



ACTIVITY REPORT January – December 2023

BOARD OF DIRECTORS and OPERATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS:

The Board held eight regular meetings in 2023. In 2023, the board elected the following Executive Officers:

Director:	Pamela Falkner
Director:	Ned Ellis
Director:	Helen MacKinnon
Director:	Amanda Dexter

The slate of directors is as follows:

President:	Louise Killens
Vice-President:	Ned Ellis
Treasurer:	Amanda Dexter
Secretary:	Patrice Guay
Director:	Joanne Khouryati
Director:	Pamela Ross
Director:	Pamela Falkner
Director:	Helen Mackinnon

With the support of the federal Canada Student Summer Jobs Program, an assistant coordinator was hired for eight-week employment funded by Employment and Social Development Canada. The student was also hired for an additional four weeks funded by the FSDC.

The student helped to organize projects and various fundraising events, prepare, and schedule event publicity, and organize logistics.

MASQUARADE PARTY

The annual "Get into Bed with Des Collines Health Foundation" Masquerade Party was a brilliant success. Held on February 18, 2023, at the Centre Wakefield La Pêche, the event raised a net profit of \$22,900 for the Foundation, including generous donations from YWAR Rupert, Terra Construction and MCH Group (Fab Structures). **The funds raised helped buy 12 automated chairs for the CHSLD.** The organizing committee of local volunteers orchestrated a truly remarkable event that has now solidified its standing as one of the most innovative and creative occasions to grace Wakefield in recent years.

WAKEFIELD HOSPITAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

The 28th Annual Wakefield Hospital Golf Tournament, sponsored by Famille Charles IGA and other businesses, hosted 132 golfers on June 9, 2023, at Mont Cascades Golf Club. The event raised \$21,100, aiding in the purchase of a Bladder Scanner for the CHSLD and a Vascular Doppler for CLSCs in Masham and Val-des-Mont. We extend sincere thanks to Famille Charles IGA for their invaluable support and, to the tournament committee and the unwavering dedication of countless volunteers and sponsors.

ONLINE AUCTION, by the Boutique Sante

In 2023, Pamela Scobie spearheaded an online auction alongside dedicated volunteers from Boutique Sante, resulting in a remarkable success story. Their efforts garnered an impressive **\$7,222** showcasing the power of community engagement and charitable giving.

ANNUAL HOSPITAL GARDEN PARTY

In 2023, Pamela Scobie and Jane Earle took the helm with unwavering dedication as lead volunteers for the Hospital Garden Party. Each dedicated an impressive number of hours of their time to ensure the event's success. Their leadership was bolstered by a team of 84 volunteers who collectively invested around 252 hours of effort, averaging about 3 hours each. This combined effort amounted to approximately 360 volunteer hours, underscoring the community's steadfast commitment to the cause. Their collaborative efforts resulted in net proceeds of **\$3,100** from the garden party, showcasing the substantial impact generated through their hard work and the generosity of donors.

CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR

Thanks to our community's collective efforts and unwavering support, the 2023 Craft Fair achieved a remarkable milestone, raising **\$15,500**. This success was made possible through the invaluable support and collaboration of the *Meredith Centre* and the *Chelsea Foundation*, marking a first in the fair's history for accessibility and inclusivity. It provided an opportunity for diverse communities to converge and participate. Volunteers Laurie Garbutt, Lynne Evenson, and Angela Jeffries, alongside Board members Helen MacKinnon, Pamela Faulkner, Louise Killens, and Amanda Dexter, played pivotal roles, exemplifying teamwork, and community engagement. We also thank *Century 21 Macintyre Inc.* and *Kunstadt Sports* for their generous support.

HOLIDAY APPEAL CAMPAIGN

Together, we are making a meaningful impact in our community through initiatives like the Holiday Annual Appeal. In 2023, the appeal raised **\$25,100**. The collective efforts and leadership from directors, Pam Falkner, Amanda Dexter, Ned Ellis and Louise Killens were invaluable in

driving the success of this critical fundraising initiative. The process this year was notably smoother and more efficient, largely due to Pam F.'s involvement. Her expertise and commitment made a significant difference and contributed to a more streamlined operation. We are actively addressing some clean-up with our donor data to ensure the accuracy and completeness of our records.

BOUTIQUE SANTÉ COMMITTEE

We extend our warm thanks to the many volunteers, who have dedicated years of service to patients and staff of the Wakefield Memorial Hospital. From its proceeds, the Boutique donated **\$8,000** to the Foundation, a much-appreciated gift. The Boutique is operated year-round by a group of over 50 volunteers from six local communities: Wakefield, Cantley, Chelsea, Masham, Low and Farm Point. We extend our warm thanks to these many volunteers who strive to provide an important service at the Wakefield Memorial Hospital. Four positions on the Boutique's Committee will be vacant effective January 1st, 2025.

PROJECTS SUPPORTED BY THE FOUNDATION

In 2023, the Foundation gifted over **\$38,400** to fund:

- 4 oscillometric devices for CLSCs
- Motorized standing lift
- Chair-bed to facilitate the presence of family members nearby.
- Mural for supervised visitation room
- Moving of a Piano

The Foundation authorized another **\$ 62,000** in equipment and anticipates delivery in 2024:

- Vascular Doppler
- Bladder ultrasound device x 2
- Ferno Stair Chair
- Self-rocking chairs x 4
- Stretcher
- 3 chair-beds for short and long-term units
- Monnal ventilator

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES IN AID OF THE FOUNDATION

The Foundation received several proceeds from generous community members, organizations, and businesses. Many local businesses donated items and funds over the course of year and to support the events listed above.

IN MEMORIAM

We would like to thank those who chose the Foundation as the beneficiary for In Memoriam donations honouring the memory of a loved one. In 2023, these special donations for In Memoriam totalled \$3,525.00. This is a substantial increase (220%) from the previous year.

For more information, please contact us at the Foundation: dg@fsdc-dchf.ca

Appendix

Legacy Sponsors & Donors (\$5,000+ annually)

- Famille Charles IGA
- Lynne Evenson
- YWAR Library

Legendary Sponsors & Donors (\$2,000 - \$4,999 annually)

- Century 21 Macintyre
- Moulin Wakefield Mill
- Old Chelsea Square Gin
- Terra Construction

Sponsors & Donors (\$1,000 - \$2,000 annually)

- AJ Trudeau Enterprises Inc.
- Beaudoin Canada
- Caisse Desjardins de Hull-Aylmer
- Camp Fortune
- Fondation Chelsea & Centre Meredith
- In Harmony Developments
- Lovail Construction
- MCH Group (FAB construction)
- Physio Sport Chelsea
- Raymond Chabot Grant Thornton
- Services Refrigeration R&S inc.
- The Low Down to Hull and Back News

Volunteers and Friends of the Foundation (<\$1,000 annually)

Due to overwhelming generosity of our donors, listing everyone individually is impractical. Please know that every contribution however large or small is deeply appreciated and plays a vital role in our mission.

If you spot any inaccuracies or omissions in our list of donors, please don't hesitate to reach out to us.