



# SEAFORTH COMMUNITY HOSPITAL FOUNDATION

## Annual Report

**2025–2026**

**If we all give a little...we all get a lot!**

The Seaforth Community Hospital Foundation is proud to present its 2025–2026 Annual Report. This year has been one of transition, achievement and strengthened connections as the Foundation continues to strengthen its role in supporting the equipment needs of the Seaforth Community Hospital.

Through the generosity of donors, community organizations, volunteers and event supporters, the Foundation continued to raise funds for equipment that directly benefits patients, families and healthcare providers at Seaforth Community Hospital.

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## A Message from the Chair

It has been a year of change, growth and renewed energy for the Seaforth Community Hospital Foundation. As we look back on 2025–2026, we are grateful for the continued generosity of our community and proud of the Foundation's accomplishments in supporting the Seaforth Community Hospital. This year also marked a significant transition for our Board, as we said farewell to a long-serving member and Chairperson, Ron Lavoie, while welcoming Dean Johnston, Jane Morton, Erin Robinson, Jana Henry-Carroll, Michelle Healey and Kim Lorimer.

The Foundation extends its sincere appreciation to Dick Burgess and Greg O'Reilly, who will not be returning for the 2026–2027 term. Both have provided many years of dedicated service to the Foundation and the Seaforth Community Hospital. We also recognize the retirement of another long-serving member, Sheila Morton, during the 2024-2025 term.

The departure of Ron, Dick, Greg and Sheila marks the end of an important chapter for the Foundation. The depth of experience and knowledge they bring will be greatly missed,

and their contributions have left a lasting legacy. The Foundation is grateful for their years of service and for the impact they have had on its work and on the community they have proudly served.

Throughout the year, our Board and volunteers continued to build relationships within our community and strengthen our understanding of the role of hospital philanthropy. The Donor Tour and information session held in May provided an opportunity to welcome local clubs and organizations to the hospital, to learn about current healthcare needs and, most importantly, see firsthand the equipment their generous donations have helped provide. Events such as the CKNX Healthcare Heroes Radiothon, Tree of Lights, Huether Hockey Tournament, Brussels Optimist Club Dinner & Auction, and support from the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 156, Hensall Co-op, and the Seaforth Homecoming Committee demonstrate the remarkable commitment of our local community to healthcare close to home.

The Foundation raised **\$197,541** during the year, contributing to a total commitment of **\$245,963.00** toward the healthcare needs of our community. These funds mean that important equipment can be purchased by the Huron Perth Healthcare Alliance (HPHA), including Centrella Smart+ beds, a Glidescope (reflected in 2026-2027 fiscal year), a Dynamic Tilt Wheelchair, Defibrillator and a Vein Finder. Behind every dollar is a donor, volunteer, organization or community member who believes in the importance of having quality healthcare services available to healthcare providers and those who receive healthcare at the Seaforth Community Hospital.

We have also made important progress in strengthening the Foundation itself. New committees have been established to support donor recognition, corporate appeals, grant writing and future fundraising initiatives. The Board has undertaken a comprehensive review of its By-laws and adopted a number of new policies to strengthen our governance and fundraising practices. Looking ahead, the Foundation will continue this work through a renewed governance structure, a Board skills matrix and onboarding program, development of our Mission, Vision and Values, and preparation for future capital campaigns and fundraising programs.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I extend our heartfelt thanks to our donors, volunteers, community organizations, event organizers, healthcare partners and Foundation members. Your generosity, time and commitment make it possible for the Seaforth Community Hospital Foundation to continue its important work. Together, we are investing in healthcare, supporting our hospital and helping ensure that our community has access to the care it needs—close to home.

**Wendy Hutton**

Chair, Seaforth Community Hospital Foundation

# Your Support in Action

The Foundation is fortunate to be supported by community organizations and volunteers who continually find new and creative ways to raise funds for local healthcare.

## **Centrella Smart+ Beds**

### **\$40,740 raised through the 2025 Radiothon**

The annual Radiothon, held October 11, 2025, raised funds toward the purchase of **three Centrella Smart+ beds**, providing important support for patient care at Seaforth Community Hospital.

