

Hospital. Foundation. Community.



Working together for health care excellence in the West Island

A message from the Executive Director

In May 2007, I assumed the position of Executive Director of the Lakeshore General Hospital (LGH) Foundation. Since my arrival I've concluded that the LGH is the best-kept secret on the West Island!

Did you know that every year the LGH treats over 3,600 cancer patients? Or that it provides more than 10,000 haemodialysis treatments to West Island residents? Or that over 1,200 babies take their first breath in our birthing rooms?

The LGH as we know it today is a modern facility with state-of-the-art medical equipment and a talented, compassionate medical staff. At the same time, there are many pressing needs, and so many different areas that require the support of the Lakeshore General Hospital Foundation.

A project to double our haemodialysis treatment capacity is underway to allow more West Islanders to be treated in their own community instead of venturing downtown three times a week. Discussion has begun on revamping the ER waiting room for the comfort of the patients and their loved ones.

I am asking you to make a donation. Whether you are a current member of the Foundation, or have never contributed before, today is a great day to support your hospital—the one right next door.



Silvana Orrino
Executive Director

Every donation counts

Each tax-deductible donation helps the Lakeshore General Hospital Foundation deliver the high quality health care West Islanders deserve.

Call us at 514-630-2081 or visit us online at www.lakeshorefoundation.ca

How to volunteer

Volunteering can be a fulfilling way to learn new things and give back to the community. To become a volunteer call us at 514-630-2081 or visit us at www.lakeshorefoundation.ca.



*The Lakeshore General Hospital in October 2007
Superior facilities, equipment and people deliver superior health care*

How the Foundation helps

Equipment purchases

In recent years, funds raised by the Foundation have helped purchase, among other items, a pulmonary function machine for inhalation therapy, an echocardiogram and computerized treadmill for cardiology, an MRI and mammography unit for radiology, phototherapy equipment for the nursery, specialized chairs for geriatrics and dialysis, and surgical lasers and other operating room equipment for orthopedics, urology and general surgery.

Patient-related programs

At the specific request of corporate donors and/or foundations, the following programs were created:

- Cardiac Wellness Program
- Transport Program for Haemodialysis Patients
- Psychological support for cancer patients and their families

Annual events

In addition to its annual campaign to attract new donors, the Foundation holds a series of special events designed to provide donors with fun and social ways to support the hospital.

- Lakeshore Duck Race
- LGHF Golf Tournament
- LGHF Gala
- 94.7 HITS FM Annual Montréal Celebrity Hockey Marathon
- LGHF Holiday Wrapping Project at Fairview Pointe-Claire
- LGHF Phonathon

A tradition of broad-based community support

The Lakeshore General Hospital Foundation has played a key role in the evolution of the LGH since before it opened its doors in 1965.

The Foundation's mission is to raise funds for the purchase of medical equipment and to provide patient services beyond those paid for by government sources. The equipment needed is identified by doctors, nurses and administrators and must relate to patient care.

The idea for a hospital to serve West Islanders came straight out of the local business community. The same group of concerned citizens recognized that the cost of operating the hospital would require ongoing support from the community, so the Lakeshore General Hospital Foundation was established in August of 1964.

Over the years, the tradition of broad-based community support has remained strong, with donations coming from individuals, service clubs, corporations and other foundations.

Your donation to the Foundation contributes to a higher standard of equipment and a broader array of patient services than would be possible through government funding alone. Better equipment helps to attract the best medical professionals, and allows the LGH to offer the West Island community a superior level of health care.

Did you know?

The population served by the LGH has increased by 600% since the hospital opened in 1965

The recent addition of the Ambulatory Care Centre doubled the LGH's capacity

The LGH offers clinics in partnership with the MUHC

Each year the LGH:

Accepts over 8,000 admissions

Accommodates 50,000 ambulatory care visits

Performs 2,000,000 blood tests

Performs 11,000 surgical procedures

Treats over 3,600 cancer patients

Provides 10,000 haemodialysis treatments

Delivers 1,200 babies

The best health care is right next door

The Lakeshore General Hospital is an acute care institution with 257 beds and over 1,200 employees.

Due to its proximity to major highways, the LGH is often called upon to stabilize and treat accident victims from as far away as the Quebec/Ontario border. As a result, the LGH's emergency room is the third most-used in Montreal with over 50,000 visits annually.

The recent creation of the Ambulatory Care Centre—which includes more than 30 specialized out-patient clinics, leading-edge diagnostic services, laboratories, operating theatres and recovery rooms—helps to relieve the chronic over-burdening of the hospital's emergency room and places the LGH among the front ranks of public health care institutions.

Several clinical services are offered in partnership with the McGill University Health Centre. For example, the pediatric clinic is conducted by doctors from the Montreal Children's Hospital. Being served in the West Island means no more downtown travel.

Designated as the first of five major ambulatory care centres on the Island of Montreal, the Lakeshore General Hospital prides itself on its patient-centred care, excellence and professionalism at all levels of the organization.