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How close is TEGH Foundation to its $60 Million Capital Redevelopment Campaign target?

Visit Toronto East General Hospital on Facebook to answer this question: How old is Olive Dodds – TEGH Volunteer?

What date was McHappy Day 2012?

Who returned home to support his local Hospital?

18th Annual Golf Classic

The 18th Annual TEGH Golf Classic, presented by Tip Top Tailors, was held on June 11th at the beautiful Scarboro Golf Club. Once again, the tournament was a swinging success, with all proceeds from the day supporting the Ken and Marilyn Thomson Patient Care Centre at TEGH. Thank you for helping to make a great impact on a great community hospital. We hope to see you again next year!

An Evening in Tuscany

Gourmet food, Tuscan wine and live music was the prescription for the perfect summer evening at the 4th annual Wine and Food Celebration in support of TEGH. This years event, hosted at The Toronto Hunt Club, was once again a sold out success, with more than 250 guests helping to raise funds for the Hospital’s capital redevelopment project.

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Message from the Chair

Thanks to the overwhelming generosity of our donors, this past year has been one of extraordinary achievements — for Toronto East General Hospital, for the Foundation and for our patients.

Early this year, Diana and Peter Thomson made a transformational gift of $5 million to establish the Ken and Marilyn Thomson Patient Care Centre in honour of Peter’s parents. This new Patient Care Centre will allow us to provide state-of-the-art technology, vastly improved infection control, privacy and accessibility and will set a new standard for patient care.

In another landmark development, made possible through the generosity of visionary donors, TEGH’s Division of Urology took delivery of the revolutionary da Vinci Surgical System, aka “The Robot” in February. This remarkable device will transform care for men with prostate cancer. It will enable us to create a Regional Teaching Centre for robot-assisted surgery, and will provide TEGH with the platform for definitive leadership in men’s healthcare.

An additional highlight of this past year was the Foundation’s sensational inaugural Laughter is the Best Medicine comedy gala, hosted by Toronto’s own Will Arnett and featuring entertainment icon Jerry Seinfeld. A sell-out crowd of 1,500 corporate and philanthropic leaders were in stitches all night and — buoyed by a surprise $1-million donation from the Jain family — raised $3 million for the new Patient Care Centre.

Already, our committed donors have contributed more than $50 million dollars to the Foundation’s $60-million private sector campaign in support of the hospital’s vital $211-million renewal and expansion. Your contributions are bringing innovation to life — supporting emerging ideas and technologies that are advancing patient care on a daily basis. With your donations, you’re changing our hospital and you’re changing lives.

The story being written about Toronto East General is one around excellence and setting a new standard in community and teaching healthcare — in my opinion, it’s the best community-based hospital in North America. As we celebrate our successes and look to the future as our exciting redevelopment plans unfold, your continuing support is more important than ever.

We thank you for it.

Michael Burns
Chair, TEGH Foundation

CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Thanks to the dedication and generosity of our community, the Toronto East General Hospital Foundation has raised over $50 Million towards the $60 Million Capital Redevelopment Campaign. We are getting close but we can’t reach our goal without your continued help. Thank you to everyone who has already offered their generous support and for helping to ensure that everyone in our community has access to the right care, at the right time.

$10 Million More To Go!
First Robotic Prostate Surgery at TEGH

We are excited and gratified to learn from Dr. Rajiv Singal, that our first Robotic Prostatectomy, with the remarkable da Vinci Surgical System, aka “the Robot”, was performed at TEGH on July 11th!

This transformational development in prostate cancer care has been made possible by an unparalleled collaboration between TEGH and Sunnybrook – and a committed group of forward-thinking donors.

Now is the time to raise the $200,000 still remaining to underwrite the full start-up cost of our Robotic Surgical Program, which will help train the next generation of robotic surgeons and position TEGH for a leadership role in men’s health.

The Best Care for Our Children

At Toronto East General Hospital, we know that some of the most vulnerable patients we care for are our children. As our community and its need for specialized paediatric care have grown, so have our facility and programs.

Thanks to the overwhelming generosity and support of everyone in east Toronto and beyond, we can now continue to care for our youngest patients long after they have been released from the hospital.

By consolidating the paediatric outpatient programs at TEGH, we are creating one destination for paediatric care at the Hospital, and establishing an unprecedented level of paediatric care for the families of east Toronto and beyond.

