

Report from the Chair, Wilf Wilkinson

“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has”.

This phrase, coined by Margaret Mead, aptly describes the sense of community in Quinte West and Brighton and now more than ever even Belleville when it comes to its hospital. There is no mistaking the power of our community.

In 2010/11, we saw the effects of this tremendous power in your ongoing support of Quinte Healthcare Trenton Memorial. Known as the little hospital that could, we're now the little hospital that did. In May of last year, CEO Mary Clare Egberts joined with Sally Freeman, the Chair of the Quinte West Community Advisory Committee to announce several positive changes to the Trenton site of QHC, such as the opening of the Regional Comprehensive Breast Assessment Centre, the introduction of new surgical procedures and the Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Centre. These changes were implemented in the fall, and by this past spring even more services were introduced such as a Colposcopy Clinic, Urodynamics Clinic, Kidney Stone Removal, Prostate surgery and minor treatment rooms for “lumps and bumps”.

This commitment from Quinte Health Care shows a very positive vote of confidence in the Trenton site and to its continued service to the community. The addition of a Green Light Laser, Digital Mammogram and Holmium Laser, just to name a few of the state of the art pieces of equipment our Foundation as acquired, will ensure QHC Trenton continues to be a vital health care facility and hospital of choice for new doctors and professional medical staff. The importance of these pieces are immeasurable. Each enables patients to have timely procedures, prompt treatment and reduction in recovery times.

The power of community and support was strongly heard when we went from a hospital risking the loss of half of their hospital beds and medical services to being one with a future strong and bright as the Regional Centre for Ambulatory Services for all of Quinte Health Care.

Positive changes such as these are all in thanks to a community with a strong voice in support of its hospital and one that demonstrates its support through investing with the Foundation so that state of the art medical equipment can be purchased to support new services. QHC - Trenton is a thriving community hospital that continues to grow and adapt to the changing needs of its residents.

In 2010, our Silver Anniversary Ball raised over \$184,000 towards new Digital Mammogram, while the Annual Golf Tournament raised over \$80,000 for equipment. Your support towards these annual events as well as the Radiothon, Half Marathon, HomeBuild for Healthcare and FunFest, helps to raise the funds our hospital needs to remain on the cutting-edge of technology and provide you with the very best in health care.

Our fundraising initiatives succeed only by the power of community. The extraordinary commitment shown by our stakeholders enables us to reach our fundraising goals. We give many thanks to the unyielding support of our volunteer board, office staff, committee members, event and office volunteers, loyal donors and sponsors.

We invite you to join us in celebrating our many successes in 2010/11. Your support is greatly appreciated and as we look forward to the year ahead, we see a bright future thanks to the power of your generosity.