



## Dear Friend:

I hope this letter finds you well.

**2021 has offered challenges for all of us.** Despite this, there are some silver linings. We've found we are a tight-knit community that supports each other; we've seen strangers willing to put aside their comfort to protect others; and we've felt the unwavering support of the Queens community.

Thanks to the generous gifts of donors throughout times of uncertainty, **Queens General Hospital Foundation (QGHF)** has been able to continue its work. Donations have helped to improve the health and safety of those in Queens County, continuing to ensure quality healthcare for our families, friends, and neighbours.

**Throughout the past year, thanks to each donation, I am pleased to report that the Foundation has successfully commenced and/or completed a number of important projects, including:**

**Building Renovations:** The QGHF has finished renovations at 157 School Street. The new space was named the *Queens General Hospital Foundation Ledvina Building* to honour the late **Tim and Diane Ledvina** and their \$4.6 million donation.

**Queens Coast Seniors Live Well Initiative:** QGH Foundation is proud to fund the *Queens Coast Seniors Live Well Initiative*. This initiative was created to keep seniors living in Queens County active, healthy, and engaged, ensuring the routines community members have built go uninterrupted well into their senior years.

**Beautification:** Long shifts have been especially taxing for hospital staff throughout the past 19 months, both mentally and physically. That is why QGHF started the *Atrium Project* – an outdoor respite in the center of the hospital, where staff can take a quiet moment to themselves.

The garden project, curated by **Angela Roy** of Mayflower Hill Projects, is already catching the attention of anyone who sees it. The impact of Angela's work is captured by a message from **Lyn Oakley**: *"Thank you, Dr. Doucet and QGHF. I have been watching with admiration the growth of the gardens in front of QGH main entrance. Sometimes I arrive without anxiety, other times the circumstances for my visit are cause for great concern. The gardens that have been created as visitors cross from the upper parking are a welcome mental break, an extra intake of breath, a delight to the senses in the plantings and rock placements. They are part of the healing journey for me."*

**Cafeteria Renovation:** More than \$60,000 has been put towards the now completed renovation to the Queens General Hospital cafeteria. These renovations provide a more welcoming space for patients, visiting family and friends, and staff. Thanks to renowned local artist **Roger Savage, Dr. William Lenco**, and the family of the late painter **Georges de Rome**, beautiful artwork is featured around the cafeteria.

**MRI Machine:** With a large expansion planned for the Bridgewater Hospital, the QGHF has committed \$725,000 toward the purchase of an MRI machine which will greatly benefit Queens Residents.



**Rehabilitation Centre:** Recently, the Foundation purchased a new treadmill and a portable, adjustable, two-sided staircase, helping patients feel safe returning home after their mobility has been compromised. Donations have allowed us to maintain one of the best rehabilitation centres in the province with total purchases over the last 10 years approaching \$500,000.



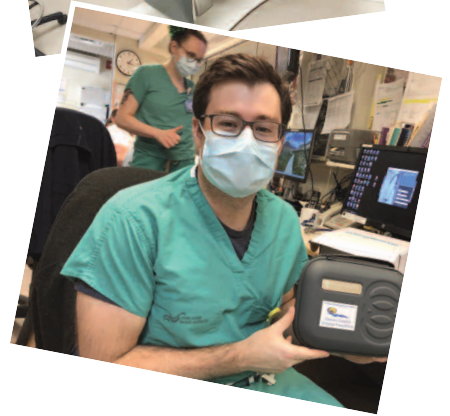
**On-Call Suites:** Construction of three on-call suites is expected to be completed in April of 2022. The Foundation contributed \$524,000 to this project, which will be a recruitment and retention vehicle to help bring physicians into Queens to work shifts in the ER at QGH.

**Blood Collection Lab:** The purchase of two new electrically powered chairs helps patients feel more comfortable throughout the process, and their adjustability reduces the physical strain placed on lab staff who spend long hours drawing blood.



**Equipment Updates:** Having the highest-quality medical equipment is essential to providing positive patient outcomes and experiences. Knowing this, the Foundation has recently helped secure two new stretchers for the Hospital Emergency Room.

**Medavator:** More than ever, we know the importance of keeping everything from our complex equipment to our counters and surfaces bacteria-free. The \$95,000 Medavator purchase allows us to ensure our gastroscopes and colonoscopes are sterile and safe for use.



**Physician Recruitment:** Given a shortage of family doctors in Queens County, physician recruitment is a top priority for the Foundation. Our Foundation Chair **Dr. Al Doucet** continues his work on recruitment, a legacy that is now 40 years in the making.

**South Shore Bursary Program:** Our Foundation has once again provided funding for students studying in the medical field. This \$50,000 annual bursary program provides an incentive for students to bring their skills to back to Queens County after graduation.

Funds donated to the QGH Foundation are managed by two expert financial teams and returns are closely monitored by the *Foundation Finance Committee*. As the QGH Foundation is managed by a team of volunteer trustees, there is very little administrative overhead.

Generosity has strengthened our community's access to quality healthcare, and in times like these, we realize how incredibly important that is. On behalf of Queens General Hospital Foundation and all who have benefitted from this kindness, thank you.

**If you are in a position to donate this year, we hope that you will consider Queens General Hospital Foundation in your charitable giving plans – every gift matters. Donations can be mailed to: P.O. Box 528, Liverpool, NS B0T 1K0, delivered to 95 Gorham Street, or made online via our secure website at [www.qghfoundation.ca](http://www.qghfoundation.ca).**

Please contact me at anytime to discuss the tax benefits available to donors considering estate gifts, or gifts of securities such as stocks or mutual funds.

With deep gratitude,

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