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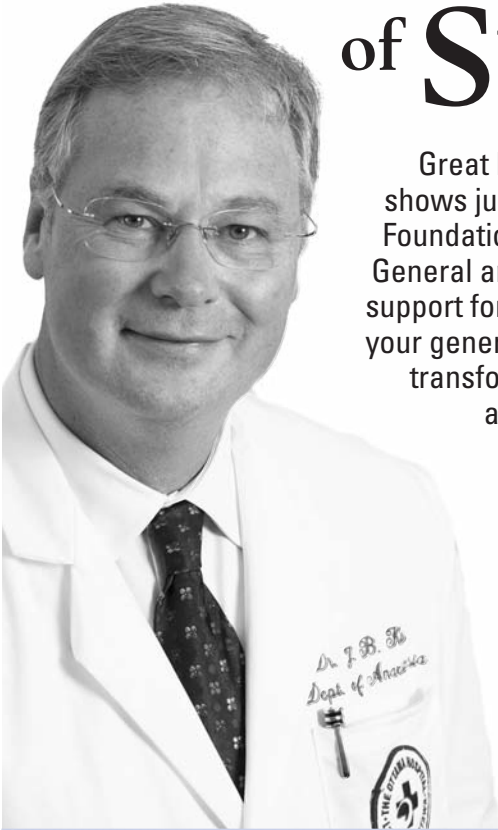
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Building a Better Hospital



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Celebrating 10 Years of Support and Progress



Great hospitals require great community support. I am humbled at how this community shows just how true that is, time and time again! As we usher in 2010, The Ottawa Hospital Foundation is celebrating 10 years of fundraising since the amalgamation of the Civic, General and Riverside campuses. We are also recognizing a decade of your unwavering support for improvements within our Hospital and Research Institute. The results of years of your generosity are evident, touching every corner of all three campuses. The transformation of the Emergency Department and ICU at the Civic, the Critical Care Wing at the General and the ambulatory care centres of excellence at the Riverside are just a few examples.

And, our latest triumph – the expansion of The Ottawa Hospital Cancer Centre. This facility provides patients with improved delivery, efficiency and quality of treatment. Our next project, an in-house research facility, will enable scientists and doctors to work closely together to create customized treatment options for patients. This does not exist anywhere else in Canada.

This is an exciting time! We thank you for your support, and encourage you to continue with us in this evolution of excellence in health care at The Ottawa Hospital.

Dr. Jack Kitts, President and CEO, The Ottawa Hospital

A Decade of Generosity!



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2000-2010

The Ottawa Hospital Foundation would like to celebrate the more than 1,500 people in our community who believe so strongly in supporting patient care at our hospital that they have donated each and every year for the last ten years. Thank you.

Why give monthly?

Here's what some of our 10-year monthly donors have to say about why they support The Ottawa Hospital.

"I've donated monthly to The Ottawa Hospital Foundation for many years. The Ottawa Hospital is very special to me. My children were born there, and they have cared for me and other family members for cancer surgeries and treatments in a thoughtful and compassionate way."

– Mrs. Carole Doty

"Most people don't know how important it is to have a hospital like TOH in our region. The staff is always very helpful, courteous and professional and the care is top-notch! I like to know I'm contributing and my donation is processed automatically and securely every month."

– Mrs. Maureen Hall

"I was a nurse myself, back in England, so I know the good work they are doing at The Ottawa Hospital. I like the feeling of supporting that work all year long and monthly giving is easy and convenient!"

– Mrs. Jean M. Boothroyd

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Final Push for 20 | 20 C A M P A I G N

It's not too late to support the 20-20 Campaign. Since the launch in May 2008, our Cabinet has been working tirelessly to inspire others in the community to help raise \$20 million in 20 months to support the largest expansion in the history of The Ottawa Hospital Cancer Centre. You can still be a part of this extraordinary effort before the campaign wraps up later this month.

The Ottawa Hospital Cancer Centre has been transformed into a state-of-the-art facility that is better equipped to serve the growing number of cancer patients in our region. The first floor of the newly expanded centre now houses the radiation and psycho-social oncology areas, while the sunlit systemic therapy area is located on the second floor. Once complete, the third floor will be home to a cancer research centre, where some of the world's brightest scientists are working together to discover and develop new therapies and treatments.

As we work toward our \$20 million-goal, and renovations continue at the existing centre, staff at the new facility has already started treating patients. Every day these dedicated health care providers share their excitement with us at being able to provide the best cancer care possible to their patients, and their gratitude for such a generous community. Be a part of this historic undertaking and support the 20-20 campaign.

