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“I received tremendous feedback from the players and sponsors.”

Raising funds for cancer care through the ‘gentleman’s game’

Two years in the making, the 2013 Scarborough World Cup of Cricket reached its goal of raising \$50,000 for The Scarborough Hospital Foundation. It was also an exciting inaugural event that whetted the community’s appetite for future cricket tournaments.

“It was a success and we now have an opportunity to build on that success for the future,” remarked Nigel Samaroo, Chair, Scarborough World Cup of Cricket held June 22-23 at L’Amoreaux Park. “I received tremendous feedback from the players and sponsors. When two national-level players told me how important it was to them to help raise funds to improve cancer care at The Scarborough Hospital, and what that will mean for residents who won’t have to go elsewhere for treatment, well, that was the icing on the cake for me!”

Cricket is considered a ‘gentleman’s game’ and is the second fastest growing sport in the world. It is very popular in the Caribbean, India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Britain, South Africa and Australia.

“When I first started at the Foundation more than four years ago, I heard a presentation by the President of the Ontario Cricket Association, who spoke about the diversity and popularity of cricket,” remarked Guy Bonnell, Vice President, Community Development at

the Foundation. “Now, whenever I drive around the city, I see kids with their cricket bats and a cricket ball, firing it up against a wall, practicing their strokes.

“So when we created the tournament, it was not just about playing cricket; it was about bringing our community together and embracing our diversity. And, it’s all for cancer care at The Scarborough Hospital.”

Lending his name to the event was Jamaal Magloire, former Toronto Raptor with the National Basketball Association.

“What inspired me to be involved is the fact that my community of Scarborough is diverse, and we have so many sports organizations that people don’t know about,” Jamaal explained. “I wanted to bring light to the fact that cricket is a big sport, and one that I’ve been interested in for a long time.

“It’s also important for me to support my local hospital; I see myself as a role model and ambassador. Scarborough has given me so much, and I am proud to be associated with The Scarborough Hospital in fighting the war against cancer.”

Nigel Samaroo, Chair, Scarborough World Cup of Cricket, soaks up the excitement during the event.

Ten teams, sponsored by national banks and community associations, with support from local medical clinics and the Asian Television Network, provided two days of matches for hundreds of players. At the end of it all, the winner of the first annual Scarborough World Cup of Cricket was the Scarborough Muslim Association.

It was truly a family affair with culturally diverse foods and face painting. In addition, nurses mended injured teddy bears in a MASH tent and Home Depot held workshops for kids on building wooden toys.

Plans are already underway to grow the Scarborough World Cup of Cricket to an even larger event at multiple sites. If you are interested in learning more, or if you would like to donate to the Foundation’s cancer care fundraising efforts, visit www.tsh.to.

Cancer team *delivers* compassionate care close to home



“One of the most important things about our program is that patients get the treatment they need close to home.”

Expertise. Commitment. Caring.

These are the types of words that come up again and again among members of The Scarborough Hospital's Cancer Care program in defining how they deliver outstanding oncology services to thousands of local residents each year.

“The Scarborough Hospital combines the best of both worlds,” says Pathologist Dr. Judit Zubovits. “We have a multidisciplinary team with various subspecialties who are experts in their field and are super dedicated. But as a community hospital, we are nimble and flexible enough to

pay attention to the personal needs of patients as well.”

The Cancer Care program at The Scarborough Hospital prides itself in providing holistic care, treating patients throughout the entire journey – from diagnosis, to surgery, through chemotherapy and radiation and on to supportive care and recovery. The program has expertise in the diagnosis and treatment of most common cancers, including breast, colorectal, lung, prostate and lymphoma.

“One of the most important things about our program is that patients get the treatment they need close to

Dr. Henry Krieger (left) and Registered Nurse Laura Lamkie (right) speak with patient Millie Oliver.

home from a team committed to the best quality of care and practicing evidence-based medicine,” says Medical Oncologist Dr. Henry Krieger.

