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A word from the Executive Director

As the Fall season approaches, the Lakeshore General Hospital (LGH) Foundation is excited to launch its annual campaign. This year's campaign, "My Lakeshore," focuses on the Lakeshore's more personable role as a hospital of excellence in our community.

Your hospital is growing. At last count, over 8,000 admissions were accepted into the Lakeshore General Hospital. 1,200 babies are brought into the world here every year, and the ER received over 47,000 visits this past year. As well, over 3,600 cancer patients and 10,000 haemodialysis patients are treated with the help of our friendly, experienced staff. Each and every member of the West Island community should see the LGH as "my hospital;" to reflect this, we ask for your continued support to allow the hospital to continue to excel towards even higher standards.

All funds received from this campaign will go towards enhancing your community hospital. The newly-raised funds will not only help to purchase new and innovative equipment, but will have the effect of attracting top-notch physicians and nurses who will recognize the fast-growing development of the Lakeshore General Hospital. The funds will also allow existing physicians and staff members improve patient care at the LGH so that patients are provided with the most comprehensive medical attention possible.

This is your hospital – please help us make it the best we can. Let's work together to achieve and maintain health care excellence in the West Island.

Your hospital at work: haemodialysis at the Lakeshore

Did you know that your haemodialysis centre at the LGH performs over 10,000 treatments per year?

Many in our community do not know that our haemodialysis clinic provides significant benefits for West Island residents. Instead of the hassle associated with continually travelling downtown and back for treatment, the LGH offers a full-service facility for patients right down the street.

Access to the centre is easy; patients can park in dedicated parking spots in the LGH's parking lot. Existing patients will be pleased to find that the spots have been moved closer to the hospital, near the ambulatory care (side) entrance. For those who do not drive, the clinic arranges transport with Transport Adapté.

"We have a great clinic, with a great group of nurses and support staff," notes Linda Sullivan, Nurse Manager at the clinic. "We provide continuity of care, with doctors, nurses, social workers, a dietician and patient attendants – a good interdisciplinary team."

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Mr. Terrence McLaughlin receives his haemodialysis treatment from Cindy Paice

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The centre provides complete care, from pre-dialysis to transplant follow-up. Support from private donors helps to maintain the centre's all-encompassing, comfort-based approach. One priority for the clinic is raising funds for the installation of television sets for each haemodialysis station, as it helps to pass the time for patients during treatment. "This was especially true during the recent Olympics," states Ms. Sullivan.

Ms. Sullivan has high hopes for starting a social program, which will include art classes and games for patients. According to her, none of the other hospitals will have similar programs for their patients. Of course, funding for the program's commencement and continuation will be needed.

As all patients come in three times per week for four hours, relations between patients and health care providers are excellent. "We tend to become quite the family, as treatment ranges from five to seven years," Ms. Sullivan says.

The haemodialysis centre is growing, due to lack of space. Staff and patients alike are looking forward to an expansion this coming year, at which point more patients will be accepted.

With modern décor, friendly staff and a convenient location, you may consider staying in the West Island for treatment; the LGH offers a great alternative to the downtown trek.

Doctors learning more for your benefit



Dr. Max Katz and nurse Kim Jessee

The Oncology department at the LGH keeps their doctors' medical knowledge current and cutting-edge by holding specialised lectures and webcasts every few weeks. The department invites knowledgeable guest speakers to the LGH to inform doctors at our hospital about wide-ranging topics such as new medications, developments in cancer treatments, nursing during treatments, and the management of side-effects.

Past guest lecturers have included Dr. David Hyams, National Director of Clinical Research for Aptium Oncology, Dr. Philip Gordon, Vice Chairman of the Department of Surgery and Director of Colon and Rectal Surgery at the Jewish General Hospital, and Dr. Jeffrey Crawford, Chief of Medical Oncology at the Duke University Medical Center. These lectures help doctors keep reaching higher standards of health care excellence for the benefit of all of their patients at the LGH.