For information or to donate to the 20-20 campaign, please visit:

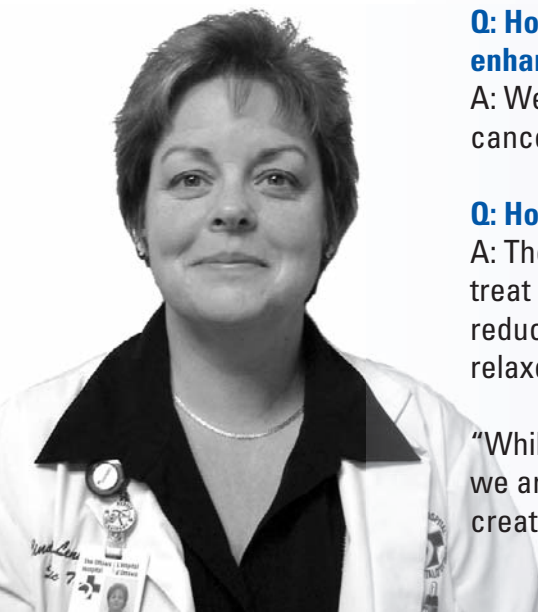
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Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty officially opened the new Ottawa Hospital Cancer Centre on November 27th, 2009.

(L to R) Paula Doering, Regional VP Cancer Services; Terry Sullivan, President & CEO, Cancer Care Ontario; Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty; Mikayla Ward; Dr. Jack Kitts, President & CEO, The Ottawa Hospital; Phil Murray, Chairman, Ottawa Hospital Board of Governors

The New Cancer Centre: Changing the Lives of Patients and Staff



Q: How does the environment at the newly expanded Ottawa Hospital Cancer Centre enhance patient care?

A: We now have the latest in equipment and facilities. We still provide the very best cancer treatments and therapies to our patients, but in a more comfortable setting.

Q: How has the expansion improved the patients' experience?

A: The old facility was so cramped that we often had to rush patients along in order to treat as many as possible. The new facility has increased capacity and staffing to reduce wait times, allowing us to provide more timely care to more patients, but in a relaxed atmosphere.

"While the donors who made this new Cancer Centre possible aren't in here with us, we are grateful to them every single day. It is their commitment and compassion that created this place and makes a difference in the lives of cancer patients every day."

Cindy McLennan, Clinical Manager, System Therapy, Ottawa Hospital Cancer Centre

Your Dollars at Work:

Improving Chemotherapy at The Ottawa Hospital Cancer Centre

With the expansion of TOHCC, patients are now being treated in spacious new Chemotherapy Bays. There are 50 treatment spaces in total, 45 grouped into nine bays with four to seven stretchers or recliners in each, plus 5 private rooms. Here are some of the items you helped purchase.

Stretcher, \$5,500:

This upgrade provides a much thicker, more comfortable mattress and is welcomed by patients who must lay on them for hours at a time.



Colleague triple infusion pump, \$8,200:

Three channels in this pump allow more than one fluid at a time to be administered intravenously to patients receiving chemotherapy, better accommodating today's more complex treatment protocols.



Visitor chair, \$175:

These comfortable chairs accommodate friends and family who accompany a patient to the chemotherapy bay for treatments that can last many hours.



Nurse server cart, \$2,600:

This replaces the overstuffed plastic bins housed on the sills above the patient's treatment area. It gives nurses quick access to patient treatment supplies in an organized manner.



Pulse oximeter, \$850:

This is invaluable for measuring a patient's oxygen levels in a crisis situation.



Giving our patients the best treatment facilities possible, **Priceless**

Alan's Place

A Legacy of Hope

For Alan Farrell, family came first. Even facing a cancer diagnosis in the fall of 1997, his wife Rosemary remembers Alan's only concern was for her and their two sons, 3 year old Thomas and 5 month old Scott. He fought the disease with chemotherapy, radiation and a bone marrow transplant, but in December 2000 at age 35, Alan Farrell lost his battle.

During his treatment, Alan spent a lot of time at The Ottawa Hospital's General Campus. It was a challenge to entertain two kids in his room or in the bare-bones dayroom.

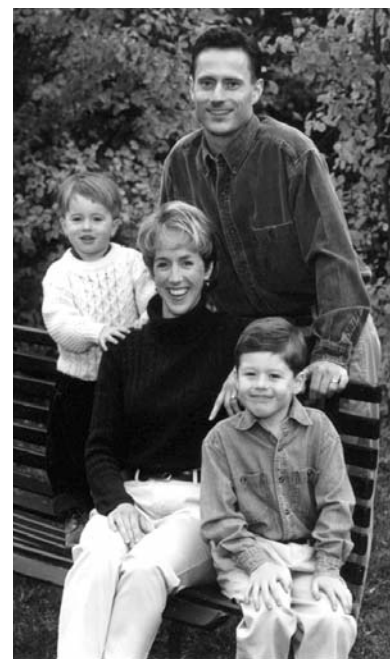
Before his death, Alan asked family and friends to use the money they would have spent on flowers for his funeral to create a special family room in the BMT Unit. That \$5,000 started a 10-year legacy known simply as "Alan's Place."

Since its opening, countless families have enjoyed this cozy space to watch movies, play games or just enjoy quiet times together while their loved one is in hospital.

Each year, Alan's wife and sons, his sister Barbara, his brother David and his mother Jeanne join friends and family for the Ottawa Race Weekend and have raised \$30,000 to maintain and improve Alan's Place.

"We feel we've done something to inspire others," Rosemary says. "It's a really positive way for us to honour Alan and give back to The Ottawa Hospital."

Read more about the evolution of Alan's Place on our website: www.ohfoundation.ca/about/stories/farrell_e.asp



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