



BLUEWATER
HEALTH
FOUNDATION

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ANNUAL REPORT



A Message from the Executive Director and Chair of the Board

The 2022-23 fiscal year was one of our most successful fundraising years ever. Bluewater Health Foundation was proud to disburse more than \$3.9 million to Bluewater Health for vital projects and equipment, including the helipad and the core lab.

This past year the foundation was once again able to host a full slate of events for the first time since 2019. It has been wonderful to see donors visiting the foundation office in person again and at special events. We are so grateful to our generous community for your continuous and unwavering support.

Shifting back into gear required a tremendous effort, and the small yet mighty foundation team truly stepped up to the plate. They must be commended for their dedication to our community hospital - we are so proud to work alongside such an amazing group of women.

The Dream Home Lottery continues to grow with the largest prize board in its 28 year history. Boasting over 2,500 prizes valued at nearly \$1.4 million and a 50/50 prize pot of more than \$284,000, the lottery continues to be the Foundation's highest grossing fundraiser thanks to community support and the hard work that goes into it behind the scenes.



Colin McElrea and Kathy Alexander

The foundation also welcomed two new team members in 2022 - Rebecca Brander, Fund Development Officer and Melissa Schilz, Communications Advisor. We are thrilled to have them join us!

The future of local healthcare relies heavily on the support of Sarnia-Lambton, and it's clear we have an amazing community standing with us - the proof is in the success of this past year. We are so grateful to this caring community who are helping to strengthen your community hospital.

Colin McElrea, Board Chair

Kathy Alexander, Executive Director

Foundation Highlights

Helipad

Community support made the difference in the foundation's successful pursuit in fundraising \$912,000 for the helipad.

Lambton County Council approved funding of \$400,000 towards the helipad, with remaining funds graciously donated by the Sarnia-Lambton community, including a \$100,000 contribution from Charlotte Eleanor Englehart Hospital Foundation, a special gift from Lambton Federation of Agriculture and a generous donor who matched up to \$10,000 in gifts.

This life-saving resource has proven its value since its certification, being used on numerous occasions to transport patients to other hospitals in the province to receive life-saving care.

Core Laboratory

The 2022 gala, featuring keynote speaker Chris Hadfield, raised \$87,000 for the redevelopment of Bluewater Health's Core Lab.

Thanks to our community, including a very generous donation of \$250,000 from Fleck Law, the foundation was able to raise the \$2.5 million required to rejuvenate the lab and purchase new equipment.

The lab uses both automation and artificial intelligence, helping to improve quality of testing while shortening turnaround times, providing patients with their results sooner - a huge advantage for the growing Sarnia-Lambton Community.



Community Support



945 gifts received in
memory of 227 people.
\$208,534



Employee Giving
\$41,510



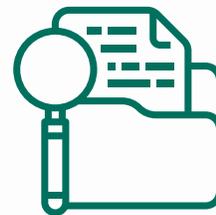
105,744 Dream Home
Tickets Sold



1,554
Donations



Over 2000 people
attended
Block Party



97 BWH Staff
Education
Grants

See the Impact Your Gift Can Make

The Year in Photos



A special Christmas delivery from Point Edward Fire & Rescue, who donated over 200 gifts following the Santa's Responders Toy Drive

The foundation was honoured to be selected as one of five local charities to be gifted \$6000 from the Holy Rosary Society of Sarnia



Bluewater Health's new core lab was renamed the Fleck Law Lab to acknowledge their generous gift made towards it's recent redevelopment



Ironworks made a special donation to Youth Wellness Hubs Ontario Sarnia-Lambton in memory of Marg Stewart





We welcomed special guest and hometown hero Chris Hadfield to the 2022 gala as keynote speaker, where he told his life story of growing up in Lambton and becoming a famed astronaut



Four coworkers at St. Clair Energy were surprised to be named the winners of this year's Dream Home!

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