

Sprott Family and Foundation show their love for the area through another million dollar donation.

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The Huntsville Hospital Foundation today announced a game-changing gift of \$1 million dollars, the second million dollar donation from The Sprott Foundation. The Sprotts have a family cottage on Lake of Bays and continue to be committed to supporting great hospital care for full-time and seasonal property owners alike.

"Vizma and Eric Sprott came back to us this year to ask how they could help and their timing could not be better," says Katherine Craine, Executive Director of the Huntsville Hospital Foundation.



Huntsville Hospital Foundation recently announced that they would enter into a phased campaign called **Focus on Imaging**. Through this campaign the, Foundation seeks to raise over \$5 million to purchase diagnostic imaging equipment including: X-Ray machines(s) and room(s) renovation and upgrading; mammography equipment with tomosynthesis capability; a CT Scanner replacement; cardiac echo ultrasound equipment; and, nuclear medicine facilities (Spec-CT).

"The Sprotts recognize how important it is to ensure we have great diagnostic technology and how every investment we make now will improve our readiness for future redevelopment of MAHC," continued Ms. Craine. "Their support at this time will really help speed up our acquisition of great imaging tools."

"We are thankful for Vizma and Eric and The Sprott Foundation and their support of MAHC – Huntsville Hospital site over the years," says Ms. Craine. "Their million dollar donation in 2018 set in motion some major improvements in what is now called The Sprott Foundation Diagnostic Imaging Department. We feel their support in other ways too – they sent us a surprise \$50,000 donation in the summer of 2020 to support our cancelled Bigwin Golf tournament which gave everyone such a boost in morale. Vizma and Eric also regularly support the hospital through the S.S. Bigwin Gala and Golf Tournaments."



"The Sprott Foundation has two clear goals in our on-going support for Huntsville Hospital," says Vizma and Eric. "First, to help our local hospital provide advanced treatment and care for the whole community. And second, to inspire other families and individuals who have the capacity to make a difference in Huntsville Hospital as their community hospital."

MAHC and Huntsville Hospital is in need to expand and upgrade much of our diagnostic equipment and infrastructure. Without early and accurate diagnosis, treatment planning cannot advance. As we acquire more advanced diagnostic equipment, our clinicians can provide more precise diagnoses which helps with treatment planning, whether locally or with more effective referrals to specialty sites within the region or in the city.

Increasing our diagnostic capacity will greatly impact the quality and timeliness of care for permanent and seasonal residents.

Huntsville Hospital Foundation is a fundraising organization dedicated to improving health care services for the residents of Muskoka and East Parry Sound. A registered charity since 1984, its mandate is to provide ongoing capital and education resources for Huntsville District Memorial Hospital to ensure health care for life, here. Find out more about the Foundation by visiting www.huntsvillehospitalfoundation.ca.

Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare (MAHC) is a multi-site health care organization providing acute care services at the Huntsville District Memorial Hospital and South Muskoka Memorial Hospital in Bracebridge. Find out more about MAHC by visiting <u>www.mahc.ca</u>.

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Pictured from left: Larisa Sprott, Vizma Sprott, Eric Sprott, Juliana Sprott