

September 2024



A message from our President, Doreen Bocking.

I hope everyone has enjoyed their summer. It was hot, rainy and certainly passed by quickly.

It was wonderful to see more of our membership at the June AGM this year. It's always a pleasure catching up with everyone. I would like to extend a special thank you to Marianne Iozzo who has served as our Executive Treasurer for several years and received an Honorary Life Membership for her dedication and support to our association.

Barb Collins, CEO of HRH, and her executive team expressed their gratitude for the donation of \$180,000 and continued support for the hospital. This donation completed our fiscal year pledge of \$400,000.

Some of you may have noticed that on July 17th at our two Tim Horton's locations, some of our volunteer board members helped out for Camp Day. It certainly was an experience!! We raised \$3,328.50 which was donated to the Tim Hortons Camp Day Foundation.

As we move into the Fall/Winter months, we look for new ideas for fundraising initiatives and events. Feel free to reach out to myself or any other member of the executive/board via Volunteer Services.

Did you know that you and your family and friends can help us reach our fundraising goals by donating directly to HRH Volunteer Association or via Canada Helps (Humber River Hospital Volunteer Association link)



Upcoming Events

Miller's Shoe Sale

Set up - Sunday
September 29

Sale is September 30,
October 1 and October 2

Pumpkin Carving Contest and Photo Booth

October 31
Main Street

Holiday Bazaar

Wednesday
November 20

Please bring your
donations of crafts, gift
ware, knitted items,
vintage jewellery and
Christmas items to
Volunteer Services or the
Gift Shop at any time.
Baked goods donations,
bring day of sale
(individually wrapped)

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.

HRH Volunteer Association 26th Annual General Meeting

The hospital hosted our AGM on Thursday June 6, 2024 in the Auditorium. The hospital CEO and President, Barb Collins, spoke about the current status in the hospital and future growth of the HRH legacy sites (Finch & Church), Louisa Ceci from Volunteer Services and Barb Collins presented service awards to 16 volunteers who achieved their milestones. Congratulations to all recipients and a very special congratulations to Maria Percewicz (30yrs), Erane Bocking (55yrs) and Marianne Iozzo who received an Honourary Life Membership. Thank you to Volunteer Services, especially to Louisa for putting together such a wonderful event.



Marianne Iozzo was presented with her Honourary Life Membership Award by our Past President, Mirella Quattrin

2024/2025 Executive Board and Committee Members



Our President, Doreen Bocking presented Barb Collins, HRH CEO with a cheque for \$180,000 to complete our pledge for a total of \$400,000



VENDOR

Did you know that the vendors that come Monday to Friday on level 0 is an Association initiative for fundraising? Vendors pay a fee to our Association for the use of the space to sell their merchandise. Thank you to Pauline Farrace for coordinating this program.



In the Spotlight

Meet Kim Puddicombe, our newest member of our executive board and committee. Kim joins us as our Public Relations Convenor

and becomes the "voice" behind our Mainstream publication. She has been a volunteer for 3.5yrs and volunteers on Wednesdays in the Breast Health Clinic and helps out at many of our fundraising events.

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



Tim Hortons

Camp Day took place on July 17 and a few of our members got to experience "life on the other side of the counter". We certainly learned the value of our Tim Hortons staff in all they do by helping prepare the many coffee orders, bag muffins, cookies and donuts and so much more. A great experience for sure. Thank you to Nibbi and her staff for being so patient with us!



GIANT THREE DAY SHOE SALE: Sep. 30, Oct. 1, Oct. 2 BRING YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY!

Join the team! We need your help! Sign up sheets are by the kiosks in Volunteer Services on Level 1 and 3.

We hold shoe sales twice a year. These brand name shoes are clearance items from Miller Shoes based in Hamilton. This sale will be mostly summer shoe clearance. Shoes are \$60 per pair with boots costing more. A wide selection of men's shoes will also be available in sizes ranging from 7 to 14. There will be no children's shoes. We need your help! Set up day is Sunday, September 29 from 11am to 3pm. **The Auditorium will be open after the Sunday set up from 3pm to 5pm or a "friends and family" sale.** The public sale day hours are 7am to 6pm on Monday and Tuesday and 7am to 12pm on Wednesday. On all sale days, volunteers are needed to help customers and keep shelves neat. Tear down day starts at noon on Wednesday. We need volunteers for all shifts, particularly for Wednesday tear down.

