

Newsletter

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Richard & Laura Wilson
CGMH Foundation Supporters

Big plans. Small town heart.

The excitement is building and each day, South Georgian Bay’s new hospital is on everyone’s mind. What will the new hospital be called? Where will it be located? How many floors will it have? What new services are coming to the new hospital? These are all questions that a dedicated CGMH team is working diligently to answer during this phase of detailed planning and beyond for the new hospital.

The CGMH team is working hard to design a space that is innovative, collaborative, and supports compassionate patient care, ensuring that the voices of the patient, providers and healthcare partners are heard in every step of the design.

What we do know for sure about the new hospital, is that it will take each and every one of us that lives, works and plays in this beautiful area to bring it to life.

Let’s build tomorrow, together.

TOMORROW IS BUILT TODAY



Dr. Olivia Cheng,
CGMH Orthopaedic Surgeon

A growing region needs a hospital built for tomorrow.

- Collingwood**
Population will double over the next 20 years
- Blue Mountains**
5th fastest growing community in Canada
- Wasaga Beach**
Grew over 20% from 2016 to 2021 vs. provincial average of 5.8%
- Grey Highlands**
Grey Highlands expects steady population growth to 2046
- Clearview**
Clearview expects managed population growth, targeting 19,700 by 2031



KEY FEATURE:

State-of-the-Art Learning.

Dr. Jesse Guscott, a Rural Generalist and award-winning Medical Educator, envisioned CGMH as a leader in rural medical education. He proposed a simulation-based training program tailored to the unique challenges of rural healthcare - with the long-term goal of sharing it with other rural healthcare providers and creating a sustainable revenue stream for CGMH.

“We are practicing the things that happen only occasionally, that are very dangerous, that are very high stakes, where decision-making, communication, leadership in the moment, is going to make a difference in patient outcomes.” says Dr. Guscott.



Hear more from Dr. Guscott on our podcast: A Day Away cgmhf.com/podcast

Simulation training (similar to flight simulators in the aviation industry), allows healthcare professionals to safely practice clinical scenarios using high-fidelity mannequins and immersive settings. It builds confidence and bedside skills without risking patient safety.



What began in 2016 in an oversized closet at CGMH has grown into a nationally recognized program, training learners from across North America. From trauma simulations with live actors to the innovative SCORE (Simulating Crisis for Optimal Response in Emergencies) program, CGMH is setting a new standard in rural medical training.

As plans for Tomorrow’s Hospital take shape, the simulation program will move into a purpose-built space, expanding its reach, leveraging newer technology, and continuing to prepare teams for the moments that matter most.

Tomorrow’s Hospital Key Features:

- 100% Private In-Patient Rooms
- Increased Operating & Procedure Room Capacity
- Expanded Emergency Department
- State-of-the-Art Learning Facility
- Satellite Chemotherapy Unit



Campaign Leadership

We are grateful to this group of extraordinary philanthropic, business and community leaders guiding this campaign. They are deeply committed to transforming care in South Georgian Bay, and to providing our healthcare professionals the space, tools and flexibility they need to serve our community into the future.



Clockwise from top left: Campaign Co-Chairs Tony Arrell, Jennifer Young and Gordon Canning and Campaign Cabinet Members Jack Marley, George Dickson and Kara McIntosh.

Building tomorrow, together.



Donate to bring the new hospital to life.

Celebrating Our Generous Supporters

We are taking this opportunity to recognize the incredible people who are helping shape the future of healthcare in South Georgian Bay. These generous supporters are turning the vision of Tomorrow's Hospital into something real and lasting.

Their support is a reflection of shared values, of care for neighbours, and of a belief in a healthier, more connected community. Thanks to their leadership, we are laying the groundwork for care that will serve generations to come.

We are also excited to share that *On The Bay* magazine will be featuring another group of dedicated supporters in its upcoming issue. Their stories and contributions continue to inspire, reminding us that when our community comes together, magic happens.



"When Ingrid and I moved to Collingwood in 2012, we sought a way to give back, and found it in the CGMH Foundation. Over 12 years, I've seen first hand how this small rural hospital delivers exceptional innovation and care. It's the people - over 600 staff and 300 volunteers - who make every visit efficient, comfortable, and compassionate. It's the generosity of our South Georgian Bay community that empowers the Foundation to fund vital equipment and support outstanding care. Now, as we prepare to build a new hospital, we're laying the foundation for future generations. Ingrid and I are proud to support this vision and encourage others to join us. Tomorrow's healthcare is truly being built today."

Michael Dick & Ingrid McLeod-Dick



Kevin Pearce dedicated 33 years to the Metropolitan Toronto Police, earning accolades for his courage and lifesaving work. A true family man, he also spent over 25 years supporting the Children's Wish Foundation, living by the motto "family first." After retiring at 52, Kevin looked forward to more time with loved ones and his passion for golf.

