



Dear community, friends, and generous donors,

This season marks the end of another amazing year for the Queens community. In 2021, we set out to restore, heal and recover after a year unlike any other in our lifetime. In 2022, we are proud to say **Queens General Hospital Foundation (QGHF)** has rooted itself in building our community up and focusing efforts on actionable change.

With generous support from our community of donors, we continue to be able to fund state-of-the-art equipment, upgrade facilities and recruit highly skilled professionals.

At QGHF, we understand that investing in our local hospital is essential to the health and wellness of our community and are proud to share the highlights of these continued efforts below. With your donations, we can continue to advance these projects and more.



Physician Recruitment and Retention – As a core tenet of our commitments and a top priority to the Foundation, QGHF is actively involved in the recruitment of new family physicians. We are proud to share the addition of five new physicians; welcoming Doctors **Folasade Akinwande** and **Alison Freeman** who have already joined us, as well Doctors **Asha Goyle** and **Asaad Abuelgasim**, who we look forward to welcoming in 2023. We are also excited to have **Dr. Andrew Bray**, a family physician who will join the ER in 2024. The Foundation continues to recruit candidates to join the dedicated and exceptional team of hospital staff at Queens General Hospital.



Nursing Recruitment – QGHF provides funding for students studying in the medical field. The South Shore Bursary for nursing education, encourages new nursing graduates to join to QGH after graduation. We're proud to continue this program year after year and provide a \$50,000 annual bursary.

Enhancing Regional Services – This Spring, QGHF donated \$725,000 towards the purchase of an MRI machine. This will be installed at the new South Shore Regional Hospital (SSRH), greatly enhancing speed and availability of early diagnosis for residents of Queens County.

Nurse Practitioner for Queens General Hospital (QGH) ER – As a commitment to ongoing efforts to recruit highly skilled staff, QGHF was involved in developing and securing a pilot project to implement a new Nurse Practitioner position, specifically for the QGH ER.

Queens Transit Partnership – We fundamentally believe in providing access to transportation to receive essential care. QGHF has partnered with Queens Transit to subsidize fares for patients in financial need who require medical related transport.

Queens General Hospital Beautification Project – QGH beautification began with the Atrium project, an outdoor respite in the centre of the hospital. QGHF has continued this program, concentrating on the garden and flowers at the main entrance, and the two inner atriums. Long shifts are taxing for hospital staff, both mentally and physically. This project aims to offer patients and staff a place to take a quiet moment for themselves.

Bedside Ultrasound – QGHF has allocated funds to supply a bedside ultrasound. This equipment will enable QGH physicians to position injections for joint and soft tissue therapies more accurately. As a part of our ongoing commitments, we are pleased to continue to secure state-of-the-art equipment to advance patient care.

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On-Call Staff Suite – Ensuring our on-call staff has spaces to rest while on shift is a top priority to QGHF. Financed entirely by QGHF, we are pleased that the on-call suite is due to open at the end of this year. This space will provide living accommodation for physicians, medical students and residents who are providing services in the ER at QGH. This initiative aligns with our ongoing recruitment and retention of physicians supplying ER services.

INR Machine for Collaborative Practice – QGHF funding has been allocated towards a new machine which will enable pharmacists in the QGH collaborative practice to perform critical patient tests. The INR, a test used to monitor the time for the blood to clot, helps when assessing therapeutic dosing levels of anticoagulants. The integration of this machine will greatly improve and streamline patient care.

You can look forward to hearing more about future projects, including the acquisition of a CT machine for QGH, new patient care rooms, a procedure unit, the front door overhang for QGH front door, and more in the new year!

Thank you to our community for continued generosity and support. Your donations have strengthened our community's access to quality healthcare and continue to bolster our efforts to improve our healthcare system. On behalf of Queens General Hospital Foundation and all who have benefited from your kindness, thank you.



If you can donate this year, we hope that you will once again consider Queens General Hospital Foundation in your charitable giving plans.

With deep gratitude,

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ABOUT THE QUEENS GENERAL HOSPITAL FOUNDATION

At the Queens General Hospital Foundation, we are committed to ensuring that Queens County residents have access to quality healthcare, close to home. Through our generous donors, dedicated Board members and community volunteers, our work funds state-of-the-art equipment and facility upgrades for Queens General Hospital and enables the recruitment and retention of highly skilled health professionals to care for our community.

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.