

NEW Automated Medication Dispensing Cabinets

JUST ARRIVED at North Wellington Health Care (NWHC)-Louise Marshall Hospital

An update from The Mount Forest Louise Marshall Hospital Foundation

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this is
IMPRESSIVE.



Automated medication dispensing cabinets arrived the first week of February at LMH.

Patient Care Accelerated by Automation

As part of a multi-stage integration to update pharmacy services at Louise Marshall Hospital (LMH), the arrival of the automated medication dispensing cabinets marks another remarkable change in how medication is administered at our hospital.

According to Lauren Manion, Manager of Pharmacy Service, “Wellington Health Care Alliance (WHCA) has made a significant investment in patient safety by purchasing Omnicell automated dispensing cabinets. The cabinets are similar to vending machines and provide secure medication storage and dispensing in patient care areas.”

Lauren explains, “When a medication is needed for a patient, the health care provider will select the desired medication from the patient’s medication list on the cabinet’s screen. The compartment containing that medication will open, allowing the health care provider to remove the required ... *continued on back page*”

Your Charitable Gift is Treasured

What happens when you make a gift to a charity?

You work hard for the money you have. When you decide to share it with your favourite charities, you may choose to designate funds to a project. You make the gift. *Then what happens?*

Canadian donors are protected by laws that dictate how charities use and steward its donations especially when a donor specifies this. How are you protected?

Receipt / Acknowledgement

You should receive a notification from a charity. Individuals receive a receipt for income tax purposes. Businesses are eligible for a receipt to be used as an expense against business income. Proceeds from an event that were generated by many participants receive an acknowledgement. These various notifications describe how your gift will be used. If you are not sure, contact the charity to verify your concerns.

The Charity is “transparent”

When you ask questions, expect answers. Through print and online communications, a charity may explain how funds are being used and invested until needed. This is public information. While many people frown on receiving too

much mail, donors see these communications (*like the one you are reading*) as a responsibility to share news with its supporters and community.

The Charity reports annually to Canada Revenue Agency

On an income tax receipt, a charity MUST provide details on how to contact Canada Revenue Agency (CRA), a division of Revenue Canada that governs charities. A charity is exempt from taxes normally paid by individuals and businesses. It is

obliged to submit an annual report to CRA about its current list of directors, its revenue and expenditures, and its annual activities.

Visit <http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca> to search for

any charity. Remember that the history of a charity on this website may be delayed by 18 months due to timing of a charity’s fiscal year.

We invite you to visit The Mount Forest Louise Marshall Hospital Foundation located at the LMH administration office. Call 519-323-3333, Ext 2750 or visit our website, mff.nwhealthcare.ca. With an appointment, our staff is glad to show off its latest acquisitions - made possible because of you!



Your gift is special to us!



FROM START TO FINISH:

How our Foundation directors manage fiscal responsibilities for you and other supporters

March: North Wellington Health Care Chief Executive Officer (NWHC CEO) submits a list of capital projects and equipment to the Foundation.

April: The Foundation approves the list in conjunction with its budget. The hospital begins to purchase equipment. **Note, this can take 1-3 years to complete.**

May to March (next year): Foundation directors and staff seek funding. They speak with supporters, send appeals like Radiothon and Christmas, and manage incoming gifts including memorials, estates, grateful patients and general giving.

May-July: The hospital presents a list of equipment purchased in the previous year. They promptly receive a cheque from the Foundation.

Ongoing: The Foundation reviews its financial status at every meeting. Directors examine monthly/special progress reports. Adhering to a strict investment policy, GICs and short-term notes are bought after comparing rates from several financial vendors for best return on investment.



Donna Leach accepted \$5,000 from Lions President Gaston St Louis & Treasurer Christine Pfeiffer.

