

December 2024



A Message From Our President, Doreen Bocking

Time to put on our sweaters!!! What a beautiful fall we had and we all know "winter is coming"

Shoes, shoes, shoes.....yes, it was that time of year again and Miller Shoes brought in the crowds. Thank you to all that helped over the four day event. We sold over \$73,000 of shoes, which gave us a commission of \$13,000. Such a wonderful success towards our fundraising goals.

The Holiday Bazaar was held on November 20. Lots of items were sold allowing us to raise \$4,785. Thank you to everyone who donated items.

On October 30, I attended the Hospital Board of Directors meeting and had the privilege to present our April-September report to the Board members. I highlighted our newest pledge of \$400,000 for the 2024-2025 fiscal year. This pledge is earmarked for Capital Equipment for the Pharmacy Department - Parata ATP2 Pouch Packager.

I was proud to talk about our fundraising contributions since amalgamation which has totalled over 7 million dollars. Presenting our accomplishments to the Hospital Board is important as we want them to understand our role in the hospital as well as the community as the hospital board members are made up of community leaders outside of the hospital. One thing that impressed the Board was to hear about the refreshment vouchers available to each of our volunteers while on shift provided by our Volunteer Association.

In addition to presentations, we were taken on a walk through the robotic operating rooms. Dr. Fazio and Dr. Rodriguez were proud to show the use of the robotic equipment and emphasised why Humber River Health surgical program is renowned for its patient care experience.

I wish you and your families a very happy holiday season. Thank you to all of you for making 2024 an enjoyable year and I look forward to 2025.



Upcoming Events

HRH invites you to join them in their holiday celebration on December 17 between 2:30pm-4pm in the Piazza Area located on Level 0

Bid416
(Liquidation Vendor)
February 2025
Dates TBA

March Shoe Sale
March 24 - March 26
Set up on March 23

At the beginning of each HRH Volunteer Association Board meeting, the Volunteer Mission Statement is read:
The Humber River Hospital Volunteer Association encourages community partnership with the Hospital
By providing care and comfort to patients and their families.
By raising funds to be used for the betterment of the Hospital.



Book Donation



We received another donation of approx. 200 books from the Malton Lions Club. The books are placed in various locations throughout the hospital to help support our isolette fundraising program.



Meet Emily Occhicone

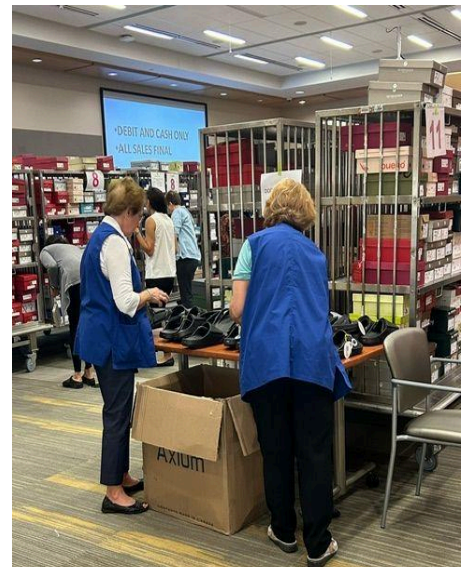
You can find Emily in the Endoscopy Department on Wednesday mornings. She has been volunteering there now for 1.5 years. Before that, she volunteered in Day Surgery as well as in the COVID Clinic located within the Hospital, Downsview Arena and Crossroads. Emily recently volunteered at our shoe sale and was thankful for her help.



SEPTEMBER SHOE SALE

Thanks to everyone who came out to help with another successful shoe sale.

What a team we had on Sunday for set up - done in record time!!!! Shoes, bags/purses, backpacks and door crashers - so many amazing deals.



On October 17, Humber River Health launched its "Healthcare Lives" campaign. Our volunteers were present helping to hand out swag, coffee and tea to staff, physicians and volunteers.



PHOTO BOOTH

Volunteers, staff and visitors enjoyed a day of fun participating in our Halloween photo booth. It was great to see departments come together to have a group photo taken. A fun filled day of creativity and laughter.



HOLIDAY BAZAAR

What a great turn out we had!!! A special thank you to all who donated items, baked goods and generously made cash donations. Thank you to our volunteers that came out to help set up and sell items.



happy holidays

WE NEED YOUR BOOKS

Erane Bocking's isolette book program continues to bring in about \$1000 per month. Drop off your used books in the Gift Shop or sign-in room on level 1



WANTED Fundraising Ideas



*Have an idea??
Then we want
to hear from
you.*

Contact us via Volunteer
Services



**Your donation can
make a difference.
Help us reach our
fundraising initiatives
by making a donation
in your name or for a
family member,
friend or in memory
of someone dear to
you. Donate today to
Humber River
Hospital Volunteer
Association**



**Clothing,
decor and
so much
more.....**

**Be sure to visit our Gift Shop
Volunteers save 10%**

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