

# A Note From The Executive Director



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*Gratitude – a feeling of  
appreciation or thanks*

*(Merriam-Webster Dictionary)*

The definition seems too simple when our gratitude is so enormous. How do you thank an entire community for always stepping up to support our hospital, whether through inspirational notes that lift the spirits of our healthcare teams or by making a donation to ensure our hospital continues

to acquire state-of-the-art equipment and technology?

Gratitude is what has sustained us and given us hope throughout the ongoing pandemic. With gifts from the community, Georgetown Hospital Foundation has been able to fund new equipment items including an electrocardiogram machine, an ultrasound for the Emergency Department and new surgical equipment. Coming soon will be a new ultrasound for the Diagnostic Imaging department. All of these items are critical to the timely diagnosis and treatment of various conditions, including COVID-19, and all of them were funded by donors like YOU.

As our community grows, healthcare needs are changing and Georgetown Hospital is planning ahead to determine how the hospital will evolve, including investing in new technologies and methods of delivering care. Donations from the community are directed to the highest priority needs of the hospital to ensure that care is exemplary. We are deeply grateful for your ongoing support.

We look forward to sharing more details as future plans for the hospital unfold to ensure that Georgetown Hospital continues to be the heart of our community.

I want to thank Martindale Gardens for generously sponsoring the production of this newsletter. On behalf of all of the physicians, nurses and staff at Georgetown Hospital, I extend our heartfelt gratitude and wish you the very best for 2022.

## Fun Ideas to Warm Up Your Winter

- Walk or hike the many beautiful trails in Halton
- Plan a family winter picnic
- Host a backyard skating party, or plan a family fun skating event
- Take a brisk walk after dinner
- Try a new winter activity -- snowboarding, curling, snowshoeing
- Make a snowman or snow angel with the kids
- Walk whenever you can -- to go to school, work or to go shopping
- Explore a new park on snowshoes
- Shovel your driveway -- don't forget your neighbour's driveway
- Take a walk at lunch with co-workers



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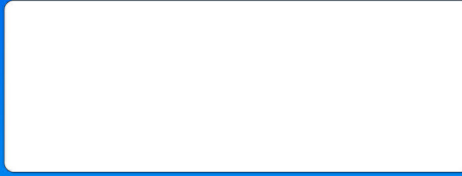


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# 2022 Winter Newsletter

Important News and Updates



# Georgetown 50/50 Lottery Winners - The McBeans

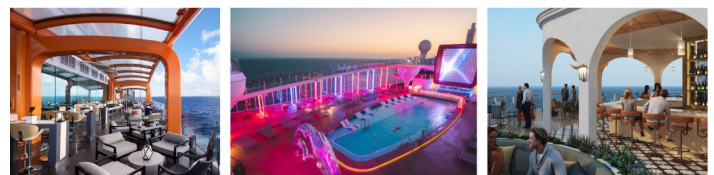
It was a chilly November morning when screams of excitement over the phone caused Bob McBean to end a business meeting early. The excitement was coming from his wife Dianne, who shared that they were the lucky winners of the Georgetown Hospital Foundation 50/50 draw. It was Bob's first time playing, and when asked why he said "it is an important cause and the hospital is the foundation of our great community." Both Bob and Dianne were born and raised in Georgetown, and Bob still has the only post card Georgetown ever produced, which featured him as a young boy riding his bike through downtown.



The Georgetown Hospital Foundation has been running lotteries for the past year, selling over \$150,000 in tickets and making 16 other grand prize winners very happy. All lottery proceeds are directed to the highest priority equipment needs at Georgetown Hospital.

Coming soon the Foundation will launch a new lottery with a chance to win a 7-day Celebrity Cruise, courtesy of Expedia in Georgetown. There are also nine other amazing prizes donated by local businesses to be won,

including a shopping spree for two at Elizabeth's (\$500 value) and a couples massage and pedicure donated by The Downtown Spa (\$310 value). For additional information and to purchase tickets visit [www.GeorgetownLottery.ca](http://www.GeorgetownLottery.ca).



## With YOUR support...

Your generous donations over the past year allowed our hospital to purchase a new echocardiogram, an ultrasound machine for your heart!

An echocardiogram helps our physicians to diagnose heart conditions, generating an assessment of your heart beating and pumping blood allowing for timely diagnosis and treatment.





## Meet our new Associate Director

**M**y name is Knesia Sholdra and I am extremely proud to introduce myself as the new Associate Director of Philanthropy and Events with the Georgetown Hospital Foundation. I feel incredibly honoured to serve this amazing community and to assist with the important task of raising funds so that our talented healthcare teams continue to provide exemplary care close to home!

It is a task I do not take lightly, and as a mom and Georgetown resident, I was reminded of the great importance of our community hospital only one month into my new role. I received a call from my son's school that he had fallen and hit his eye and should be seen by a doctor. Sitting in the emergency department waiting room, I reflected on the number of times I had been there before. As always, the care was exceptional - the screeners, the nurses in triage, nurse Karen and Dr. Neil Dilworth who examined my son.



*Knesia Sholdra and her son*

*Thank you to our incredible emergency department team for all the work you do!*

To all of our donors, thank you! I look forward to meeting you and working with you as we continue to grow.