In addition, Dr. Krieger adds that the diversity of Scarborough's patient population, where language, cultural and socioeconomic differences often come into play, “not only adds a level of complexity to the work our team does, but also makes it unique.”

The Scarborough Hospital receives more than 24,000 visits annually to its Cancer Care program and the numbers

are growing. Despite this high volume of patients, the hospital still maintains short wait times.

Surgeon Dr. Nadine Norman points to the new Breast Diagnostic Unit as an excellent example of how The Scarborough Hospital provides this timely care.

“When we see patients in the clinic, if there's anything we can feel in the breast, we will do the biopsy immediately and have the results within 48 hours. This allows us to get people through the whole treatment pathway faster,” she says.

As well, breast cancer patients “have easy access to our excellent breast reconstructive team who will also often see patients within 24 hours notice,” says Dr. Norman.

“Privileged” is the word Pharmacist Allison Jocko uses to describe how she feels about working with the Cancer Care team.

“Staff regularly go above and beyond what is expected of them, while keeping the best interests of patients at heart.”

Allison has a very personal connection to the program as well. “In May, my mom finished a year of treatment for early stage breast cancer in our oncology clinic,” she explains. “I wouldn't have had her go anywhere else. The Scarborough Hospital is like home.” (To read more about Allison's mom's story, see page 6).

Oncology nurse Laura Lamkie echoes this sense of pride in providing the best patient outcomes.

“I was recently told by a patient's daughter how much my dedication, compassion and love for my job shines through,” says Laura. “The patient herself then gave me a hug and told me she has never felt so welcomed and informed at a hospital before. It is comments and moments like this that makes working in The Scarborough Hospital's Cancer Care program so special and brings me into work every day.”



From staff member to patient's family member

As a Pharmacist in The Scarborough Hospital's Cancer Care program for the last 17 years, Allison Jocko has counselled countless patients about their chemotherapy treatments. However, she never expected that one day, the person she would be teaching about their medication would be her mother.

Allison's mother, Rosemary Wagner, had long been followed at Mount Sinai Hospital for her yearly mammograms through her family physician's connection to the hospital. In December 2011, one of Rosemary's routine mammograms showed a lump in her breast. A biopsy and ultrasound confirmed the lump was cancerous and Rosemary had surgery to remove it.

"When it came time to meet with an oncologist to discuss chemotherapy treatment, I insisted she be referred to The Scarborough Hospital. I know what fantastic staff we are fortunate to have in our oncology clinic so I knew her care would be excellent."

In addition, Rosemary – a Scarborough resident for more than 50 years – lives a convenient ten-minute drive from the General campus, something Allison realized would be important "considering she would be coming here every three weeks for over a year."

Rosemary started chemotherapy in March 2012 under the care of Dr. Orit Freedman. Although cancer treatment can be, as Allison puts it, "a frightening journey full of unknowns," it provided Rosemary with unique insights into the outstanding care her daughter had been telling her about for years at The Scarborough Hospital.

"When I was having my chemotherapy, I could see how well all the patients were treated," says Rosemary. "The staff always made us feel special. They knew each person's name,

Rosemary Wagner (left) and Allison Jocko in the Chemotherapy Clinic Pharmacy where Allison works.

were very caring in how they spoke and always spent the time with patients, no matter how busy the clinic was.

"I thought having chemotherapy would be a horrible experience, but the staff really made it so much easier to get through."

"My mom once said to me during her chemotherapy that she felt she must be getting special treatment because she was my Mom," explains Allison. "I told her that's the way all patients are treated here. Every patient is someone's mom, sister, son, father, etc."

Of course, having her daughter just down the hall was very comforting for Rosemary as well.

"It was very convenient to be able to ask her what to do when I wasn't feeling well," says Rosemary. "My daughter and I have always been very close, but I think this experience brought us even closer."

Allison admits that knowing her mother was going to have chemotherapy treatment made her "almost as nervous as my mom was, even though I knew what to expect and how to help her."

"Suddenly, I was the family member of a patient and on the 'other side' of things seeing the patient experience through my mom's eyes," says Allison.

