



ROSS MEMORIAL
HOSPITAL
Kawartha Lakes

Ross Memorial Hospital's Report to the Community It's Your Hospital

Donors support life-saving enhancements at RMH

The Ross Memorial's X-ray and Mammogram rooms are in a state of transformation, thanks to the exceptional support of local donors.

The project began on July 3rd. When work is complete in January, the department will no longer consist of four small X-ray rooms, rather three larger spaces providing better patient flow and accessibility. Even more exciting is the new equipment that's being installed.

Currently, X-ray Technologists must position and reposition patients while shifting equipment to get the best possible image. The new equipment will be automated to measure the patient and set itself up for the imaging required. What's more, the new equipment will move around the patient, saving the patient awkward and sometimes painful shifting, and saving the Technologists time and effort required for manual positioning.

Gifts to the 'Defining Care' Spring Appeal are supporting the X-ray enhancements. To date, more than \$85,577 has been raised through the Appeal.

The work underway also includes the installation of the 3D Mammography Unit with biopsy capabilities – another key acquisition that received exceptional donor support from individuals, organizations, and community groups. On behalf of the Hospital team, the RMH Foundation, and our patients – thank you! Your ongoing support ensures the best tools are at the bedside, helping to diagnose, treat and monitor your care at the Ross.



Welcome to the Ross

Julie Airth and Joshua Greenberg have made some big moves lately. They got married, moved to Lindsay, and became the newest specialists to join the Ross Memorial Hospital team. Recruiting the couple was a big move for the Ross, too, as their unique skillsets will contribute significantly to local patient care.

Julie Airth is a Nurse Practitioner for the elderly and has taken on the role of Senior Services Manager and Geriatric Nurse Practitioner. It's a new role that bridges nursing and medical management to improve the care of elderly patients admitted to hospital.

The area's high population of seniors was a draw for Julie, who intends to grow the Hospital's senior-friendly initiatives, like preventing falls, and enhance clinical care for patients whose complex conditions require special attention.

"Our aging patients are no longer just being treated for one condition - they can have multiple co-morbidities. Geriatric medicine tries to balance all of these conditions, ensuring meaningful quality of life and the patients' goals of care are at heart of it all."

Julie's husband is also doing his part to bring new services to the region. Dr. Joshua Greenberg is a trained minimally-invasive colorectal and general surgeon. Dr. Greenberg looks forward to bringing a number of

new surgical services to the Ross, including laparoscopic (key-hole camera) procedures for cancer, flexible camera interventions to avoid unnecessary surgeries, and other brand new technologies.

"I think this is an amazing time to be combining surgery and technology to try to make bigger surgeries into smaller ones, and to make smaller surgeries into minor outpatient procedures. RMH has really committed to making sure that residents of the area can get cutting edge surgical care without having to travel long distances – and I'm really excited to be a part of that commitment!"

Julie and Joshua moved to Lindsay from Ottawa. They're enjoying the small-town feel of the area and are grateful for the warm welcome they've received. Having celebrated their wedding this summer, the pair now has more time to explore their new community and have enjoyed The Farmers Market and the Kawartha Dairy.



Where there's a need, there's the RMH Auxiliary

Volunteers at the Ross Memorial Hospital are driven by a common goal: **they want to help.**

The ways in which they help would make a very long list. However, the themes are captured in the Auxiliary's two pillars: **service and fundraising.**

Thanks to the volunteers' hard work and dedication, the Auxiliary is in the fortunate position to make a special gift – over and above the \$150,000 donation made at its Annual General Meeting in June.

At a special Auxiliary meeting on Sept. 18th, volunteers Marie Young, Trish Jordan, Deborah Cormier and Arlene White presented a cheque for \$105,000 to the RMH Foundation to support the costs associated with urgent needs at the Hospital.

"We're profoundly grateful for our volunteers' assistance – both day to day as they enhance our patients' experience in hospital – and on days like today when they help us to bridge the gap between hospital

funding and capital equipment needs," said Veronica Nelson, RMH VP. "This special gift will help us to purchase new physiotherapy equipment for patients to use following hip and knee replacement surgery; and it will help us to replace a call bell responder unit, and an ice machine on an inpatient unit. With the Auxiliary's generous support, we can now meet these immediate needs and be better prepared to cover capital equipment costs that arise unexpectedly."

"The volunteers' commitment to the patients and the team at the Ross has been inspiring others to play a role in patient care for so long," said Erin Coons. "We just couldn't imagine the Ross without them. **Where there's a need, there's the Auxiliary.**"

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