



## Hope for Healthcare Gala a Success!

The Brant Community Healthcare System (BCHS) Foundation was thrilled to host our Hope for Healthcare virtual gala on September 17, 2021. Thank you to everyone who joined us and supported by making donations, shopping the auction or purchasing raffle tickets!

Special thank you to presenting sponsor



We are excited to announce that the Hope for Healthcare Gala raised an incredible \$132,475 to support the Emergency Department redevelopment project and the purchase of a critically needed second CT Scanner.

The event can still be viewed online on the BCHS Foundation youtube channel, or by visiting [www.bchsgala.com](http://www.bchsgala.com). Donations are still encouraged to help support this event and the redevelopment of the Emergency Department.



# HOPE for HEALTHCARE

IN SUPPORT OF THE BRANT COMMUNITY  
HEALTHCARE SYSTEM FOUNDATION

## Let's Light Up Our Community!!

The BCHS Foundation is excited to announce the return of our Hope for Healthcare campaign this holiday season.

Help us illuminate our community in blue to signify hope, resilience and appreciation of our healthcare system and frontline workers.

Throughout the campaign, we will be sharing grateful patient stories, staff stories, videos and highlighting the Emergency Department (ED) redevelopment project. This campaign will be raising funds in support of the ED redevelopment at the Brant Community Healthcare System.

Watch for your package to arrive in your mailbox in the weeks ahead to learn more about how you can support Hope for Healthcare.

As the BCHS Foundation receives donations from our community, the Brant Community Healthcare System will light up as we illuminate the building in blue to showcase the wonderful support of healthcare in our community.

For donations made of \$50 or more the BCHS Foundation will provide donors with a blue light bulb to display at your home. Light up your entry or porch in blue light to show your support!!

## I would like to make a difference to healthcare in our community!

Please direct my gift: ☐ Top Priority Fund ☐ Emergency Department ☐ Willett, Paris ☐ Other: .....

### ONE TIME GIFT

☐ \$100 ☐ \$75 ☐ \$50 ☐ \$25 ☐ Other .....

☐ Enclosed is my cheque payable to the BCHS Foundation

☐ Please charge my credit card

Name: .....

Address: .....

City: ..... Postal Code: .....

Email: .....

Phone: .....

☐ I wish to remain anonymous.

☐ I have already included the BCHS Foundation in my Estate.

### REGULAR MONTHLY GIFT

☐ Pre-authorized giving from my bank account (please include a void cheque) Gift \$ ..... (on or about the 25th of each month)

☐ Pre-authorized giving from my credit card (please complete credit card information) Gift \$ ..... (on or about the 25th of each month)

**\*Minimum of \$10/month for monthly gift.**

### CREDIT CARD INFORMATION

☐ Visa ☐ Mastercard ☐ Amex

Card number

Exp. date

Cardholder's signature

Print name as it appears on card

☐ I would like to receive information about leaving a legacy to the BCHS Foundation in my Will.

# FOUNDATION focus



## Emergency Department Redevelopment at BCHS

The past 20 months have been an unprecedented time both globally and in our community as we have navigated the COVID19 pandemic. The Brant Community Healthcare System (BCHS) has successfully worked through this challenging period with the tremendous support of our community, and because of the remarkable commitment of exceptional physicians, nurses and support staff at the BCHS.

Throughout the pandemic, we have realized more than ever before, the importance of the emergency department, with emergency and urgent care treating more than 78,000 patients each year.

Under these challenging circumstances, BCHS physicians, nurses and support staff had to be bold to protect everyone while continuing to provide safe, quality care. Your support of the BCHS Foundation allows the teams at BCHS to have the best equipment and spaces to allow them to continue to effectively provide exceptional healthcare to our community.

The BCHS is excited to be moving forward with the next stage of planning in the Emergency Department (ED) redevelopment project, preparing tender documents for the new build.

Redevelopment of the ED will cost more than \$25 million and the BCHS Foundation must pay 10% of the construction costs, in addition to all the medical equipment, furnishings and items that are not covered or cost shared by the Ministry of Health.

Included in the local contribution of \$8 million is the purchase of a critically needed CT Scanner - one of the most frequently used pieces of equipment at the BCHS.

Help support your community hospital by making a donation today to the Emergency Department redevelopment fund or towards the purchase of the CT Scanner. Together, we are transforming healthcare in our community!

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# A message from Heather Wilson

## Chair, Brant Community Healthcare System Foundation Board of Directors

As a wife, mother and an educator, I recognize the significant role that healthcare has in our community. As Chair of the BCHS Foundation Board of Directors, I want to ensure that our community understands the role and responsibility we have. Relying on our healthcare system is something we all take for granted, until we need it!

Did you know that our healthcare system relies on the generosity of donor dollars to support equipment needs? Investing in our local healthcare network and becoming a donor today is the best investment we can make in our community.

Global studies clearly demonstrate that investing in healthcare is a vital economic and societal catalyst for change. Let's ensure that our physicians and healthcare teams have the tools they need to continue offering the exceptional care we depend on.