Rosemary completed her chemotherapy treatment in May 2013 and "feels great now."

"She's so glad she made the choice to come to The Scarborough Hospital for her chemotherapy treatment, but hopes she never needs our services again," says Allison.

Cancer Care program moves towards a bright future

For now, Nelda Lozinski, cancer patient at The Scarborough Hospital, is happy to just be able to see the sun rise and the sun set. While Nelda is focused on today, staff and physicians at The Scarborough Hospital are focused on tomorrow to ensure the future of cancer care at the hospital is just as bright.

The 67-year old grandmother was first diagnosed with colon cancer in 2006, and is one of the thousands of patients who receive treatment through The Scarborough Hospital's Cancer Care program.

However, the hospital envisions something more for the residents of Scarborough – an integrated Cancer Care program that will streamline services, increase efficiency and improve access for patients with cancer.

Recently, the hospital has taken a major step in the right direction towards a brighter tomorrow for its cancer patients – Karen Craig, a Nurse Navigator, has joined the breast cancer team at The Scarborough Hospital and plays a major role in providing patients and families with coordinated care, emotional support, education to assist in informed decision-making, and links to community resources.

According to Cancer Care Ontario, the incidence of breast cancer in women has risen significantly since mammography screening has become more common and is detecting more cases. With more women, and some men, being diagnosed with breast cancer, ensuring these patients receive timely access to care, especially during the diagnostic phase, is imperative to determining and beginning treatment.

The Nurse Navigator helps connect the people and the pieces to create a seamless continuum of care for patients.

"The diagnostic process can be very frightening – it's the fear of the unknown," says Karen. "My job here is to pull the pieces together to ensure patients and families can receive timely access to medical care, emotional support and education – all in a formalized, individualized process."

Karen currently works in the hospital's clinics supporting patients who are meeting one of three surgeons to determine whether or not they require a breast biopsy to assist with diagnosis. She follows up with those who do to provide information that can help to alleviate some fears and help patients and their families understand what's happening, and what's next.

"The education piece is also very important," says Karen. "Patients who understand their diagnosis and what it can mean for them and their families, goes a long way in helping them cope with how their lives are impacted by breast cancer."

The Scarborough Hospital already has an outstanding interprofessional team of healthcare professionals that provides excellent care to people living with a cancer diagnosis. The potential now lies in connecting the care continuum to run more efficiently, educating the community on the quality of cancer care available in Scarborough and creating a larger, more pleasing space to continue supporting our patients in their healthcare journey.



Nurse Navigator Karen Craig provides cancer care education and information to patients.

“True and genuine care” gives patient strength in second cancer battle

Janice Gowan had the ability to go nearly anywhere for chemotherapy treatment following breast cancer surgery in 2012, but only The Scarborough Hospital felt like the right place for her to receive care.

Janice’s battle with cancer stretches back to the mid-1980s when she was diagnosed with Hodgkin’s lymphoma. That diagnosis was further complicated when it was discovered that she was pregnant. Unfortunately, Janice miscarried prior to commencing radiation therapy; however, her cancer treatments were a success.

Janice had been in remission for over two decades and had two beautiful children with her husband, renowned musician Lawrence Gowan, when she discovered a lump in her breast in December 2011. After having the lump removed at the Centenary campus of Rouge Valley Health System, her family doctor, Dr. Tom Bacher, referred her to The Scarborough Hospital’s Cancer Care program for her chemotherapy.

“I had no idea that The Scarborough Hospital had such an amazing Cancer Care program,” says Janice.

“I was under the care of Dr. Henry Krieger and from my very first appointment, he and all the staff made me feel so comfortable and informed about what to expect during my treatment.

“You might expect a cancer clinic to be a gloomy place, but at The Scarborough Hospital, everyone is always smiling; and though they are a thoroughly professional team, they create a really light-hearted environment,” she adds.

Janice suffered from constant dehydration during her chemotherapy. As well, she required a special central venous catheter to deliver her medicine when she began to have problems receiving it through a regular intravenous needle.