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 1st, 2008

8th Annual Gala at Château Vaudreuil, Pavilion sur-le-Lac

November 24th - December 24th, 2008

Holiday Gift Wrapping at Fairview Pointe-Claire

For more information on these events, or to share your ideas about holding your own event, please call the Foundation office at 514-630-2081.

THE MERCHANT CORNER

The LGH Foundation offers the rental of a kiosk in the main floor lobby of the hospital to local merchants and artisans to showcase their wares. The items for sale are always interesting, the prices are reasonable, and you will be helping to support a great cause – a part of the proceeds benefit the LGH Foundation.

The schedule below describes the merchandise that will be available from September on. Feel free to visit the lobby of the LGH to peruse the merchandise on these dates.

For more information on reserving the kiosk, please contact the LGH Foundation office at 514-630-2081.

- 09 Oct Fashion accessories
- 14 Oct Handbags, fashion accessories, tablecloths
- 20 Oct Handbags, fashion accessories, tablecloths
- 23 Oct Slippers
- 28 Oct Fashion accessories
- 04 Nov Jewellery
- 12 Nov Fashion accessories
- 18 Nov Pewter figures, crystals
- 19 Nov Gifts / Jewellery
- 20 Nov Jewellery for the Family
- 21 Nov Handbags, fashion accessories, tablecloths
- 24 Nov Christmas ornaments
- 26 Nov Fashion Accessories

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THE COMMUNITY CORNER

Nurses fanned on the 4th Floor

Noticing the higher temperatures on the 4th floor of the LGH this past May, Ms. Tracy Mackenzie donated twenty oscillating fans to the nurses to help to alleviate the summer heat.



Patient Mr. Thomas Stanley and the 4th floor nurses enjoy the newly-installed fans

Ms. Mackenzie helped to obtain the fans in order to recognize the kindness that the hospital staff showed towards her late mother, Mrs. Doris Grivell, while she received care at the hospital. The LGH Foundation and the staff on the 4th floor of the hospital thank Ms. Mackenzie for her support and for her kind consideration of the hospital's working environment.

Hits 94.7 Hockey Marathon update

The 5th annual Hits 94.7 hockey marathon, held on May 17th at the Excellent Ice rink in Kirkland, was a memorable success. Led by local personality Marty Lamarre, who has dropped the face-off puck since the marathon's inception, the marathon featured local hockey players as well as some notable ex-NHL players and celebrities.



Ex-Montreal Canadien Réjean Houle with Lakeshore Louie

A private party was held at Bourbon Street West on May 15th in anticipation of the event. Many thanks to Steve Traynor of Bourbon Street for providing us with the venue for the evening. The event was able to raise over \$35,000 for the LGH Foundation. We thank all the players, donors, sponsors, and volunteers for their commitment to health care quality in our community. A special thank you to Marty Lamarre.

Lachine community organization reaches out to the LGH Foundation

The Centre de la petite enfance de Lachine, in memory of one of their staff members, Ms. Sandra Jarvis Laplante, has extended their support to the LGH Foundation. Ms. Laplante received treatment at the oncology clinic at the LGH; a fund was created in Ms. Laplante's memory, for which the amount of \$4240 was raised for the LGH Foundation. The proceeds from the fund have allowed the Foundation to purchase a computer system as well as a non-invasive blood pressure monitor for the benefit of those who visit the oncology clinic. Our thanks to the Centre de la petite enfance de Lachine for their thoughtful generosity.

La Baie Fairview Pointe-Claire rallies together to give

Representatives from three major retailers from the La Baie Fairview Pointe-Claire – the Bay, Zellers, and Déco Découverte were very pleased to extend their support to the LGH Foundation. Ana Corrias of The Bay, Jean-Francois Drouin of Zellers, and Lois Lessard of Déco Découverte are pictured with other representatives of the stores, presenting a cheque for \$3000 to the LGH Foundation on May 8th, 2008.



The Foundation is always grateful to receive support from local businesses

Funds pledged for an echocardiograph for the Cardiology Department

The LGH Foundation would like to thank the Richard and Edith Strauss Canada Foundation, which has pledged substantial funds to allow the LGH Foundation to purchase an echocardiograph machine for the cardiology department at the hospital.