EYE ON IT - World Giving Trends

Canadians view their mark of charitable generosity as a world leader. Yet according to a latest survey by Charities Aid Foundation in the UK, Canada and 19 other developed nations experienced a drop in giving in 2016. These same nations enjoyed a rise in living standards and disposable income. The drop represents the lowest level in three years. Three critical questions were asked during the survey. Below is the percentage and world ranking of Canadian participants, based on the previous 12 months:

- Have you helped a stranger or someone you did not know?*
67%, ranked 16th
- Have you donated money to a charity?* **61%, ranked 10th**
- Have you volunteered your time?*
35%, ranked 16th

**See other results online
at www.cafonline.org**

Not sure if your volunteerism and gifts matter? They sure do. Thanks!

Stepping Up to the Plate - once again!

On February 1, the Mount Forest Lions Club made a gift of \$5,000. While significant as a major gift, it also represents a new pledge commitment to the Redevelopment of the Emergency Department and Ambulatory Care at LMH.

The club's first commitment of \$75,000 was completed in 2015 when the members finished a five year pledge in only two years.

Now the members have decided that they want to stretch their support by an additional \$25,000 to attain a total commitment of \$100,000.

Foundation President Donna Leach expressed her appreciation on behalf of the Foundation and hospital at the presentation of the cheque. "This service club [the

Lions] has been a long-time supporter of our hospital. Your commitment to a new five year pledge is admirable and we salute you for your efforts."

The Lions provide funding for local and international projects through their many events and volunteers.

Thank you Lions!

Update on the Redevelopment

Q: What is the status of the Redevelopment project in Spring 2018?
(Emergency Department, Ambulatory Care and Medical Education)

NWHC CEO Steve Street advises that the Stage 3 proposal was returned from the Ministry with minor changes expected. The building committee is revisiting these issues and will send revisions back to the Ministry within four weeks.

A representative of Health Capital Division at the Ministry of Health has accepted a NWHC invitation to visit Louise Marshall Hospital to tour the facility including the current Emergency Department and Ambulatory Care areas later this month.

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dose. Each medication is stored in a separate compartment within the cabinet and the cabinet only allows access to the compartment containing the medication selected by the health care provider."

Lauren continues, "From a patient safety perspective, accessing medications from the Omnicell cabinets will reduce medication selection errors and a potential for patients to receive the wrong medications. The cabinets are integrated with a patient's electronic health record, which

provides a computerized record of all medications removed from the cabinet for each patient."

Vice President Patient Care for WHCA Stephanie Pearsall advised that the next step in delivery of safe medication management is the purchase of new medication and fluid intravenous infusion pumps valued at \$150,000.

"Clearly, our supporters are making a determined commitment to Louise Marshall Hospital so our hospital keeps pace with new equipment," states Jane Ford Development Officer of Louise Marshall Hospital Foundation.

"Viewing equipment as a priority and supporting the Foundation financially is one way we can be engaged. This is why rural health care is strong and exceptional. We care and act! Thank you for caring and taking an action!"



One of four units shows the large screen.

FIRE CHIEF'S GALA ENDS ITS SUCCESSFUL RUN



After three very successful years the Fire Chief's Gala will not continue this year.

Recognizing the amazing work of Fire Chief Dave Guilbault and his valiant committee, the Foundation thanks them for supporting projects like the Redevelopment, IATRIC Paperless Pharmacy, Bi-Pap Ventilator and the Safe Room.

Over \$75,000 in funds were raised at the three annual galas, boosting funding for these costly projects.



Thanks Dave! Your efforts are appreciated!



Louise Marshall Hospital matters. Here is a gift of \$ _____ to help.

I wish to make this gift using a:

_____ **Cheque.** Make payable to Louise Marshall Hospital Foundation. Envelope is included

_____ **Credit card.** Name on credit card _____ Expiry date _____

Credit card # _____ CVC (on back of card) _____

_____ **Monthly withdrawal.** Contact me at _____ (phone).

_____ Please apply this gift to a pledge I have now

Save the postage. Make the gift online at mff.nwhealthcare.ca

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An income tax receipt will be issued for this gift. Spending of funds is confined to projects approved by The Mount Forest Louise Marshall Hospital Foundation. Gifts for approved projects are used as designated. When the project is fully funded, surplus funds will be applied to other projects. Our charitable # is BN888153848RR0001