“I was in the hospital a lot, both for my treatment and to deal with the side effects. But every time I arrived, all the nurses were so caring and accommodating,” she stresses.

Janice, an animation artist by trade who lives in the Bluffs area of Scarborough, also found it “so, so helpful” to be just a 10-minute drive from the General campus. “Having such a compassionate and talented cancer team so close to home made all the difference to me.”

As she reflects on having beaten cancer for the second time in her life, Janice points to her “pragmatic, organized, ‘can do’ attitude” as important in getting her through. But just as essential was “a faith in my healthcare team that gave me faith in myself that I could survive this.

“The human touch from everyone at The Scarborough Hospital was there for me throughout every phase of my cancer care journey.”

Janice Gowan gives a big hug to nurse Lydia Winardi.



Fidani Foundation donates \$1 million to The Scarborough Hospital

Carlo Fidani, President of the Carlo Fidani Foundation, is happy to help the “inspirational” people at The Scarborough Hospital.

Philanthropy has long been a priority for the Fidani family. With their million dollar donation towards a new digital mammography machine, The Scarborough Hospital is now a part of this legacy of giving.

“Our family has always been involved in philanthropy, but only in healthcare for the most part. It’s where we feel we can have the most direct impact with the well-being of a large number of people over a long period of time,” says Carlo Fidani, Chairman of Orlando Corporation.

Through its Fidani Foundation, which is a private family foundation associated with Orlando Corporation, the family has supported a number of healthcare organizations around the GTA. The desire to help and give back is one that runs deep in the Fidani family: Carlo recalls hearing stories about his grandfather doing what he could to help others during the Depression.

“They didn’t have a lot, but whatever they had they chose to share,” he says.

The Fidani Foundation recently decided to share with The Scarborough Hospital by making a \$1 million donation towards the purchase of a digital mammography machine and other priorities at the hospital.

Carlo’s partner Theresa Ferracuti says they were introduced through an Orlando employee whose sister volunteers with The Scarborough Hospital Foundation. After hearing more about the hospital, they decided to take a tour to see it for themselves.

“It was easy to see the hospital serves many people and has many challenges with some parts of the hospital being older and with some equipment being out-of-date,” she says. “We were impressed with the great work the hospital, its staff and physicians were doing and the large number of people they were treating. When we saw the hard work being done there, it made it easy to give.”

Carlo says helping to purchase the digital mammography machine – long a priority – was an opportunity for them to help in a meaningful way. The move to digital mammography means images are more easily stored and retrieved, as well as easily shared with other physicians and facilities. The viewing of the image is also improved because brightness and contrast can be adjusted immediately and areas of the image can be easily magnified thereby enhancing diagnostic capabilities.

The machine has been screening patients since March and both Carlo and Theresa have had the opportunity to tour the department and speak with staff who operate it.

“They were so grateful for the support and they said it meant so much to them,” Theresa says.

For Carlo, that’s one of the most gratifying aspects of giving.

“The biggest benefit for us is the people we get to come in contact with – they’re very inspirational. It makes us feel really good to be able to help them do what they do better.”

You can make a difference: Help our team of physicians, nurses and technologists continue to provide excellent quality of care. Donate to The Scarborough Hospital Foundation today.



Donor says *thanks* for decades of care with legacy gift

Greer Elcombe and his wife started their family more than 55 years ago and The Scarborough Hospital was there, delivering their three children; and later, providing emergency care when needed.

“Given the protocol at the time, I had no active role to play when my children were being delivered, and sitting twiddling my thumbs in the waiting room would only make me more anxious,” Greer recalls. “Working kept my mind occupied, but I was only able to work because I knew that my wife and child were receiving the very best care and medical attention they could get.

“The fact is, my wife and I had complete trust in the folks at The Scarborough Hospital and their ability to take care of our expanding family.”

According to Greer, through those many decades and to this very day, that trust is still there. This has inspired him to not only make annual gifts to The Scarborough Hospital Foundation since 1998 but to also include the Foundation in his Will.

