.

Julie joined MHA in 2021 as Vice President, Clinical Services and Chief Nursing Officer. Julie is a Registered Nurse and holds a Master of Health Sciences (MHS) degree from the University of Toronto. She is also a Certified Health Executive (CHE) through the Canadian College of Health Leaders. Julie is originally from Saint John, New Brunswick. She is married to her wife, Chris, and has a daughter that attends Wilfred Laurier University.

Since filling the interim CEO role this past June, Julie has demonstrated herself as an authentic, collaborative, transparent, and engaged leader committed to: patient and family-centred care; relationships and building partnerships; supporting our MHA teams; and leveraging innovative ideas to solve challenges.

The MHA Board and FCHS Foundation welcome Julie to the permanent role of President and CEO!

## MHA Patient and Family Advisory Council

We are pleased to share the establishment of a Patient and Family Advisory Council (PFAC) for Middlesex Hospital Alliance (MHA). This council consists of individuals who have received care at FCHS and/or SMGH, or are family members or loved ones of the person who received care with us.

The purpose of the PFAC is two-fold: 1) serve in an advisory capacity to the MHA by providing recommendations that aim to improve the patient and family experience, and 2) support patients and families to have a voice and venue to share unique experiences, and tell stories that inform/advise on improvement opportunities at our hospitals.

MHA President and CEO Julie McBrien and co-chair of the PFAC is enthusiastic about the council's formation, stating that "The creation of this council is a vital step towards our commitment to person and family-centred care. MHA believes that listening to the voices and experiences of our patients and families is essential in providing the best possible care experience. One of the first undertakings by PFAC has been to develop a new Patient Declaration of Values for the MHA. It is truly wonderful to see our MHA patient values developed by patients... for patients".

We believe that the PFAC will make a positive impact on the services, care, and experiences we provide at our hospitals.

PFAC regularly looks for new members; if you are interested in finding out more information, please contact us at [patientrelations@mha.tvh.ca](mailto:patientrelations@mha.tvh.ca)



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**plus**



### The care you need is just around the corner

Dynacare has opened a larger and newly renovated Laboratory and Health Services Centre at the front of FCHS, offering:

- Direct access from the parking lot.
- Longer hours. Visit [Dynacare.ca/Find-a-Location](https://www.dynacare.ca/Find-a-Location) for hours and current wait times.
- **Dynacare - Net Check In.** Our free Dynacare - Net Check In mobile app\* allows you to check in before arriving to our lab. We will save your spot while you wait at home.
- **Dynacare Plus.** Better manage your health and securely track your personal health information. Dynacare Plus is a health management tool available online or by downloading our mobile app\*.

\*Available on the App Store and on Google Play.

# FCHS Facilities Update



complete, this project will provide energy and maintenance savings for the facility.

We have submitted for further funding through this program and hope to hear the status of the applications over the summer.

*Ryan Whitney*

**Ryan Whitney**  
Manager, Facilities & Maintenance Services

Four Counties Health Services received \$992,781 from the Healthcare Infrastructure Renewal Fund (HIRF) in fiscal year 2022/2023. With this funding, we were able to complete the exterior door replacement project started in late winter/early spring of 2022 as well as a large section of roofing over the Emergency Department.

With the residual funding, we tendered the replacement of all rooftop exhaust fans. Once

**SAVE THE DATE**

**FCHS FOUNDATION GOLF TOURNAMENT**  
**Friday, July 14, 2023**

Registration now open  
Please visit [wardsvillegolfclub.ca](http://wardsvillegolfclub.ca)

For more info, contact Jackie Beatty at 519-784-4274  
We appreciate your support of this important fundraiser!

## Donor Dollars At Work 2022 Annual Hospital Support

<b>ECG Monitors</b>	<b>\$101,635</b>
<b>Bariatric Bed</b>	<b>\$42,980</b>
<b>Defibrillator</b>	<b>\$17,727</b>
<b>Helmer Refrigerator</b>	<b>\$12,736</b>
<b>Staff Education</b>	<b>\$12,000</b>
<b>Medical Refrigerator</b>	<b>\$9,635</b>
<b>Bariatric Stretcher</b>	<b>\$6,949</b>
<b>Centrifuge</b>	<b>\$5,093</b>
<b>CO2 Sampling Modules</b>	<b>\$3,923</b>
<b>Adult Laryngoscope</b>	<b>\$3,400</b>

FCHS continues to modernize our hospital with state-of-the-art medical equipment to best serve the needs of our patients, all of which keeps "Care Close to Home".

FCHS Foundation is pleased to support Four Counties Health Services with ongoing needs of patient medical equipment and healthcare technology. Special thanks to the individuals, municipalities, organizations, and businesses that make this a reality.

## Service Club Presentations



**RCL West Elgin Br. 221 Poppy Fund**  
**\$3,400**



**Florence Oddfellows Lodge 196**  
**\$1,000**



**Glencoe District Lions Club - \$1,000**



**Ahcom Shrine Club, Chatham - \$1,000**



**Glencoe & District Curling Club Bonspiel**  
**\$850 (total)**