## **Glidescope**

### **\$27,000 raised through the Huether Hockey Tournament**

Friends and family of Matt Huether hosted the annual tournament, from March 13–15, 2026. The event, and successful 50/50 draw, raised a combined \$27,000 and will be put toward the purchase of a **Glidescope**, a video-enabled laryngoscope used for routine, and difficult airway management in emergency medicines providing high-definition visualization of the larynx.

## **Dynamic Tilt Wheelchair**

### **\$5,420 from the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 156**

The Foundation was pleased to receive funding through the **2025 Ontario Command Charitable Foundation**, presented by members of Royal Canadian Legion Branch 156 (Seaforth), toward the purchase of a Dynamic Tilt Wheelchair.

## **Vein Finder**

### **\$5,000 from the Seaforth Homecoming 2025 Committee**

A generous donation from the Seaforth Homecoming 2025 Committee will support the purchase of a **Vein Finder**, benefiting both the Emergency and Inpatient Units.

## **Negative Pressure Wound Vacuum**

### **\$2,500 from the Hensall Co-op Stronger Communities Initiative**

The Hensall Co-op Stronger Communities Fund funded \$2,500 towards the purchase of a Negative Pressure Wound Vacuum that promotes wound healing.

## **CKNX Healthcare Heroes Radiothon**

**October 11, 2025 — \$40,740**

Funds raised toward three Centrella Smart+ beds. Attending the CKNX Healthcare Heroes Radiothon social held at the Seaforth Legion, cheque presentations were received from the Huron East/Seaforth Development Trust, Axiom Mutual Insurance Company, and the Seaforth Lions Club.

## **Tree of Lights**

**December 7, 2025 — \$2,705**

The much-loved Tree of Lights campaign, organized by the Volunteers of Seaforth Community Hospital, once again brought the community together for a wonderful family event while raising funds for the Foundation.

## **Huether Hockey Tournament**

**March 13–15, 2026 — \$27,000**

Friends and family of Matt Huether continued this popular annual fundraising event in support of the hospital.

## **Royal Canadian Legion Branch 156**

**March 19, 2026 — \$5,420**

Funding received through the Ontario Command Charitable Foundation will support the purchase of a Dynamic Tilt Wheelchair.

## **Brussels Optimist Club Dinner & Auction**

**April 11, 2026 — \$8,000**

The Brussels Optimist Club held a successful Dinner & Auction and generously donated \$8,000 to each of four local hospital foundations, including Seaforth.

## **Seaforth Homecoming 2025 Committee**

**April 2026 — \$5,000**

A generous contribution toward a Vein Finder for use in the Emergency and Inpatient Units.

# Connecting Donors to Their Impact

## Donor Tour & Information Session

On May 20, 2026, the Foundation welcomed local clubs and organizations to the Seaforth Community Hospital Foundation Donor Tour and Information Session.

The event provided an opportunity for organizations that have generously supported the Foundation over the years to hear about our organization and tour the hospital. Most importantly, participants were able to see the equipment purchased through their fundraising efforts and learn how their contributions are helping patients and healthcare providers.

Connecting donors directly with the impact of their generosity is an important part of the Foundation's commitment to accountability, transparency and community engagement.



# Building a Stronger Foundation

The Foundation continues to build a strong organizational and governance framework to support its work in the years ahead. During 2025–2026, the Board established and supported committees focused on:

## Donor Recognition

Developing initiatives to recognize and acknowledge the generosity of donors.

## Corporate Appeals & Grant Writing

Identifying new funding opportunities and developing relationships with organizations and granting agencies.

## Fundraising

Planning future fundraising initiatives and identifying opportunities to expand the Foundation's fundraising capacity.

## Governance

A Working Group meeting held June 22, 2026, focused on the Foundation's governance and committee structure going forward. A revised structure will be considered at the September 2026 Annual General Meeting, with the objective of strengthening annual fundraising activities and preparing the Foundation for a future capital campaign.

# Strengthening Governance

Good governance is essential to maintaining the trust of our donors and community.

During 2025–2026, the Foundation continued its review and development of its governance framework.

The Foundations By-laws were reviewed during 2025 and 2026 to ensure that the Foundation remains compliant with applicable legislation. A final draft will be presented for consideration and adoption at the September 2026 Annual General Meeting.

