



Longtime Supporters - One Special Surprise

Chris and George Gilley have been loyal donors to the Hospital for many, many years. And yet, they still managed to surprise the Foundation with a tremendously generous gift - once again demonstrating their leadership and support.

In their latest act of generosity, Chris and George made a donation by transferring securities to help acquire new medical equipment for Huntsville Hospital. While the specifics of the donation amount have been kept confidential at their request, the impact of their investment will be felt across multiple departments, including Emergency, ICU, and Surgery. Lives will be saved and patient care at Huntsville Hospital will be improved as a result. Foundation CEO Katherine Craine said it best when she said "Sometimes the words 'thank you' don't seem like enough." We are so deeply grateful for this gift of securities.

When discussing their decision to give this way, George explains, "we chose to give securities because it is a benefit to us and the hospital. Donating appreciated securities, such as stocks or mutual funds, can help save on taxes, and it's convenient. If it is an option for you, I encourage you to have a conversation with your financial advisor as it could offer tax advantages."

"We have been longtime supporters of Huntsville Hospital because we recognize how important our hospital is for the

community," shares Chris. "We love our hospital, and it's our responsibility to support it."

Chris and George have been donors since 2004 and are excited for the new chapter our hospital is entering. They're passionate about continuing their legacy of investing in it today, and well into the future.

"Chris and George are kind, caring, and incredibly generous. We are honoured that they are part of our Hospital family. Their passion and dedication in supporting Huntsville Hospital is inspiring and we are grateful for their leadership and commitment to our mission," says Katherine.



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Dr. John Simpson
Emergency Medicine
Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare

Dr. John Simpson is an ER physician at Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare and a resident of Huntsville. He’s also deeply involved in the community, as a high school basketball coach, a Rotary club member, local event volunteer and much more. Odds are good you’ve already had the pleasure of meeting him! We caught up with him to find out what you may not already know, to discover what he loves about Muskoka living, and to talk about the future of healthcare, here.

What's your favourite thing to do in Muskoka?

I have several favorite things to do in Muskoka all of which are nature or outdoor based. Take a fall bike ride around Sand Lake to feel the crisp air, enjoy the curves of the road and see the fall colours. Sit outside in minus 20 on a clear night and revel at the millions and millions of stars... whether doing this while flooding the rink, on Lake Vernon or from the warmth of a hot tub.

What's your favourite local trail to hike?

Favorite family and dog hike is to a wonderful place on our neighbour's property to look out over Lake Vernon. You may see an Eagle or just a breathtaking view, especially in the fall!

Tell us a little more about your involvement in the community.

I have enjoyed coaching basketball for several years in Huntsville with our local rep league and some with the local high school too. Meeting so many players and families that enjoy sports and an active lifestyle has supported this passion. Our family has been involved in Muskoka soccer on many levels as well. My wife is past president of the lunch club of the Rotary club of Huntsville so our family has been involved in almost every imaginable rotary event for over 12 years!

You're the first ever MAHC team member to receive ten Hospital Hero recognitions! How does that feel?

Being the first MAHC staff to receive ten hospital hero awards is an honour! I'm proud of where I work, and the care we provide for patients, and I think when people share their gratitude it only makes our work environment even better and reinforces why we do what we do!

What technology is still needed at the Hospital?

We need automated check ins for patients and technology supported verifications of prescriptions used and care plans prescribed. Using technology to make the care we provide even safer is one reason why we need ongoing donations to Huntsville Hospital Foundation. We constantly need better computers, and AI integration in healthcare is almost here too so more and more donations are needed to support these IT advances.

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What makes your team unique?

Our ER team requires high energy, nimble healthcare professionals to thrive in a high-pressure environment, and feel confident to deal with whatever patient scenario presents itself. Our doors never close, despite the pressures of an Ontario healthcare system that is over capacity. New building infrastructure is still years away. Our unique and capable team adapts and adapts again, and really honestly tries to do this, and meet every challenge with a smile, despite the workload often being extreme.

What message do you have for our readers?

Donations are needed everyday by Huntsville Hospital Foundation to continue to provide high quality healthcare in our community. Make giving to your Foundation part of your day every day to support what we have now and to allow us to plan and build what we need for tomorrow. Huntsville Hospital needs a bigger ER now - and technology and equipment to fill it - if we want to have the healthcare we expect now and attract those to provide it for the future.

This is **OUR** **RADIOTHON!**

Annual 105.5 Moose FM Radiothon Supporting Huntsville Hospital

Join us Friday, October 11 from 6am to 6pm for the 105.5 Moose FM Radiothon!

The Radiothon will feature heartwarming patient stories, interviews with hospital heroes, and updates on how your donations will support Huntsville Hospital.

Pop on the radio, listen all day! Maybe you'll hear the familiar voices of your friends or neighbours call in. If we're lucky, maybe we'll get to hear your voice too!

Make a donation online, huntsvillehospitalfoundation.ca or call 705-789-4756.



Future State Update

Stay informed and learn more about Muskoka's multi-site regional hospital redevelopment. Visit MadeInMuskokaHealthcare.ca for details.



Huntsville Hospital Foundation Celebrates 40 years!

In celebration of Huntsville Hospital Foundation's 40th anniversary, there was a new addition to the Hospital Garden located outside the Foundation office. A Group of Seven Mural 'The Tent' by Tom Thomson, re-created by local artist Gerry Lantaigne. This gorgeous mural is part of the Group of Seven Outdoor Gallery, which is a year-round, free, public art exhibition, featuring 103 recreations of art masterpieces by Canada's renowned Group of Seven artists and Tom Thomson.

Thank you to our incredible donors for being part of our hospital dream team for 40 years! We look forward to what the next 40 has in store!

The mural was unveiled at the Huntsville Hospital Foundation 40th Anniversary Celebration & Garden Party on August 22, 2024.

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