In his honour, his family established Fairway to Families First, a heartfelt tribute to Kevin's legacy. Their generous donation to Tomorrow's Hospital reflects the values he lived by and ensures his spirit continues to support families for generations to come.

Fairways to Families First



"For seven generations the Collingwood area has been home to our family. The CGMH has always been there for us through sickness, injury, surgeries and births. The caring doctors, nurses, staff, and volunteers continue to provide us and our neighbours with excellent and needed healthcare. We invite you to join us in supporting CGMH, so that current and future generations can continue to rely on the outstanding care this hospital provides."

Larry & Jennifer Young



"This new medical facility is going to transform the quality of life in our community and we want to be part of it and support it to the greatest extent possible. We were inspired by the vision and the quality of care provided by the existing hospital and staff and we are excited to see the quality of care and impact on our community that will come with the new facility, programs and staff."

Dan Coholan & Sarah Mills



Pete Crompton lived life with passion, kindness, and an infectious spirit that inspired everyone around him. Following his tragic passing in 2003, The Pete Crompton Foundation was created to honour his legacy. Over the past 20 years, they have made many generous donations to CGMH. Now, as The Pete Crompton Foundation enters a new chapter, they have chosen CGMH once again for a transformational gift aligned with Pete's values and vibrant life. This generous gift to Tomorrow's Hospital will help transform care in our communities and give our exceptional medical professionals the space, tools, and flexibility they need to serve future generations.

The Pete Crompton Foundation

Let's Build Tomorrow, Together

As the season turns and we look ahead to the future, we are filled with gratitude for your incredible generosity in supporting our hospital.

This summer, a long-awaited milestone became reality: our very first MRI machine arrived at CGMH. The suite has been created, and our Diagnostic Imaging team is completing specialized training to launch the service later this fall. Once operational, the MRI will bring advanced diagnostic care closer to home for thousands of patients. We are deeply grateful to our community for raising more than \$5 million to make this possible. This achievement is a powerful reminder of what we can accomplish when we come together with a shared purpose.

Building on this incredible momentum, we turn our sights to Tomorrow. With your continued support, we have embarked on the most ambitious healthcare initiative our region has ever seen: a \$100+ million campaign to build Tomorrow's Hospital. This new, state-of-the-art facility will transform care in South Georgian Bay. Tomorrow's Hospital will be larger than our current building, offering expanded services, greater privacy, and the environment our teams need to deliver world-class care, right here at home.

The momentum to bring this vision to life is being created by many: healthcare professionals, volunteers, and all our supporters. It is your belief in this mission that is making it real. Your generosity

is building a legacy of care, compassion, and innovation. In this newsletter, we're proud to highlight some of the generous supporters whose contributions are already shaping the future of healthcare in our region.

Let's keep building tomorrow, together.

With heartfelt thanks,



Brad Miller
CGMH Foundation
Board Chair

Sandra Taylor
President & CEO
CGMH Foundation

Featured on the Cover:

Richard & Laura Wilson, generous supporters of the CGMH Foundation. Watch for *On The Bay* magazine's upcoming Fall issue where we celebrate visionary leaders like the Wilsons.

With gratitude to Jess Crandlemire, Kim Vincent, and Michael Gray for their beautiful photography throughout this issue.

Board of Directors & Staff Listing

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CGMH’s First MRI is Coming This Fall

Sandra Taylor, CGMH Foundation President & CEO with Wayne & Maureen Pitman, CGMH Foundation Supporters.

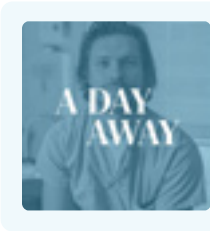
Thanks to incredible generosity of donors across South Georgian Bay, construction is nearly complete on our first ever Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) Suite. This state-of-the-art, 2,000-square-foot renovation on the lower level of CGMH is now home to our first MRI Suite that is set to open in late fall 2025.

Once operational, the MRI will:

- **Reduce travel** for more than 11,000 local residents each year who currently leave the region for scans.
- **Shorten wait times** enabling faster diagnoses and more timely treatment decisions.
- **Enhance patient care** across the region by providing advanced imaging close to home.

“It’s something our community’s grown to the point of really needing. Our patients when we admit them and wait, that’s a reasonable plan, but not the best plan. The MRI here will give us the best plan.”

Dr. Greg Devet, CGMH Chief of Emergency Medicine
- A Day Away Podcast



Hear more from Dr. Devet on our podcast
cgmhf.com/podcast



Listen in!