SEPTEMBER 30 - OCTOBER 2

3 DAY SHOE SALE

WOMEN'S + MEN'S

FEATURING

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AND MANY MORE BRANDS!
LADIES SIZES 4-12 & MEN'S SIZES 6-16

Humber River Health
1235 Wilson Avenue
North York, ON
M3M 0B2

LEVEL 3 - AUDITORIUM

DAY	HOURS
Monday, September 30	7:00 AM - 8:00 PM
Tuesday, October 1	7:00 AM - 8:00 PM
Wednesday, October 2	7:00 AM - 12:00 PM

DEBIT & CASH ONLY

BRING YOUR OWN BAGS PLEASE

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Scholarship Awards

The Volunteer Association Scholarship Committee presented 4 scholarships to high school students who will be attending post-secondary education. Scholarships are awarded to 2 student volunteers and 2 HRH staff members' children. The process involves a written application and interview. Awards were presented by Pauline Kishimoto during the AGM. Congratulations to Sajeevan Kunatheesan, Harrine Lanfrank, Japnaam Kambo and Jasmin Khakh.



Harrine is currently a volunteer at the RCC Finch site. At school she is an International Baccalaureat student and is the president of a club called Aspiring Young Doctors. Working with school staff, this group has organized seminars addressing issues such as medical marijuana and the legalization of Euthanasia. She is also a member of a group called the Peel Medical Venturers where they are the designated first aiders at Scout camps and community events. Harrine has been accepted to the BSc in Nursing in a special program offered by Western University and Fanshawe College in London. She aspires to become a travel nurse.

Sajeevan is a volunteer at the Information Desk. In school he is involved in many clubs, often in a leadership role. These clubs include Scholars for Science, the Fitness Club, Computer Programming Club, Robotics team, Peer Tutoring Program and a group called Titans Affecting Change which is a group of student leaders. Outside of school, he is very involved with a group that encourages and promotes the cultural heritage of youth of Sri Lankan heritage. He has been accepted into U of T in Studies in Computer Science, Mathematics and Statistics.

Jasmin qualified for a scholarship as both a volunteer and the child of a HRH employee. She is a volunteer in our Gift Shop and her mother works in the Pharmacy department. At school, she is very involved with the AV club, the cross-country team, HOSA (Health Occupations Students of America). Outside of school, she volunteers as an English Learning Buddy to help students from other countries practice English conversation. She has been accepted to the University of Waterloo co-op program where she will study Honours Life Science. She plans to become a healthcare worker and hopes to emphasize the importance of accessibility.

Japnaam's mother is an OR nurse at HRH. In school, she is involved with many clubs - the Sustainable Development Goals Challenge, President of the Hindu Student's Assoc., Executive member of the Sikh Student Association, the Principal's Student Advisors group, and the Student Administrative Council. Outside of school, she volunteers with a group to help empower young women. She also volunteers at Brampton Civic Hospital in the Critical Care Unit. She has been accepted to McMaster into the BSc in Nursing program.

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Executive Board: Doreen Bocking, *President*; Mirella Quattrin, *Past President*; Pauline Farrace and Angelo Poto, *Vice Presidents of Equal Standing*; Jane Mueller, *Executive Secretary*; Mirella Quattrin, *Executive Treasurer*; Fidel Di Caro, Liz Pedzinski, Dennis Levesque, and Karen McNamara-Mucha, *Members-at-Large*.

Committees: Erane Bocking, *Constitution and By-Laws*; Mirella Quattrin, *Finance*; Pauline Kishimoto *Fundraising/Social*; Joyce Conway, *Membership*; Erane Bocking and Mirella Quattrin, *Nominating*; Pauline Kishimoto, *Gift Shop Liaison*; Kim Puddicombe, *Public Relations*; Pauline Farrace, *Vendor Program*; Rita Sanford, *Advisor to the Executive Board*.