“When it came time to settle my estate plans, it made sense to me to leave a gift in my Will to The Scarborough Hospital Foundation,” Greer adds. “The hospital has been there, providing great healthcare to me and my loved ones, and I want to make sure that the people in our community receive the same top notch healthcare in the years to come.”

Greer lent his name as the signatory on a letter from the Foundation as part of its legacy appeal and also opted to name the Foundation as the beneficiary of his life insurance policy.

It’s just one of many ways patients, family members and the community can give to the Foundation to support the purchase of new medical equipment.

“The easiest, and by far the most common, way to leave a legacy gift of a specific sum of money, property or asset is through a will,” explains Verna Chen, Director, Stewardship and Legacy Giving, The Foundation. “We accept and provide charitable receipts for both cash bequests and gifts in kind. There are other ways to create a lasting legacy, though.”

You can also leave a life insurance policy to the Foundation. Not only does it decrease your personal taxes payable both now and at the time of your death, but the charity receives it right away; it does not go through a lengthy probate process.

“Registered Retirement Savings Plans (RRSPs) and Registered Income Funds (RIFs) are taxed upon death, but if the money is given to a charity, the charity issues a tax credit. This can actually work in the heir’s favour if any tax liability on the estate is handled properly,” Verna explains. “The same is true for stocks and bonds when they are considered for charitable giving.”

Verna takes great satisfaction in working with these benefactors.

“It’s important that we educate the community. Even though not everyone may be able to make a significant contribution while they’re around, they can plan ahead to create their own legacy after they’re gone.”

If you would like more information on how to start your own legacy, please contact Verna Chen at 416-219-5789 or email vchen@tsh.to.

In the photo: Greer Elcombe (left) with Verna Chen, Director of Stewardship and Legacy Giving at The Scarborough Hospital Foundation.

A calling in life for new President and CEO, Robert Biron

A deep-seated need to be of service has led Robert Biron – the new President and CEO of The Scarborough Hospital – to devote the past 21 years of his career to Ontario’s hospital sector – a role he sees as both a job and a calling.

“We’re all in the hospital sector, funded by taxpayers, and that makes us public servants by definition,” he says. “We’re here to serve patients and communities, and that to me is an important calling in life. I can’t be a clinician – it’s not my area of comfort – so I obviously found something I can be passionate and compassionate about. That’s why I’m here.”

Robert began his career specializing in information technology (IT) systems for clients, which is how he first got into healthcare.

“My first hospital position was in an IT department implementing Meditech systems,” he adds. “When I was reeled into management for a year, I realized this was my calling.”

Since then, Robert has led several hospitals, the most recent Northumberland Hills Hospital, and has served on a number of working groups and committees for the Ontario Hospital Association.

Robert deliberately chose The Scarborough Hospital as his next stop because he sees the organization’s current challenges as a tremendous opportunity for both the organization and the community it serves.

“I have always been selective about which organization I work for. I like to come into an organization and make a difference,” Robert explains. “I look at The Scarborough Hospital and its very extensive journey over the last few years under Dr. John Wright, and this is a remarkable hospital on the quality front. The successes are many and the Exemplary Status (Accreditation) achieved in the last cycle is remarkable. This team should be very proud of that.”



He also understands the importance of a hospital’s role in the community.

“I view a hospital as a ‘city within a city.’ In other words, a hospital reflects the community it serves,” he explains. “To be successful, the hospital must reach out to its community in various forms to better understand their needs and respond to them accordingly. As a public institution, we have a deep obligation to serve our community in this fashion. As with all partnerships, it’s a matter of building trust and respect.”

One way to build trust and respect is through The Scarborough Hospital Foundation, which Robert views as a strategic partner to the hospital.

“Of course, their primary role of fundraising for medical equipment is essential. The provincial government does not fund equipment purchases – this is a responsibility that’s left with the local hospital foundations,” Robert notes. “More importantly, the Foundation is a voice of the hospital and an outreach to the community we serve. So, the Foundation plays an important role in relationship-building with our community.