The echocardiograph machine helps to guarantee effective and appropriate diagnosis for cardiac patients. The system itself gives accurate dimensions of the functioning and size of the heart, as well as additional information to help the cardiologist assist his or her patients. Data from the medical field has shown that the death rate resulting from cardiac arrest has been substantially reduced since the inception of the machine. The echocardiograph machine will certainly contribute to excellent health care in the West Island.

Donor SpotLIGHT



The Lakeshore General Hospital (LGH) Foundation truly appreciates all gifts received, and is proud to recognize the generosity of all donors. No matter the value, our donors provide us with our most important gift – their enthusiastic support.

Two donors who have shown continuous generosity are Gerald and Elizabeth Semmelhaack, who have been ardent supporters of the Lakeshore General Hospital for over forty years.

Mr. Semmelhaack became involved with the LGH in 1964, a year after he joined the Kinsmen Club of Pointe-Claire. His club was approached by Mr. Clarence Campbell, then-president of the LGH, to raise money for the newly-burgeoning hospital. With the kinsmen, Mr. Semmelhaack was a community donor for many

years – the organization focussed their giving on, among other things, new equipment for the LGH's cardiology ward.

Mr. Semmelhaack has more personal reasons for giving to the LGH Foundation; he received treatment at the LGH after a heart attack in 1998. Afterwards, Mr. Semmelhaack gathered over fifty friends to raise enough funds for the LGH Foundation to purchase a new stress treadmill, complete with peripheral computer equipment, for the cardiology department.

He notes that giving is a good opportunity to help people, and is proud that he and his wife have been regular supporters.

Volunteering has always been important to Mrs. Semmelhaack. She was involved for many years at the LGH Foundation as well as the LGH Auxiliary as a volunteer. Both continue to be involved with the Foundation, regularly attending events such as the annual gala together, often with friends.

Now retired, Mr. and Mrs. Semmelhaack are able to fully enjoy their leisure activities. Mr. Semmelhaack is passionate about refining the landscape surrounding his new Hudson home, while Mrs. Semmelhaack enjoys playing golf at the nearby course.

"We've had good use of the hospital," Mr. Semmelhaack observes. In addition to his heart treatment, both of the couple's sons were born at the LGH. Mr. Semmelhaack sees his support as a way to recognise a community institution that has played a prominent role in his family's life.

On behalf of the patients, their families, and the staff at LGH and the LGH Foundation, thank you, Mr. and Mrs. Semmelhaack, for your many years of generous support.

Volunteer SpotLIGHT



Volunteers are an essential component in the day-to-day workings of the LGH Foundation. There are several dedicated volunteers who regularly visit our offices on the fifth floor to help us out with essential tasks to do with the routine operation of our Foundation. Their efforts in assisting us are always much appreciated and many have become friends with our office staff over the years.

The rhythmic clicking of an electronic adding machine punctuated by the clinking of change being counted can be heard every week in the office; these sounds mean that Diana Spencer is hard at work, collecting and processing the donations

that have come into the LGH Foundation's offices. A volunteer with the LGH Foundation for the past eight years, Diana has seen the Foundation grow and develop with the times. She remembers when the Foundation was located across the street in the Southwest One mall and has been with us through a few more moves since then.

Diana usually comes in twice a week, armed with patience and diligence, to help us. In addition to adding up donations, Diana also assists with data processing, thanks to her previous experience with computers, and helps with mail-outs and general office duties.

Diana began volunteering at the Royal Victoria Hospital Foundation, where she went while she was a resident of LaSalle. Now a resident of Pierrefonds and volunteering at the LGH Foundation, Diana enjoys the West Island lifestyle, playing golf weekly at the Dorval municipal golf course. She also enjoys travelling, and looks forward to holidaying in destinations like Europe.

We thank Diana for her many years of volunteering, and wish her all the best for her travel plans.

If you would like to volunteer for the LGH Foundation, please contact our offices at 514-630-2081.