

2025-2026 Annual Donor Report



Bringing Community



Together



to re-imagine local healthcare

Celebrating YOUR *Impact*



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A Message from Executive Director: Kari Wilson

Thanks to the kindness and generosity of our donors, the Foundation had a very successful and busy year. We focused on fresh new initiatives and increased opportunities to connect with our partners, the community and you – our valued donors. Third-party events and activities hosted by individuals, businesses and groups continue to rise in number and creativity. It is truly amazing to see the community rally together to strengthen local healthcare. In 2025-2026, the Foundation granted nearly \$2.6 million to Brant Community Healthcare System to purchase essential medical equipment and support priority redevelopment projects. You made this possible! Thank you for your deep commitment and vital support.

Kari Wilson, Executive Director BCHS Foundation

A Message from BCHS Foundation Chair: Lee Ferrao

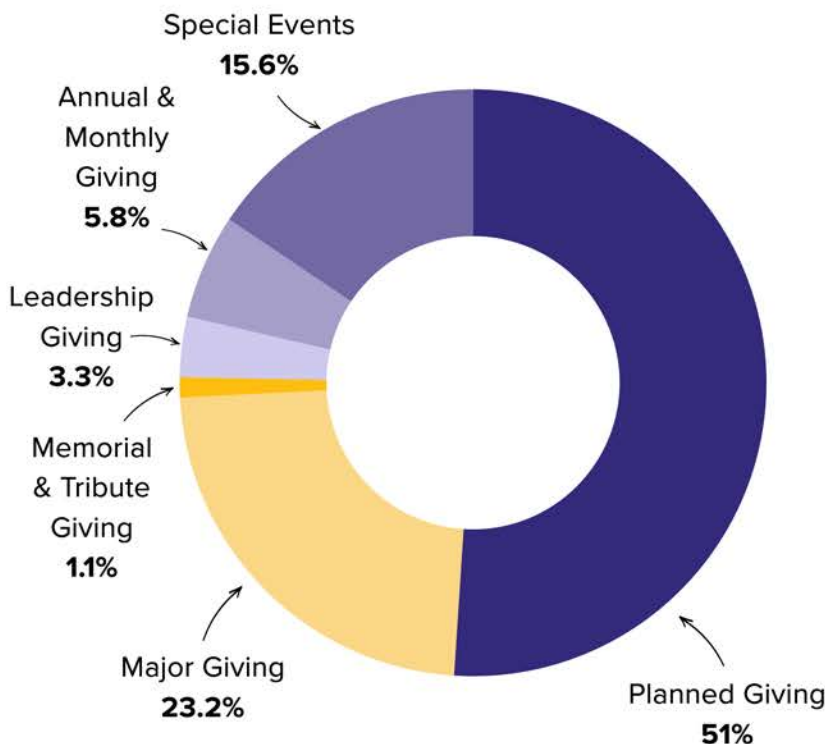
This has been a pivotal year of growth, reflection, and forward-thinking for the BCHS Foundation as momentum builds toward the vision of a brand new community hospital. It has been my sincere pleasure to chair the Foundation Board for the past three years during such a critical period of development. As I transition into the role of Past Chair, I do so with immense confidence in our Board leadership, our expert Foundation team, and our generous donors and supporters. Driven by the incredible spirit of giving in this community, I look forward to watching the Foundation forge ahead into its next exciting chapter.

Dr. Lee Ferrao, Chair BCHS Foundation

Year in Review

Together, we are building a healthier tomorrow.
Thank you for making an extraordinary impact.

YOUR GIVING BREAKDOWN



THANK YOU TO THE 2,266 DONORS WHO GAVE GENEROUSLY IN 2025-2026

The Brant Community Healthcare System Foundation received **6,567 gifts** in 2025-2026.



Nearly **\$2.6 million** was granted in 2025-2026 to BCHS to purchase critically needed medical equipment.



Over the past 22 years, **\$37.1 million** has been granted to BCHS to transform community healthcare.



Donor Dollars at Work

On June 12, 2025, the BCHS Foundation was honoured to celebrate the naming of the **Andersen Ambulatory Assessment Area** in the Emergency Department (ED), recognizing a transformative gift from the late Erik and Birthe Andersen. This modern, strategically designed new space provides enhanced emergency care to a rapidly growing community.

Without the incredible support of BCHS Foundation donors, it would not have been possible to raise the **\$8 million** required to cover the local share of the ED Renovation Improvement Project and purchase new patient equipment and furnishings for the space.



Celebrating the Andersen Ambulatory Assessment Area
A lasting gift. A lasting impact.

