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*Foundation Board Members
 are available to talk to you or
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*Please contact us to arrange
 a meeting.*



Aerial view of Hospital and Wellness Centre: *Maurice Oliver photograph*

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St. Marys Memorial Hospital



St. Marys Wellness Centre

*The Foundation is a link between the St. Marys
 Memorial Hospital and the community it serves.*

Foundation History

The St. Marys Memorial Hospital Foundation evolved from a long tradition of support for our local hospital. In the late 1940s, the community rallied in response to a fundraising campaign to get a hospital built in St. Marys. Named to honour the sacrifices of those who served in World War II, St. Marys Memorial Hospital was opened in November 1950. Since that time, generous donors continue to come forward with offers of support in times of need and with gifts in gratitude for care of loved ones.

In 1992, the St. Marys Memorial Hospital Foundation was incorporated to maximize the impact of donations and fundraising efforts. It is a not-for-profit charitable organization with these objects:

- To receive donations and maintain a fund;
- To apply the income of the fund for the benefit of services or patient care provided by the St. Marys Memorial Hospital;
- To support from time to time any charitable organization which promotes the goals of the corporation – that is, the health and wellness of the community;
- To develop planned, coherent and ongoing donor programs.



On Remembrance Day 2009, the Foundation dedicated a stone near the main entrance explaining the significance of the hospital's name. Taking part were Alice Lloyd and Garry Graham whose father Hugh Graham died on active duty in Italy December 1944, Foundation Chair Bryan Bettger, St. Marys Mayor Jamie Hahn, Site Administrator Shirley Veenendaal and Huron Perth Healthcare Alliance CEO Andrew Williams. *St. Marys Journal Argus photograph*

Since its incorporation, the Foundation has supported many hospital projects including:

- *modern diagnostic and treatment equipment to serve our patients, staff and community;*
- *infrastructure investment in the Wellness Centre to serve the long term best interests of the hospital and the community;*
- *Picture Archiving Communications System (PACS) so that our hospital, along with its partners in the Huron Perth Healthcare Alliance, is able to store, retrieve, distribute and present medical images. This allows healthcare professionals involved in a patient's care and treatment to have electronic access to these images in digitally ready locations, no matter how distant.*



Dr. Jon Scheidel; Janet Van Koot, RN; Dr. Kim Gilmour

The Wellness Centre

The Foundation's most ambitious project to date has been the construction of the Wellness Centre, a critical investment in the hospital's future and in the health of the community. Opened in 2003, the Centre provides an efficient, modern, comfortable environment for patients and for physicians and other healthcare professionals encouraging new practitioners to come to St. Marys.

The YMCA Fitness Centre has been a popular and positive tenant and partner from the start. Today, for many people, their well-being and fitness are their reasons to visit the building, not because they think they need to see a doctor.

New Initiatives

The recruitment and retention of qualified healthcare professionals are challenges faced by all Ontario hospitals today. Not only doctors and nurses but also other allied professionals such as medical imaging technologists, physiotherapists, lab technologists and pharmacists are in short supply.



Physiotherapist Gloria Stratdee in rehab department.

As part of its commitment to the well-being of St. Marys Memorial Hospital and its services, the Foundation gives financial assistance to recruitment and retention initiatives, including continuing education opportunities for current staff to maintain and enhance skills and to upgrade qualifications.

St. Marys Memorial Hospital Auxiliary

The Foundation's most consistent ally in service to our hospital has been the Auxiliary. Since 1950, Auxiliary members have served as volunteers and raised funds for countless items of equipment for patient care and comfort. New members are welcome. Call 519-284-1330 to learn about ways of serving our community hospital through the Auxiliary.



Auxiliary member Laurine McIntosh in gift shop.