Transforming an old office and meeting room to a fully equipped MRI Suite required careful planning and collaboration. Since December 2024, CGMH teams have worked closely with architects and engineers to meet strict space, electrical, and magnetic safety requirements. With limited space available, careful planning was key.

In July, this construction project reached a major milestone with the arrival of the MRI machine and the magnet chiller.

What’s Next?

As we prepare for our first patients later this fall the new CGMH team is focused on:

- Final equipment installation
- System testing and commissioning
- Staff training

A skilled team of MRI Technologists and Radiologists will ensure the unit is ready to deliver safe, high-quality care as soon as possible.

This project is more than just a new service—it’s an investment in CGMH’s present and future. It meets urgent needs today while laying the groundwork for expanded diagnostic imaging in Tomorrow’s Hospital, anticipated to begin construction in 2028.

Thank you for your continued support as we work together to bring expanded healthcare services to South Georgian Bay.



The Giving Circle

The Giving Circle gathered for its annual meeting on September 30th. This group of women, united in support of the CGMH Foundation, is dedicated to funding projects that make a real difference in the care patients receive at CGMH. Together, members not only give but also participate in a shared decision-making process that determines how their generosity is directed. Here are the projects that were presented at this year’s meeting:

DXA Encode for Faster, Accurate Bone Mineral Density Assessments

This system simplifies intake, automates reporting, and keeps results aligned with evolving standards. It reduces delays and supports timely, accurate diagnosis and monitoring for patients.

Cognitive Behavioural Therapy Training for Psychosis for Enhancing Mental Health Care

This training combines evidence-based therapy with medical care to reduce patient hospitalizations and support their long-term stability. It empowers patients with insight and tools for managing hallucinations, delusions, and disorganized thinking, which helps in improving both recovery and quality of life.

OMNI Hysteroscope for Better Outcomes in Women’s Health

This instrument set provides gynecologists with enhanced visibility and access for diagnosing and treating fibroids, polyps, and other conditions, while eliminating the need for open surgery, lowering risks and ensuring more effective patient care.

Bioelectrical Impedance Analysis Machine for Reducing Fracture Risk

With this equipment, our Orthopaedics team will be able to identify muscle loss before it leads to serious complications. They will also be able to support proactive treatment plans that protect mobility, reduce hospitalizations, and promote stronger aging in our community.

Mindful Meals for Supporting Mental Health Through Food Security

This is a pilot project creating a food pantry within the Mental Health building to serve outpatients facing food insecurity. Providing access to nutritious food, reduces stress, supports treatment, and promotes overall well-being.



CGMH Employee GIVING CLUB 25

Pictured: Cassandra Clair, CGMH Surgical RN & Employee Giving Club Member

This year, we celebrate 25 years of the Employee Giving Club (EGC) at CGMH. What started back in 2000 as a way for staff to come together and support the equipment they use every day has grown into a tradition of generosity and pride.

The EGC has raised more than \$415,000 for essential equipment and technology across the hospital. From surgical tools in the OR to cardiac monitors in the Emergency Department, from a neonatal transport isolette in Obstetrics to a blood bank freezer in the Lab, EGC contributions have strengthened care in every corner of CGMH.

Today, close to 60 percent of our staff are proud members of the EGC. This commitment reflects the heart of CGMH, where those who care for our patients also step forward to champion the future of care in our community.

Looking ahead, the Employee Giving Club is now supporting Tomorrow's Hospital, ensuring its 25-year legacy continues to grow. Thank you to all members whose generosity strengthens care today and builds hope for tomorrow.

CAUSE FOR CELEBRATION.

1. The annual Pre-loved Fashion Sale, hosted by AGNORA, brought community and style together for a great cause.
2. The Ontarians and Matt Weidinger lit up Unplugged in the Barn, hosted by Duntroon Highlands.
3. Jax Davenport and her parents once again brought joy to the community with their annual Jax Pays It Forward event at Side Launch.

4. The BackSpin Barn Dance featuring The BackSpin Band hosted at Christiane and Adam Delean's property.
5. Client Appreciation & Fundraiser hosted by KW Collaborative at the Wilkinson Barn..
6. On the slopes at the second annual Osler 42, proudly hosted by Osler Bluff Ski Club.
7. The Rotary Club of South Georgian Bay hosted a spirited St. Patrick's Day celebration featuring live music by Silent Hill.



Matthew's Story of Survival and Gratitude at CGMH

Wasaga Beach realtor Matthew Zuccarini was on a routine drive through Collingwood when everything changed. Without warning, he was overcome by nausea and confusion. Unable to explain where he was, he called his wife, Amanda. Her quick thinking and a phone tracking app led emergency services straight to him.

By the time Amanda got to the scene, what had seemed like a panic attack quickly escalated. Matthew's heart rate surged to 278 beats per minute. He was rushed to CGMH, where he was met by a team of skilled healthcare professionals.