“As the hospital’s CEO, it’s important to support the Foundation in their activities – by attending events, connecting with donors, and being visible. Sometimes it’s as simple as making a phone call to thank a donor – big or small – for their contribution.

Donors give for different reasons – each has a story – and it all comes down to having an intrinsic need to support their fellow citizen. Extending our gratitude is so important and it takes relatively little effort.”

As Robert and his wife Doris settle into their new home in Scarborough, he adds, “I started my career in Toronto, so I have come full circle.

“I really enjoy the diversity of the Scarborough community and look forward to new experiences.”



Making a difference in people's lives just part of *an average day*

If you're a patient at The Scarborough Hospital, there's a good chance Dr. Dhun Noria is involved in your care.

As Chief of Laboratory Medicine and Medical Director of Laboratories, Dr. Noria oversees all lab and pathology reports for the hundreds of thousands of patients treated at the hospital's two campuses each year.

"Eighty per cent of all patient treatment decisions are based on the results of a lab test or pathology report, so it is extremely important to me that the lab be of the highest quality standards and comply with all current regulations and guidelines," says Dr. Noria, who began working with the hospital in December 1983, and was involved with the opening of the Salvation Army Scarborough Grace Hospital (now known as the Birchmount campus) in 1985.

For some people, such a formidable role would be all they would do in a professional capacity. But for Dr. Noria, it's just the tip of the iceberg.

As Chief of Laboratory Medicine, she is also a member of the hospital's Medical Advisory Committee, Performance Improvement Committee and Chair of the Medical Bylaws and Rules Committee.

In addition, during her time at The Scarborough Hospital she has sat on both the hospital and Foundation Boards of Directors, and was a member of the Core Planning Team for the amalgamation of the Scarborough Grace Hospital and the Scarborough General Hospital. She is also the founder of a Shared Hospital Lab partnership between The Scarborough Hospital, North York General Hospital and Toronto East General Hospital.

• Chief of Laboratory Medicine and Medical Director of Laboratories
• Dr. Dhun Noria in the hospital's lab at the Birchmount campus.

Outside of The Scarborough Hospital, Dr. Noria fills her days as a trustee of University Health Network and serves on the Toronto Police Services Board – an appointment made by former Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty and Lieutenant Governor of Ontario David Onley. In addition, she owns and operates several medical-related businesses.

With such a long list of professional commitments, Dr. Noria's philosophy is remarkably simple. "In my daily work, I strive to do my very best in a professional, respectful and caring manner."

This dedication and compassion has not gone unnoticed. Dr. Noria has received many honours recognizing her accomplishments, including a star on the Scarborough

“Eighty per cent of all patient treatment decisions are based on the results of a lab test.”

Walk of Fame, being named a Local Toronto Hero by the Canadian Multicultural Council, receiving an Ontario Medical Association Presidential Award, and the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Award during the 60th anniversary of Her Majesty's Coronation.

Next spring, Dr. Noria will be able to add another important honour to this extensive list. On May 10, 2014, she will be the recipient of The Scarborough World Lifetime Achievement Award at The Scarborough Hospital Foundation's second annual Gala.

Proceeds from the Gala will benefit The Scarborough Hospital's Cancer Care program and help the hospital in its plans to create a fully integrated, state-of-the-art Cancer Care centre where patients can quickly and seamlessly access the care they need.

Dr. Noria is no stranger to the battle against cancer. As a two-time breast cancer survivor, she understands that life can be short and endeavours to have just as fulfilling a personal life as her professional one.

"I am so lucky to have my husband, Farokh, as a loving, caring partner," says Dr. Noria.

"We workout with a trainer regularly, listen to classical music, love big game fishing, fine dining and entertaining. But most of all, we enjoy time with our children Sabrena and Zubin and two-year-old granddaughter Aarya."

For someone with such an impressive medical, business and philanthropic background, Dr. Noria admits she's "actually humbled for being recognized for things that I enjoy doing."

"The saying 'choose a job you love and you will never have to work a day in your life' is so appropriate for me," she explains. "I truly get the most reward when what I do makes a difference in people's lives."



