

New Season, New Beginnings Whitby Hospital re-opens after three-year renovation



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Bruce Smith and volunteer Kaitlyn Da Silva in new Foundation office in the hospital.

 $T^{hat's right, after three long}_{years Lakeridge Health} \\ Whitby's specialty hospital has announced it will be re-opening its doors in March 2011. This marks a milestone for staff and volunteers at our Foundation office as well.$

"With hospital staff working hard to ensure a smooth transition for patients and staff moving back into the building – it's now time for the Lakeridge Health Whitby Foundation to refocus its fundraising initiatives and once again assist patients in restoring their everyday lives," noted Glen Uens, Chair of the Lakeridge Health Whitby Foundation Board of Directors.

Since the hospital closure, all fundraising efforts at the Foundation have been driven towards re-opening the hospital and providing proper care for all residents of our community. Thanks to our donors, the hospital doors are re-opening and our Foundation office is moving back in.

Once reopened, Lakeridge Health Whitby will offer Durham residents Complex Continuing Care, Geriatric Rehabilitation, Palliative Care, Outpatient Hemodialysis, Kidney Care Clinic, Positive Care Clinic, and a new Ambulatory Rehabilitation Centre. The Foundation hopes to continue to raise money for the Whitby Hospital through various programs and events so that they can continue to help people live fulfilling, healthy and independent lives within the Whitby community.

Help Us Make A Fresh Start

Help us relaunch our newsletter with the *Name The Newsletter Contest*. To enter please send ideas for a new name with your donor card. **Winner will receive a complimentary dinner for two!** Re-name our Newsletter Contest



Jim Lavelle

The Whitby Hospital Foundation mourns the loss of Jim Lavelle, Past Chair of the Lakeridge Health Whitby Foundation, President and CEO of Whitby Hydro Energy Corporation and Past President of the Whitby Chamber of Commerce. Jim was also honoured in 2010 with the Peter Perry Award for being Whitby's outstanding citizen

In memory of Jim Lavelle: *Lakeridge Health and Whitby mourn the passing of a great community architect*

of the year, recognizing his commitment to the community. He was also the recipient of Rotary International's prestigious Paul Harris Award for his leadership and his humanitarian care for people internationally and in his community.

Along with being a leader in the community, Jim was a recognized leader in his professional career, the electrical industry, receiving numerous commendations and awards for his ongoing contributions.

Aside from his professional life,

Jim was a husband to Mary Lavelle and a loving father to Andrea Lavelle and her partner Michelle Crosbie, and Jeff Lavelle and his fiancée Monique Skelton. He was also an avid golfer and member of the Oshawa Golf Club, coach and mentor to numerous young athletes in many minor hockey and baseball associations.

On behalf of all the volunteers and staff members at the Foundation, we would like to extend our sympathies to Jim's family and friends. He will always be remembered in our community.

The John & Isabelle Foundation say '*Thanks*' for five generations of health services, with a major donation



Glen Uens and Laurel Armstrong accept a \$10,000 donation to Lakeridge Health from The John & Isabelle Foundation.

Our newly produced newsletter is here and with it, each issue will have inspiring stories to be told. Sometimes a patient, sometimes a donor, and sometimes just some hospital antics. In this issue we would like to tell the story of The John & Isabelle Foundation.

In the early 1840's, John and Isabelle and their nine children settled on a farm in Whitby Township. The farm was passed down through generations and finally to a great grandson who, due to ill health, was assisted in working the land in

the later years by another of John and Isabelle's grandson.

The hospitals of Whitby, Oshawa and Sick Kids have played an important part in the five generations of this Whitby family, providing health care and delivery to many grandchildren.

"In what today is known as progress, this land has been sold and some of the interest from the John & Isabelle Foundation, for 2010, was divided amongst these hospitals.

"Lakeridge Health Whitby Foundation would like to recognize the John & Isabelle Foundation for their generous gift. Their donation of \$10,000 was presented at our 2010 Fashion Show. We look forward to finding a suitable way of honouring their donation and thank them again for their most generous contribution to our specialized hospital." says Chair, Glen Uens.

Upcoming Events: Fiesta of Fashion and Food May 5, 2011

The 8th Annual Whitby Hosptial Foundation's Fashion Show is quickly approaching and this year our theme is *"Cinco de Mayo, A Fiesta of Fashion and Food."* The fashion show has become one of Durham Region's prominent events with overwhelming community interest. Great fashion, good food, and silent and live auctions combine together to make the fashion show a memorable night. Past auction items have included a trip to Las Vegas, an entertainment package, including a 50" screen TV, spa packages and various weekend getaways. Opportunities for donation and sponsorship are still available for this year's fashion show with themed packages for all different sponsorship levels including Mariachi Madness, Muchos Margaritas, Beunos Burriots, Super Sombraros and Tamale Tango. For more information on how you can participate, contact Angela at (905) 668-6831 ext. 3493 or brown. vickery@gmail.com.







Last year's "Wild West" fashion show went off with a bang! This year's "Cinco de Mayo" theme is guaranteed to be just as spectacular.

2011 Annual Golf Tournament in memory of Jim Lavelle

In memory of one of Whitby's great statesmen, Lakeridge Health Whitby Foundation's Annual Golf Tournament will now commemorate Jim Lavelle—past Chair of the Lakeridge Health Whitby Foundation, lover of family, golf, community service, and more. This year's tournament

will be held at Wooden Sticks Golf Course in Uxbridge on Monday, August 8th. This will be the Foundation's 12th year of hosting the event, featuring replica holes of the world's most famous golf courses—this event is extremely popular and always sells-out so book your attendance now. For booking information, contact Bruce Smith at bsmith@ lakeridgehealth.on.ca



Foundation Board members accept cheque from 2010 tournament for \$42,500.



\$ 9,**712**,**9** raised in Tim Horton's Cookie Campaign

In September of 2010, approximately 50 Tim Horton's locations in the Durham Region participated in the Smile Cookie fundraiser for the Whitby Hospital Foundation. Each smile cookie sold for \$1.00 with 100 per cent of the profit going towards the Ambulatory Rehabilitation Centre (ARC). An astonishing \$90,712.00 was raised to support the centre's programs. The ARC provides specialty care to residents from all across Durham. It now provides outpatient services, including Respiratory Rehabilitation, Outpatient Orthopaedics, Neurological and Amputee Rehabilitation services.

A special thank-you goes out to Julie Granger, Regional Marketing Manager for Tim Horton's, all of the locations that took part, and all of the supporters within the Durham Community. This fundraiser was part of a four-year effort where Tim Horton's supported all of Lakeridge Health hospitals — Oshawa, Bowmanville, Port Perry and Whitby.



Elvis impersonators appear at Whitby Christmas Parade raising funds for Lakeridge Health Whitby

On December 4, 2010, the Foundation participated in the annual Santa Claus Day Parade to express both their Christmas and community spirit. Dressed up as Elvis impersonators, the Foundation performed on top of their float Elvis' famous 'Blue Christmas' to promote the 'Blue Christmas Without You' Campaign.

"We are so thankful for the positive response that we have received throughout the holiday season. Although the hospital has been closed, it is heartwarming to know that the Durham community is still committed and supportive of our fundraising efforts. We are very much looking forward to moving back into the hospital and celebrating the reopening."



For more information on how you can help at the Lakeridge Health Whitby Foundation, contact Bruce Smith bsmith@lakeridgehealth.on.ca or visit our website: whitbyhospitalfoundation.ca