The new Paediatric Ambulatory Clinic at TEGH will accommodate family-focused, patient-centred care and address the emotional, physical and developmental needs of our children – offering hundreds of children, and their families, exceptional paediatric care closer to home.
Olive Dodds – Proof that Age is Nothing but a Number!

From World War One and the Great Depression to the Civil Rights movement and the technological revolution, Olive Dodds has lived through the history many of us only ever read about in high school textbooks.

Shortly after immigrating to Canada while in her 70’s, Olive who had been a nurse in England – became a volunteer at Toronto East General Hospital. For three decades, Olive has knitted dolls for the hospital gift shop and clothes and hats for the newborns that begin their lives at TEGH.

In 2002, at the age of 92, Olive was an angioplasty patient at our hospital, she often comments on being grateful to TEGH for giving her an extra ten years. Olive’s happy disposition, witty sense of humor and sharp mind prove that age is nothing but a number.

This past August, TEGH held a very special surprise party to honour Olive on her 102nd birthday.

Happy Birthday Olive and thank you for your continued dedication and commitment to Toronto East General Hospital!

Capital Equipment Highlight

LTV1200 Ventilators are one of the most critical pieces of patient equipment used at Toronto East General Hospital. These small and portable ventilators support infant, paediatric and adult patients who are not able to sustain a normal respiratory pattern and need a ventilator to breathe for them or to support their weakened respiratory pattern. Each ventilator costs $30,000 and we need four urgently.

Family First – G6 Private Room

Having a family member or loved one receiving care in a hospital can be a stressful and emotional experience. Building the G6 Private Room at TEGH, will give surgeons and clinicians a private area to discuss sensitive and confidential information with family members of the patients we care for. Thanks to the support of Volunteer Services, the G6 Private room will directly impact the patients and family experience at TEGH.

“Families often need a private space to talk or receive updates on loved ones – this will be a very welcome addition to the Hospital.”
– Betty Hicks, President, Volunteer Services TEGH
On April 12th, Toronto East General Hospital tapped into Toronto’s funny bone, serving up a healthy dose of laughter for more than 1500 guests at the Allstream Centre.

With funny man Will Arnett serving as Master of Ceremonies and comedic legend Jerry Seinfeld headlining the show, TECH wrote the city its funniest prescription yet.

The gala raised more than $3 million thanks to the tremendous support of our extraordinary donors, like the Jain family who made a surprise one-million dollar donation in support of the Ken and Marilyn Thomson Patient Care Centre.
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**Danforth Dash**
The 6th annual Toronto East General Hospital Danforth Dash Bed Race took place on August 10th to kick-off the Pilaros Taste of the Danforth. Pilaros won four races to capture the 2012 coveted Golden Bed Pan Trophy. Over 20 teams took part. Special thank you to our Gold Sponsor RBC and our Silver Sponsors the Amalgamated Transit Union Local 113 and Pizza Pizza.

**Rotary Jazz Run**
On July 29th, The Beaches Tune Up Jazz Run was held in partnership with the Canada Running Series and The Toronto Beach Rotary Club. The event attracted hundreds of runners and funds raised were directed to the Hospital’s expansion project. Over the years, Toronto Beach Rotary has been a great friend to TEGH as they have raised funds for Child and Adolescent Mental Health and the Childrens’ Emergency unit.

**McHappy Day**
May 2nd was McHappy Day and over $10,000 was raised for the Hospital’s Childrens’ Emergency unit. Over 80 volunteers, including special guests Cody Hodgson and Brad Boyes from the Buffalo Sabres, were involved at five different locations.

**Madinah Masjid**
The Madinah Masjid Mosque at 1015 Danforth Avenue organized a successful BBQ on July 10th and raised over $7,500 for the Hospital. Over a number of years, Madinah Masjid has developed a very close association to the Hospital.

**East York Old Boys**
The 11th Annual EYOB Golf Tournament was held on August 27th in support of the Prostate Robotic Surgical program at TEGH.

**Thorncliffe Park Tenants Association**
The Thorncliffe Park Tenants Association recently organized a door to door campaign and raised over $25,000 for the Hospital.

**Jenny’s Beach Party**
The organizing committee celebrates the 10th Annual Jenny’s Beach Party. The event is held each year in honour of Jenny Houghton and continues to raise significant funds for the Oncology unit at TEGH.

**Korry’s Clothiers celebrates 60 years**
Korry’s Clothiers celebrated its 60th anniversary in May. To commemorate the event, Tim Hortons unveiled a special ice-cream in Saul Korman’s honour with a portion of the proceeds being directed to the TEGH.