## Donating only 1% would have a 100% impact

Our appreciation for our families has deepened these past two years. Family will always come first, and rightfully so, especially when updating your will. But you may also appreciate Georgetown Hospital and may wonder, is there enough to give to both in your will? After Grant and Jean Leonard spoke with their family and advisors, Grant recently remarked, "We realized very quickly we could accommodate our family AND share some of our assets with the Georgetown Hospital Foundation." Calculate a 1% gift from your assets and you may be surprised you too can include a gift to the Georgetown Hospital Foundation in your will. Gifts of all sizes are appreciated and received with gratitude.



### Gift Planning | Ways to Give

Gift in your Will

Stocks

Trusts or Endowments

Life Insurance

Annuities

For more information about how you can make a future gift to Georgetown Hospital, please contact:

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# Hospital Update from Dr. Carson

A shining beam of light throughout the pandemic has been the strength and resilience of our community. One of the leaders spearheading Georgetown Hospital's response to the pandemic is longtime resident and Georgetown Hospital Foundation supporter, Associate Chief of Staff Dr. Craig Carson. Dr. Carson was born and raised in Dundas, Ontario and moved with his wife to Georgetown over 24 years ago to open his family practice.

The past year, Dr. Carson explained, has been intense but rewarding and he has been incredibly proud of the physicians, nurses and staff at Georgetown Hospital. He shared that throughout the pandemic our community hospital played a significant role in Ontario's response. "Our team really stepped up on all levels, providing exceptional care during extremely difficult times," said

Dr. Carson, noting that Georgetown Hospital was one of the hospitals that received COVID-19 patient transfers from other areas. From early in the pandemic, Georgetown Hospital worked closely with public health and was a leader in providing support to long term care homes experiencing outbreaks, first in Halton and then expanding to other regions.

In the last year, the hospital has added to its talented healthcare team, including a number of new hospitalists, surgeons, an inpatient geriatric psychiatrist and urologist. Dr. Carson explained that a community hospital is built based on the needs of the community. "We identify the services needed within the community and bring in the best experts based on those needs. The addition of our new urologist Dr. Alaya Yassein and her highly specialized surgical skills is a reflection of just that."

As the Halton Hills area continues to grow so do services for the many families moving to the area. One of the services added is next day follow up appointments for pediatric patients that visit our emergency department, providing peace of mind for parents when their little ones become sick or injured.

The hospital also recently implemented a new electronic medical record system for patient care. This new software will impact every aspect of the hospital such as enhancing communication across healthcare teams, elevating patient safety and further extending the levels of exceptional care.

Dr. Carson and his family also take part in the Walk or Run for Georgetown Hospital each September and are proud donors. "The foundation staff are a great group to work with, the events are fun and my family is always happy to attend! I believe it is important to support the people who support you and living in the community the hospital is here to serve us. The Foundation works hard to meet the hospital's needs too - I've got to help them."

Dr. Carson commended our community on the support and acts of kindness the hospital has received throughout the pandemic, such as sending coffee, kind messages and even lunches to the physicians, nurses and staff. "These acts of kindness are inspiring and is what our community is all about."



*"Dr. Carson and his family participating in this year's Walk or Run event"*

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## In the Community

### GEORGETOWN BEER STORE BOTTLE DRIVE

The Georgetown Beer Store Team ran a month-long, community bottle drive in support of the Georgetown Hospital Foundation. With help of the community dropping off empties and making in store donations, they raised over \$12,000 for the Georgetown Hospital!



### WALK OR RUN FOR GEORGETOWN HOSPITAL

The annual 2021 Walk or Run for Georgetown Hospital was held on Sunday, September 26, 2021. Thanks to our generous sponsors, donors and participants, this was the most successful Walk to date with just over \$81,000 was raised and 375



participants. We look forward the next event on Sunday, September 25, 2022!

### MAKING A DIFFERENCE TOGETHER -- ONLINE SHOPPING EVENT

An amazing group of small local business owners came together to host the "Making a Difference Together" online shopping event in September. These businesses generously donated 10% of their proceeds from to the hospital for a total of \$800!



## Upcoming Events

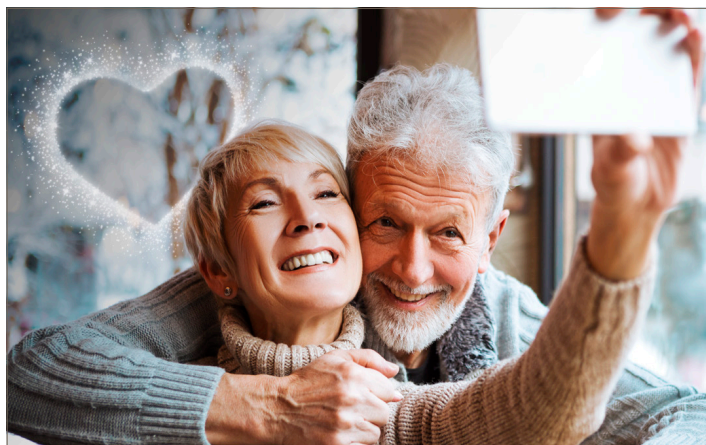
**Sunday, September 25, 2022**

*Walk or Run for the Georgetown Hospital Foundation*

**Saturday, November 5, 2022**

*Georgetown Hospital Foundation Gala*

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## Creating joy brings us joy!

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