At CGMH, Matthew was placed under the care of Dr. Mike Randazzo, Chief of Internal Medicine. Moments after arriving in the Emergency Department, Matthew's heart stopped.

What happened next felt surreal. Matthew recalls hovering above his body, watching the medical team work, and feeling his late father gently guide him back to his body.

Matthew spent the next two weeks in CGMH's Intensive Care Unit. Understanding how much he missed his young son, the nursing team arranged a special visit in the hospital garden. That moment gave Matthew the strength to keep fighting. Just weeks after returning home, Amanda discovered she was expecting their second child - a daughter Matthew was able to meet, thanks to the swift and skilled response of CGMH's medical team.



Watch Matthew's story here:



"I should not have survived," Matthew says. "But because of CGMH, I did."

In May, the Zuccarinis invited Dr. Randazzo into their home to express their gratitude. Matthew later shared on social media, "This is the man that revived me from the brink of death... He's my angel on earth."

Monthly Giving Club

Matthew's story is a powerful reminder of why Tomorrow's Hospital matters. As our community grows, so do our healthcare needs. Your monthly gifts will help build a hospital that ensures people like Matthew continue to receive lifesaving care, right here at home.



Join the club!



Mad River Classic Raises \$75,000 on 31st Anniversary

Presented by lead sponsor Tatham Engineering, the 31st annual Mad River Classic golf tournament was held on June 5, 2025 at the Mad River Golf Club. Thanks to the generosity of our incredible sponsors and spirited golfers, we raised \$75,000. Proceeds from this year's tournament will go towards Tomorrow's Hospital.

A special thank you to Mad River Golf Club for their ongoing support of the tournament.

32nd Annual Mad River Classic

On September 21, 2026, the 32nd annual Mad River Classic will return to the scenic Mad River Golf Club, presented by lead sponsor Tatham Engineering. Full event details will be available on our Events Page in early 2026 - stay tuned!

Through the Lens of Service:

Michael's Impact at CGMH



For many, a hospital visit can feel overwhelming. Now imagine being greeted by a volunteer whose warm smile and calm presence instantly put you at ease. That's Michael Gray Wheeler—a valued member of CGMH's volunteer team whose kindness and dedication leave a lasting impression.

After retiring in 2023, Michael and his wife chose Collingwood for its natural beauty and strong sense of community. Wanting to stay engaged, he joined CGMH as a volunteer and quickly took on multiple roles: Patient and Family Advisor, assisting in CT and X-ray, and supporting the welcome desk when needed.

Michael's comfort in a hospital setting comes from decades in healthcare IT. His career began in Montreal at the Jewish General Hospital while studying Media and Digital Imaging. Blending healthcare and photography sparked a passion that led him to become a clinical applications trainer and later a director with AGFA Healthcare, where he built training centres and worked with Radiologists, Clinicians, and Technologists across North America.

"I've been to hundreds of hospitals," Michael shares. "I used to do workflow assessments at large institutions like Boston General. I can tell you, CGMH is running incredibly well."

Michael's artistic side also shines at CGMH. The Foundation often invites him to capture special moments through his photography—something he finds deeply rewarding. "There are unique moments every day," he says. "If we slow down and train our eyes to see them, life becomes that much richer."

Beyond CGMH, Michael volunteers with Habitat for Humanity, Golden Rescue, and GTHS Marketing, continuing a legacy of service that began over 25 years ago with the Lions Club.

Michael's story reminds us how one person's talents and generosity can ripple through a community. His dedication—inside and outside CGMH—reflects the vibrant volunteer spirit that makes our hospital so special.

Interested in volunteering at CGMH?
Contact Sadie Nixon, Manager, Volunteer Services
at nixons@cgmh.on.ca



"The CGMH leadership team truly embodies what healthcare needs: compassion, caring, empathy, and a passion for patient well-being. From Nursing Teams to Radiology Technologists and Support Staff, there's a palpable sense of genuine commitment to patients. We are so fortunate to have such a dedicated team here in Collingwood."

Big Plans.

Small town heart.



Because tomorrow is:

100% Private Rooms For All Patients

Precision Under Pressure

First Introductions

A Smart Investment

Innovative

A Chance To Grow

Leadership In Rural Medicine

A Gift

Enhanced Patient Experience

In 2025, the CGMH Foundation Tree of Life Campaign embraces the excitement of Tomorrow's Hospital as we come together to raise \$100 + million for the new state-of-the-art hospital for South Georgian Bay.

Donate today to bring Tomorrow's Hospital to life.



TREE of LIFE

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Tomorrow is a legacy.

Tomorrow's Hospital is a gift to future generations. Consider your legacy by including CGMH in your will.

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