Contact our Foundation office today to learn how you can become a donor and make a difference.

Respectfully,  
*Heather Wilson*  
Heather Wilson



# A message from Kari Wilson

## Executive Director, Brant Community Healthcare System Foundation

The past 20 months has caused us all to adapt to a new reality and has changed the way we view healthcare. We have been quickly reminded of how precious our health can be, and how deeply we rely on a strong and functioning healthcare system. I am sure that you share in the sentiment of gratitude for the BCHS frontline healthcare workers, physicians and support staff that have been working diligently to provide safe and effective patient care throughout the pandemic.

The BCHS Foundation team and I are so appreciative of our community that has shown incredible generosity, kindness and compassion during this unique time.

As we continue to manage the uncertainty of a fourth pandemic wave, the BCHS Foundation continues to look to the current and future needs of our local healthcare system. In my role and as a community member, I deeply appreciate the importance of donor dollars and get to see the impact donations have as we purchase equipment so our caregivers are equipped to treat patients in their time of greatest need.

Donor dollars are purchasing items such as vital signs monitors, portable ultrasounds, fetal heart monitoring systems, defibrillators and more. Your support to our Foundation means so much, thank you.

With gratitude,  
*Kari*  
Kari Wilson

# CT Technology

## at Brant Community Healthcare System



Computed Tomography - CT - scanning is a highly specialized x-ray imaging procedure used to obtain detailed images of every area in the body, providing information no other imaging device can get. Modern CT Scanners are an incredibly valuable tool that have

revolutionized the diagnosis and treatment of trauma, cancer, stroke, infection and many other conditions.



Did you Know

- The CT currently performs 50,000 scans per year
- Since the installation of the current CT in 2010, the volume/demand has increased 200%
- 45% of the volume on the CT results from ED patient visits
- Two biopsies per day are performed using the CT to support the Brant Community Cancer Clinic

Brant Community Healthcare System (BCHS) currently has one CT unit that is nearing the end of life. Excessive demand has increased wear and tear on the system resulting in increased downtime.

# Q and A - An Interview

## with Dr. Angela Fleming, Chief and Medical Director Diagnostic Imaging

**Q: What role do you play at BCHS and why are you proud to be part of the BCHS Family?**

A: I am a staff radiologist at BGH, working here since 2005. I am also the Chief and Medical Director of our department since Jan. 2021. I am proud to be a part of the BCHS family as I truly believe, despite limited material resources, that we have fantastic people resources. Whether it be the physicians, nurses, technologists, or ESAs, our staff are resilient, resourceful and caring. So many of us work and live in Brantford and have a vested interest in the health and welfare of our community. Brant is a wonderful place to live and raise your family.

**Q: How will the purchase of a second CT Scanner make a difference for our community?**

A second CT scanner will allow us to image more patients in a more timely fashion. A second CT scanner will allow for some redundancy in our system when the scanner undergoes what we call preventative maintenance, or when a scanner undergoes unexpected repairs. Currently, CT imaging and CT guided procedures have to be deferred when our single CT is down for maintenance or repairs, or patients have to be sent out of town, both of which impact patient care. We will be able to do more biopsies and CT guided procedures with a second scanner. Currently, we limit the number of such procedures we do daily, as we can only use the scanner for one thing at a time. As a result, outpatients may wait longer for their lung biopsy. With a second scanner, we would be able to do more procedures, without compromising our ability to image patients for diagnosis and treatment monitoring.



**Q: How does Diagnostic Imaging and the CT Scanner make a difference to patient care at BCHS?**

A: 30 to 40 years ago, Diagnostic Imaging (DI) was a very different specialty than it is now. In the past, radiology was a 9 to 5 sort of job - our department now runs 24/7. At any given time, we will have anywhere from 2 to 20 technologists working and anywhere from 1 to 7 radiologists working. With technological advances, there is not an aspect of medicine that is not part of DI. Whether it be imaging for diagnosis, imaging for procedure guidance, or imaging to assess treatment response, DI is essential in today's medicine for patient care. This becomes extremely evident when we unfortunately have downtimes due to equipment failure. In these instances, flow of patients, particularly the ED and the inpatient units are severely impacted. When our CT needs repairing, patients from the ED have to be re routed with a nurse to other hospitals for their imaging, as often they cannot wait the time it takes for the machine to be repaired. Our CT scanner is one of the busiest in our region, with roughly 50% of all scans coming from the ED and inpatients in hospital.



Join us!

This Halloween, starting at 6PM, dress up in your Halloween costume and take a stroll around Brantwood Farms to check out an amazing trail of carved jack-o-lanterns and Halloween displays in a family friendly, safe, physically distanced environment.

Admission to this exciting event is by donation to the Brant Community Healthcare System Foundation, so please join us to enjoy a fun night out while supporting local healthcare.

**October 31, 2021 at 6PM**  
**Brantwood Farms - 251 Powerline Rd, Brantford, ON N3T 5L8**