



Growing Healthcare Together: A Community Powered Investment in Local Healthcare



Brant Community Healthcare System in our Community

In 1999, Brantford General Hospital and The Willett in Paris became the first two partners in the Brant Community Healthcare System (BCHS).

Brantford General is a regional acute health centre serving Brantford, Brant County, Six Nations of the Grand River, Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation, and surrounding areas. The Willett provides urgent care and ambulatory services.

With a total of 324 beds, the BCHS is an affiliated teaching site of McMaster University Michael G. DeGroot School of Medicine.

Community Support at the Brant Community Healthcare System

The Brantford/Brant community is an invaluable source of support to the Brant Community Healthcare System Foundation. Our community donors make a significant impact on the quality of care and services provided at the BCHS and touch the lives of tens of thousands of patients at the Brantford General and The Willett, Paris.

The needs of the hospital are increasing exponentially, as our community continues to grow and flourish. Essential patient equipment used every day at the BCHS is not fully covered by the Ministry of Health funding model. The BCHS Foundation is dedicated, now more than ever, to implementing a robust and strategic fundraising plan to facilitate the purchase of critical medical equipment to put directly into the hands of physicians and caregivers.

Our Equipment Needs - Brant Community Healthcare System

Matching state of the art equipment with high quality medical services is essential to providing exceptional care for our community. Modern medical technology strengthens the care we deliver while also helping attract new physicians and retain experienced healthcare professional who are vital to a strong healthcare system.

Demand for Diagnostic Imaging services continues to grow, making it critical that the equipment keeps pace with advancing technology. Updated imaging equipment offers clearer images, faster results, and more accurate diagnoses. For patients in our community, this leads to earlier detection and better health outcomes.



Diagnostic Imaging at the Brant Community Healthcare System

Diagnostic imaging services includes many different types of technology and examinations. Each of these play a vital role from screening, to diagnosing various diseases, to following up on the effectiveness of treatments throughout the BCCHS.



X-Ray



Ultrasound



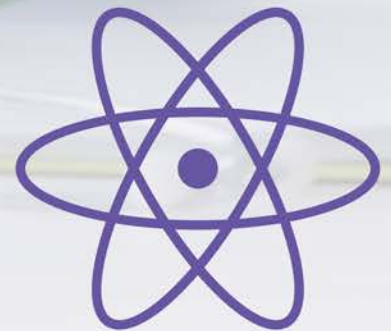
MRI



Mammogram



CT Scan



Nuclear Medicine



Did you Know?

295,110 diagnostic imaging procedures were performed by the Brant Community Healthcare System in the 2024-2025 fiscal year, an increase of **5%** since last year.

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Agriculture is one of the largest and most vital sectors in the County of Brant, deeply rooted in the community's identity and economic strength. With 669 farms, spanning more than 148,580 acres local farmers produce a diverse range of grains, oilseeds, beef, and dairy products that sustain both the local economy and food supply. This strong agricultural foundation presents a unique opportunity to align community values of stewardship, resilience, and mutual support with the need to further strengthen our local healthcare system.

By partnering with local farmers to grow designated cash crops in support of the Brant Community Healthcare System Foundation, this initiative transforms agricultural production into a powerful expression of community philanthropy. Proceeds from these crops are reinvested directly into essential equipment, and benefit patient care, ensuring that quality care remains close to home.

How it Works: A Community Partnership from Seed to Care

The BCHS Foundation's Farming for Healthcare initiative is built on collaboration across the agricultural and business communities, with the BCHS Foundation serving as the coordinating partner. By bringing together farms, agri-businesses, and community supporters, the program turns every stage of crop production into an opportunity for philanthropy!

Local businesses are invited to support the program by contributing essential farming inputs such as seed, fertilizer, crop protection products, harvesting services and transportation. These in-kind financial contributions significantly reduce the production costs, maximizing the funds that can be directed to local healthcare.

Participating farmers donate land, equipment time, and expertise to grow designated cash crops. Once harvested, the crops are marketed through established channels and sold, with proceeds benefiting the top priority equipment needs of the BCHS. Following the harvest and sale of the cash crops, a Farm to Table celebration that brings farmers, business partners, and donors together will be held. This event showcases the journey from field to plate, celebrating the collective impact of community generosity.



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Opportunities for Community Partnership

The success of the BCHS Foundation's Farming for Healthcare Initiative relies on strong partnerships with local community businesses and partners. Support is needed across several critical areas to ensure a successful growing season and meaningful impact for local healthcare.



Seed and Crop Inputs

Support is needed for the purchase or donation of seed, fertilizer, and crop protection products to initiate and sustain crop production.



Equipment and Services

Contributions toward planting, spraying, and harvesting equipment or related services.



Harvesting and Transportation

Assistance in harvesting logistics, trucking, and transportation are essential to move crops from field to market effectively.

Each contribution, whether financial, in-kind, or service-based plays a vital role in transforming agricultural support into improved healthcare outcomes for patients within the Brantford community.



Growing Together - Farming for Healthcare

Thank you for your consideration of the BCHS Foundation's Farming for Healthcare Initiative, a vital project dedicated to strengthening local healthcare through sustainable agricultural and farming practices across Brantford and Brant County.

With your support, we can continue to make a meaningful difference in the lives of patients and the broader community. The BCHS Foundation is committed to working closely with you to ensure thoughtful and meaningful recognition that aligns with your interests and values.

We sincerely appreciate your time and consideration and look forward to the possibility of partnering together to create lasting impact on local healthcare.



Thank you for your consideration!

