



Quarterly Impact

Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation August, 2024

Midsummer check-in

The glorious days of summer in Haliburton County pass quickly, yet I am amazed at how much can be packed into these hot hazy days. Since our last update, we have had the good fortune to: meet many donors and supporters, celebrate volunteers, celebrate the opening of CT scanning services for the first time in the County, co-host events, and be invited to events and AGMs throughout the area, with more on the books before the beautiful days of fall arrive.

We have been overwhelmed by the genuine and caring conversations that have resulted in significant gifts and not one, but two, matching challenges! In May, we were honoured to announce a \$500,000 donation from the Cockwell Family and Haliburton Forest & Wild Life Reserve Ltd. Malcolm Cockwell, Managing Director of Haliburton Forest shared that "as a major employer in the County we want to ensure that our employees, their families, all residents and visitors to the region have access to life-saving diagnostic tools locally, if and when they need them."

In June, long-time supporters, Scott and Chere Campbell came forward with a \$500,000 donation and an additional pledge to match gifts up to \$500,000 in the coming months. Today we are announcing that grateful-patient, Richard Muir from Eagle Lake, has offered to match gifts up to \$100,000 for this year's Health Radiothon. Clearly inspired by these community leaders, donors showed an outpouring of generosity and have come forward in a very big way to show their support for the *Here For You in the Highlands* Campaign.

These noted donations are transformational, however, all donations and support from the community are important to us, big or small. We want to celebrate everyone who recognizes the importance of local healthcare through your donations of funds and donation of time and expertise through volunteerism.

Because of recent support, we are over 80% towards our goal. It is astounding to me that we are this far along so quickly. And we are not stopping, we are working to stretch the goal to fund the much-needed replacement of the HHHS x-ray equipment, adding to the new diagnostic imaging suite of services.

We will continue to increase financial resources for local healthcare, to meet the evolving needs of the community to keep the health services and equipment available when you need them. I'm excited about the future of local health care in the highlands and I am thrilled you are on this journey with us.

I hope you are enjoying these summer days and I look forward to seeing you soon.

Melanie Klodt Wong Executive Director Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation

CT Scanner now serving Haliburton County

June 17, 2024 was a joyous day as the CT SCANNER arrived onsite to smiles from staff, volunteers and the press.

By July 10, the scanner was up and running and the first emergency patient to benefit from this incredible technology was Jim Frost. He was brought to the hospital and his physician was thrilled to be able to send him down the hall for diagnostic imaging. Jim is a proud Haliburton Lions member who was just the first of many who will be spared the trip outside of the County for a CT Scan.

HHHS and HHHSF teams have anticipated this day for months and are forever grateful for the MANY generous donors who made this dream a reality.

The <u>Here For You in the Highlands</u> campaign continues to raise funds for more life-saving equipment for County residents.







On the Road for YOU in the Highlands

Radiothon 2023 helped put two brand new vans on the road for Community Support Services that will be used to shuttle patients safely and comfortably to health care services.

When you see them around the County, know that your support helped in a very significant way.

Community Support Services can be reached at **705.457.2941**



2024 Matt Duchene Charity Golf Classic

The 2024 Matt Duchene Charity Golf Classic presented by Ridgewood Ford, held on July 19, 2024, at Blairhampton Golf Club was a hats-off success! Once again, the community demonstrated exceptional generosity, bringing in \$222,000 to support the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation. This achievement is a testament to the sustained commitment of our sponsors and volunteers whose collective efforts brought the event to life.

The spirited participation of golfers and guests alike brought an enthusiastic energy that endured until the final winning bid, thanks to the stories and guidance of MC Paul Longo and the persuasive talents of Auctioneer Keith Moore. Special recognition goes to the Duchene family, whose dedication has ensured the continuity and success of this muchanticipated annual event.

We extend our deepest gratitude to all who contributed to the triumph of the 2024 MDCGC, especially the organizing committee: Troy Austen, Vince Duchene and Susannah Moylan for the time and talent they volunteered once again. Your support is instrumental in supporting healthcare in Haliburton County.

We look forward to another memorable event 2025!

The 2024 Haliburton Health Radiothon on 93.5 MooseFM presented by Minden Subaru August 15 & 16 ~ 6am-6pm

With a focus on mammography and women's health, funds raised through the Health Radiothon this year will boost the *Here for You in the Highlands* campaign to bring modern digital mammography to the County for the first time.

Over 6,000 women throughout Haliburton County will benefit from easy access to the digital mammography unit that is expected to be operational by late 2024. With early diagnosis of breast cancer offering the greatest chance for successful treatment and survival, this new diagnostic service will save time, money and lives. And regardless of where you live in Ontario, your mammogram can be booked in Haliburton County.

This year's Radiothon has an incredible DOUBLE matching opportunity. For every \$1 donation, \$2 are matched by donors resulting in a \$3 impact. With a generous matching donation from Richard Muir (see below) and the current matching campaign the success of the *Here for You in the Highlands* campaign illustrates the power and commitment of

a county that cares about local healthcare.

Tune in to 93.5 MooseFM to hear first hand from people whose lives have been saved at HHHS and from breast cancer survivors who are alive today due to access to timely screening.



Matching gift announced

Long-time Eagle Lake resident, business owner and grateful patient, Richard Muir is challenging all Highlanders to donate to *Here for You in the Highlands* by offering to match donations up to \$100,000 at the upcoming MooseFM Health Radiothon.

Following a significant health event in 2022, Richard Muir knows just how important hospitals are to rural communities. "I would have died if I had not gone to the hospital," he says. "I could not have received better care than what I did in Haliburton. It was second to none. Dr. Mason and the staff there, kept me alive. See the full story on our website hhhs.ca/foundation/radiothon



215 years of volunteering

On June 15, the Foundation and HHHS teams had the pleasure of hosting recipients of Ontario Volunteer Service Awards!

The OVSA awards recognize individuals for their commitment to **volunteering** and longstanding **service** to the community. We are grateful for the immense talent and expertise volunteers share with us.

Congratulations and thank you!!!!

We want to hear from you! We have heard through the waterways that there are dedicated champions of local healthcare in the community raising funds in creative ways. We want to hear from you! If you are selling bird houses, hand-made soaps, making quilts or bread or something else and talking up the Here for You in the Highlands Campaign, please send us your photos and testimonials! We would love to showcase your efforts in our newsletters.



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