A Look Back at What's **NEW**

The year was packed full of events, activities and memorable moments that brought the community together in support of healthcare.



Golf returned to the Foundation signature event calendar with the **Swing for Healthcare Golf Tournament** to benefit Diagnostic Imaging.



The new *Wicked* themed **High Tea** experience was introduced to support the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU).



Our Ignite Gala turned up the heat in 2025 with a **Havana Nights** theme and added an extra layer of fundraising and fun with a "Price is Right" showcase.



A **Vendor Program** was launched in May in partnership with the BCHS Volunteer Association and hosted 56 bookings, with revenue supporting patient equipment.



The Giving Circle

The Giving Circle welcomed 10 Founding Members in 2025, establishing a new women's leadership giving program.

Donor Dollars at **WORK**

Your 2025-2026 donations helped to purchase many critical pieces of patient equipment.

Thank you for helping us put technology and tools directly in the hands of BCHS physicians and medical professionals when they are needed most.



A generous gift from the Brant Community Foundation supported the purchase of a Microdebrider, an essential tool used in Ear, Nose & Throat (ENT) surgeries.



This Neopuff resuscitation unit is helping infants in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) at BCHS receive more oxygen with every breath.



The purchase of an oncology infusion recliner was made possible by grateful patient Barbara, in tribute to her late husband who received care in the Cancer Clinic at BCHS.



Two new state-of-the-art mammography suites are now part of the Vajko Family Breast Assessment Centre at BCHS.

Supporting the Youngest Patients at BCHS



Continued investment in Pediatric and Infant Care at BCHS facilitates modern, safe and comfortable care for growing families within the community. From the purchase of new equipment, offering a soft toy or activity to soothe and distract, and providing a comfortable place for parents to stay at their child's bedside - your donations make a real difference when it is needed most. Thank you to the many Foundation donors who choose to direct their gift to support the youngest patients at BCHS.



The Young family with a "Babyroo" (neonatal open care warmer) purchased for the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) with proceeds raised from the J.H. Young Fine Jeweller's 125th Anniversary Celebration third-party event.



Brantford Firefighters inspired the community to "Fill the Fire Truck" with toys, games and activities for pediatric patients at BCHS.



Thanks to the Rotary Club Brantford-Sunrise, new "sleeper" chairs and rocker recliners are now in place to provide family with a comfortable spot to rest and care for young patients and new arrivals.



Your impact in action

Every dollar helps equip our hospitals with the technology, tools, and equipment needed to deliver exceptional care - close to home.

Your Generosity

A bright future for
healthcare

We've seen incredible impact through community support and third-party fundraising events and activities!

These collaborations highlight the power of working together to invest in local healthcare.



Young philanthropist Hailey turned her 8th birthday "Winter Wonderland" celebration into an opportunity to support tiny patients receiving care in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at the Brant Community Healthcare System.



Cable Assembly Systems Ltd. invested in a healthier community through a generous donation to support the purchase of essential diagnostic imaging equipment for BCHS.



The Royal Canadian Legion Ontario Provincial Command Branches and Ladies' Auxiliary Charitable Foundation's gift enabled the purchase of an infant resuscitation unit (Neopuff) for the NICU.



The Brantford Knights of Columbus served up amazing support for the NICU through a very successful breakfast fundraiser.



The Rotary Club of Brantford-Sunrise continues to generously invest in Pediatric Services at the Brant Community Healthcare System through their club's annual online auction fundraiser.

Save the Date

Upcoming BCHS Foundation Events



IGNITE GALA

Join us for a night of sophistication and purpose at the **Ignite Gala: Casino Royale on September 18, 2026**. Enjoy thrilling auctions, inspiring patient stories, and a vibrant casino-themed experience, all in support of Diagnostic Imaging at BCHS.

Tickets on sale soon!



HOSPITAL BED RACES!

The BCHS Foundation is thrilled to welcome back **Hospital Bed Races in Spring 2027!**

Teams of four will go head-to-head while pushing a hospital bed in this fun, fast-paced community fundraiser supporting local healthcare. Stay tuned for registration and sponsorship details.



MAD HATTER HIGH TEA

Step into a world of imagination at our **Mad Hatter Afternoon Tea on November 15, 2026**.

Delight in a whimsical, themed experience while supporting the youngest patients at Brantford General Hospital.

[Click Here to learn more!](#)

HOST A THIRD-PARTY EVENT!

If you or your organization is interested in giving back, please consider **organizing a special event to benefit local healthcare!** No matter what type of event you choose, we can provide you with tips, tools and resources to ensure a fun and successful time – all while giving back to your community!

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