Giving back a family affair for mother/daughter duo

For Ewa and Paulina Szlachta, The Scarborough Hospital isn't just where they work, it's part of their community.

That's why the mother and daughter contribute regularly to The Scarborough Hospital Foundation.

"It feels important to give back because it's our community hospital," says Paulina.

She started working for the Foundation in January 2012, but that's not why she makes regular payroll deductions to support the hospital.

"I was never asked," she says. "It just feels like the right thing to do. The hospital has given us so much."

Ewa has worked at The Scarborough Hospital for 23 years, she gave birth to Paulina's younger brother here, and the General campus was where she brought her children for any of their medical needs while they were growing up in Scarborough. She is currently the manager of the Sterile Processing Department.

"I think it's important that we give something back," Ewa says. "I've been working here for so long, I live in the community, and I've used the hospital over the years with my children."

She decided to contribute through regular payroll deductions a few years ago – before her daughter joined the Foundation.

Ewa Szlachta (left) and her daughter Paulina are regular donors to The Scarborough Hospital Foundation through payroll deductions.

Ewa says the Foundation has become more visible in recent years and she's seen the difference that fundraising has made at her community hospital. She feels good about being part of the group helping to make those changes.

"I feel more invested in where I work because I'm helping to support the hospital," she says.

Paulina gets to hear firsthand the differences such donations make – whether they're large or small.

"It's very inspiring to see some people do whatever they can to support the hospital," she says. "It's amazing the difference fundraising can make."

The Szlachtas have always given back; it just took a minor realization for them to point that generosity closer to home.

"I've given donations to Sunnybrook and Sick Kids over the years, but then I thought, 'maybe I should change that and start giving to our hospital'," Ewa says.

Both Ewa and Paulina find the regular payroll deductions an easy way to support the hospital without even thinking about it.

"At the end of the year, I see how much those small, regular amounts add up to," Paulina says. "It feels great knowing that the money is helping to make a difference in our own community."

Community group raises \$45K for hospital's Cancer Care program

Despite inclement weather, The Canadian Tamil Chamber of Commerce (CTCC) held its 13th annual Charity Walk-A-Thon on June 3, and raised a record-setting total for The Scarborough Hospital Foundation.

"I have been a participant in the Walk-a-Thon for the past ten-years," says Siva Sivapragasam, event participant. "The funds are being raised to improve the medical services provided by the hospital. Many members of the Tamil community visit The Scarborough Hospital for their medical needs and therefore it is fitting that they should 'give in return' for any fundraising efforts for the Hospital."

The annual event, chaired by Mohan Sundaramohan, RBC Branch Manager at Morningside and Milner, raised an outstanding \$45,000 to support the hospital's Cancer Care program.

"We know that strong communities build strong hospitals, and partnerships, like what we have with the CTCC, are key to providing the best healthcare

for our global community," says Michael Mazza, President, The Scarborough Hospital Foundation.

"They do great work, and their contribution towards our integrated cancer care program will help to ensure that our community has enhanced access to excellent cancer care close to home."

The annual Walk-A-Thon demonstrates the generosity and support of the Tamil community. Since its inception in 1999, the walk has brought people of all ages, backgrounds and professions together for a day of fun and to raise funds for a great cause. Over the past 14 years, the CTCC has raised more than \$150,000 for The Scarborough Hospital with the help of its dedicated participants and sponsors.

The annual Walk-A-Thon, hosted by the Canadian Tamil Chamber of Commerce, has supported The Scarborough Hospital and its programs for more than 10 years.



Please leave a legacy gift in your will to The Scarborough Hospital Foundation



“The Scarborough Hospital is the place where my three children were born and it will always be a stable part of the community. Everything I’ve got is dependent on one thing – my health. The day might come when I’ll need care. I want it there for me and for everyone who needs it.”

Greer Elcombe, a longtime Scarborough resident, expresses his passion for the future of the community by naming The Scarborough Hospital Foundation as the beneficiary of a life insurance policy in his Will. He also donates a generous gift of stocks every year to help the hospital pay for medical equipment.

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