



Quarterly Impact

Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation May 1, 2024

Spring Forward

Sharing the impact of your generosity is by far the most rewarding part of my day and I am delighted to do that in this Spring Impact report. With winter in the rearview, I am reflecting on how much has changed since last spring and the exciting things to come.

Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS) is revitalizing and innovating, and we have reason to celebrate! With the opening of the Kawartha North Family Health Team Urgent Care Centre (UCC) people have a dependable option for non-emergency care and those without a family doctor will soon be able to access routine checkups at the HHHS Minden site. Two new vehicles for Community Support Services will be on the road this spring and thanks to the generosity of the Minden Health Care Auxiliary, long-term care residents are enjoying a bold refresh of their home, in support of a resident-focused care model.

HHHS President and CEO, Veronica Nelson, has shown that she is dedicated to building for the future and addressing immediate concerns head-on. In consultation with community partners, HHHS has embarked on a long-term planning process to meet the County's needs for healthcare programs and services over the next twenty-five years. The HHHS Foundation is honoured to be at the table for these important discussions.

The Diagnostic Imaging project is a first step in this long-term building process which includes the addition of a CT Scanner and the newest mammography equipment, updated ultrasound and a new picture archiving system. All HHHS imaging equipment will be side-by-side and steps from the current emergency department for streamlined, patient-centred care.

The HHHS Foundation is committed to supporting this transformational work to broaden the range of health technology and services available locally. We have embarked on a campaign to raise \$4.3 million – as provincial health care funding rules rely on the community to raise the capital required. Thanks to early donations to the campaign, including a \$1 million dollar grant from the County of Haliburton, and the proceeds from last year's golf tournament, we have financially supported the first few stages of the project. We are grateful to those of you who have contributed to this important initiative thus far and offer our thanks in advance to everyone who would like to support this exciting project.

And the construction at HHHS has begun! We are already seeing the impact of this project in progress. CT on the horizon is helping to recruit more doctors and nursing staff to the county, and the addition of state-of-the-art mammography equipment will allow over 6,000 underserved people to be checked for breast cancers. The expansion and co-location of services will have a life-changing impact on how health care is delivered to people in the county.

The CT scanner will be in place this summer. After a long journey, it feels a bit surreal to say THIS summer. But it is true, the delivery date is set, and services are expected to begin before fall.

We hope that you will join us as we kickstart this transformational journey for better healthcare in the highlands. There are many ways you can help – host an event, volunteer, introduce us to someone who may want to help, or make a personal contribution of an amount that is meaningful to you. Whatever you can do, we welcome your support to reach (or exceed!) the goal to change health care for the better in the highlands.

Plus, as the weather warms up, we will be emerging from the office and connecting with the community at local events. The team and I look forward to seeing you at the Haliburton Home and Cottage Show May 31 to June 2 where we would be happy to sell you 50/50 tickets and share updates with you firsthand.

We are grateful for your generous and sustained support and hope you enjoy reading about the impact of your donations. Your commitment to optimizing health care in the Highlands makes such a positive difference in every season.

Please check out our website for more information and if you are in the area, please stop by – we would love to see you!

Melanie Klodt Wong Executive Director Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation







Exciting Transportation NEWS

Due to the successful Radiothon in 2023 and newly awarded grants from Ontario Health, HHHS Community Support Services will have TWO new vehicles on the road this spring. A passenger van and a wheelchair-accessible van will be hitting the road, shuttling patients to receive essential health care services.

Additional funds from the August Radiothon will support transportation subsidies for seniors and adults with illnesses who require transportation within or outside of the County.

Be on the lookout for these new Community Support Services vehicles on the road for YOU very soon!

Haliburton Health Radiothon on 93.5 MooseFM will be live August 15 & 16 2024.

We look forward to connecting with you on the radio and in person with more stories of success and impact. Put the dates in your calendar!

A note from a monthly donor

'My family has had a cottage on Boshkung Lake for many years and we are grateful for the excellent health care we have received through Haliburton Highlands Health Services.

2021 was an exceptional year. I fractured my humerus in February, and my mother-in-law was admitted for almost a week in the summer. Both of us remember the care and compassion we received during this stressful time. Our monthly donation is a gesture of gratitude and support for the HHHS healthcare team. Thank you!'



Thank you for your support each month Ann!

When to go where to get the BEST care

Print a copy to have handy at your home or cottage!

HCSA supports DEN

Haliburton County Snowmobile Association was given lemons this winter and still chose to make lemonade in support of **HHHS Diabetes Education Network** (DEN)!

When their initial commitment to calculate grooming hours to determine their donation was stymied due to lack of snow, HSCA volunteers did a 'pop-up' bottle drive and delivered a \$2,000 *big cheque* to the Foundation. DEN will be able to purchase a vascular doppler thanks to the substantial support of our local snowmobile club.

We are grateful to the incredible HSCA membership for this investment in healthcare that will benefit us year round!

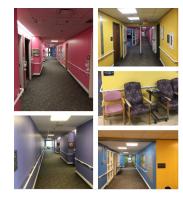


Hyland Crest Beautification



A generous donation from the **Minden Health Care Auxiliary** provided funds for 'resident-focused' improvements at HHHS Hyland Crest. The mural and uniquely coloured hallways offer visual interest and a home environment for all residents to enjoy, but they are especially helpful for seniors with cognitive decline. Colours were selected to help with spatial differentiation and to create a calm environment.

We are grateful for the Auxiliary's long-standing support.



From the Board

Looking for an opportunity to make an impact in the community?

The HHHSF Board of Directors is looking for individuals with expertise in areas such as: Human Resources, Fundraising, Investment Management, Community Board Experience, Legal to join the Board

Please contact **Melanie Klodt Wong** if you are interested in learning more.

Annual General Meeting:

Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation Board of Directors Thursday, June 27, 2024 10am More details to follow. All welcome.

Community Engagement

Veronica Nelson, President and CEO of Haliburton Highlands Health Services, hosted engagement sessions this winter with the community - sharing information about health services available in the county. View the video and slide presentation of the March 2024 session with this <u>video link</u>. Enjoy!



Summer student opportunity!

Do you know a student who would enjoy working with the Foundation this summer?
Do they qualify for Canada Summer Jobs?
We would love to hear from them!

Our Summer Event Assistant position contract is from June to August, 2024 and provides a great opportunity to learn about events and healthcare fundraising in Haliburton County. See the full posting here and email foundation@hhhs.ca for more information!

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