The Board also adopted the following policies:

- Corporate Grant Appeal Policy
- Donor Recognition Policy
- Ethical Fundraising Policy
- Gift Acceptance Policy
- Gift Acknowledgement Policy
- Social Media Policy

These policies provide a stronger framework for responsible fundraising, donor relations and organizational operations.

# Investing in Our Board

The Foundation welcomed six new members in the last two years:

**Dean Johnston**  
**Jane Morton**  
**Erin Robinson**  
**Jana Henry-Carroll**  
**Michelle Healey**  
**Kim Lorimer**

A Fundraising Workshop held April 7, 2026, provided new Board members with valuable insight into the principles and practices of hospital foundation philanthropy and fundraising.

## Financial Highlights

| <b>2025–2026 Financial Highlights</b>          | <b>Amount</b>    |
|------------------------------------------------|------------------|
| Total Revenue                                  | <b>\$273,042</b> |
| Total Expenditures, including transfer to HPHA | <b>\$295,553</b> |
| Total Funds Raised                             | <b>\$197,541</b> |
| Total Transferred to the HPHA                  | <b>\$245,963</b> |

### Funds Raised

| <b>Source</b>             | <b>Amount</b>    |
|---------------------------|------------------|
| Campaigns                 | \$136,501        |
| General Donations         | \$15,473         |
| Honour/Memorial Donations | \$38,067         |
| Grants                    | \$2,500          |
| Bequests                  | \$5,000          |
| <b>Total</b>              | <b>\$197,541</b> |

*Detailed financial information is available through the Foundation's annual Financial Statement.*

# Looking Ahead to 2026–2027

The coming year will be an important one for the Seaforth Community Hospital Foundation. The Board will continue to strengthen its governance and organizational capacity while preparing for future fundraising opportunities. Priorities include:

- Establishing a **Capital Campaign Readiness Advisory Committee**
- Establishing a **Fundraising Program Committee**
- Establishing an **Events Management Committee**
- Developing a **Board skills matrix**
- Establishing a formal **Board onboarding program**
- Developing the Foundation's **Mission, Vision and Values**
- Continuing the development of corporate, financial and human resources policies
- Exploring the need for **administrative support** and preparing budget projections for Board consideration
- Strengthening annual fundraising programs and events
- Preparing for a potential **future capital campaign**

These initiatives will help ensure that the Foundation is well positioned to respond to the evolving needs of Seaforth Community Hospital and the community it serves.

# Thank You

The success of the Seaforth Community Hospital Foundation reflects the generosity and commitment of our community. We extend our sincere appreciation to:

## **Our Donors**

For choosing to invest in the Seaforth Community Hospital.

## **Our Volunteers**

For giving their time, energy and expertise to support the Foundation and its events.

## **Our Community Organizations**

For creating fundraising opportunities and supporting the Foundation year after year.

## **Our Event Organizers and Sponsors**

For finding innovative and meaningful ways to bring our community together.

## **Our Healthcare Partners**

For helping us understand the needs of our hospital and the patients we serve.

## **The Huron Perth Healthcare Alliance**

For providing administrative support and expertise to the Foundation.

## **The Stratford General Hospital Foundation**

For partnering with the Seaforth Community Hospital Foundation to share the expertise of their staff.

## **Our Board Members**

For their leadership, commitment and stewardship of the Foundation.

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## **Board of Directors - 2025–2026**

**Chair:** Ron Lavoie

**Vice Chair:** Wendy Hutton

**Interim Chair:** Wendy Hutton

**Interim Vice Chair:** Kerri Ann O'Rourke

**Secretary/Treasurer:** Andrew William, President & CEO, HPHA

### **Directors:**

Dick Burgess

Michelle Heeley

Jana Henry-Carroll

Dean Johnston

Jane Morton

Greg O'Reilly

Erin Robinson

Kim Lorimer

# IMPACT AT A GLANCE

## CAPITAL EQUIPMENT FUNDED 2025-2026

Dynamic Tilt Wheelchair, PROSIM 8 Vital Signs Simulator & Spot SP02 Test Module, Arjo Tub Chair, Tornado (bedpan washer), Negative Pressure Wound, Vacuum, 3 - Centrella Beds with MAX Surface, 15 - Bedside Tables (Emergency & Inpatient Units), Trauma IV Infuser, Vein Finder, Tonometer, Zoll Defibrillator, Cultural Training (Seaforth site staff), LEADS Leadership Training

