



# TOGETHER, WE WILL



## DONOR STORY

### JANET JOHNSTONE

*“My dear friend, Christine, was diagnosed with breast cancer and two months later, so was I.”*

Having grown up in Straffordville, south of Tillsonburg, Janet moved to Parkhill after marrying her husband, Jim, in 1967. She started teaching, spending most of her career at Our Lady Immaculate School in Strathroy, while also helping to run her husband’s family bakery.

Her journey with breast cancer began when an annual mammogram at SMGH showed an irregularity.

“It was a Friday,” says Janet. “The technician went to check with the doctor, and I had an ultrasound and biopsy that same day! Then I got a call on Monday with a follow-up appointment that same week – I never expected it to be so fast.” Prior to the introduction of the Breast Assessment Program (BAP) in Strathroy, Janet would have had to go to London or Sarnia for diagnosis.

Now that she’s cancer-free, Janet can spend time on things she holds dear, including valued time with her friend, Christine, who is also a breast cancer survivor.

It’s fitting, that after being nurtured at SMGH, Janet is continuing to nurture her community. She does a lot with her church in Strathroy, and enjoys the growth in the community garden in Parkhill.

It’s because of the generosity of past donors that Janet was able to receive her breast cancer diagnosis and surgery close to home. She feels blessed to have had the benefit of the Breast Assessment Program in Strathroy.

**“The care I’ve received at the Strathroy Middlesex General Hospital has just been amazing, and I’m so grateful.”**

Janet wants you to know how important it is to support our local hospital. “If we have the capacity to donate to Strathroy Middlesex General Hospital (SMGH) Foundation, they could buy even more diagnostic machines, which would benefit everyone,” she says. “I can’t think of any other place the money could be used as well as it would be there. It’s our community, and it’s just so important to support our health care.”



**Janet Johnstone**

*“The hospital in Strathroy is really becoming well-known for its level of care, and the doctors and surgeons,” says Janet. “I really am impressed when dealing with the Strathroy Hospital and I would recommend it to anyone.”*



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May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2016: 3 p.m. - 11 p.m.  
May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2016: Noon - 11 p.m.  
Portuguese Canadian Club: 375 York St, Strathroy

\*Sample local food, wine, cider & beer  
\*Live auction of over 30 handmade quilts on Saturday at 6 p.m.  
19+ event (I.D checked at door)  
Tickets: \$10 in advance or \$15 at the door

Buy tickets online: quilts.smghfoundation.com or 519-246-5906



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**1K | 3K | 5K Colour Walk/Run**  
**Sunday, June 12, 2016**  
Start Time: 9:00 a.m. | Strathroy Hospital  
Register online: [www.smghfoundation.com](http://www.smghfoundation.com)

# TOGETHER, WE WILL SUSTAIN STRATHROY MIDDLESEX GENERAL AS A VIBRANT COMMUNITY HOSPITAL.

Community healthcare is a partnership. Just as you can't care for your health alone, we can't exist without your support.

Due to the generosity of our donors this past year, the Strathroy Middlesex General Hospital (SMGH) Foundation was able to purchase Stereotactic Biopsy Equipment and three new Ultrasound Machines. These pieces of equipment were necessary for the accreditation of the Breast Assessment Program at our hospital. This program is the reason that Janet Johnstone had such a great outcome and is now cancer-free!

Other vital pieces of patient care equipment purchased this year include: eight new Vital Sign Monitors and an ECG (Electrocardiography) Machine.

As you already know, hospital equipment is not funded by the Government. It is funded by our community and donors. This is why we are asking that you consider making a gift in support of new patient care beds at SMGH.



A new patient care bed costs \$12,000

Hospital beds play an important role in patient care. The new beds will increase safety, simplify transferring of patients throughout the hospital and are less likely to cause skin problems. They also reduce the risk of injury to nurses, by enabling adjustments to the positioning of the bed with the push of a button.



Susan McLean, CFRE, CEO SMGH Foundation

In order to provide our patients with the best care possible, we need to keep our equipment current. New hospital beds could impact the healthcare of someone you know; perhaps a family-member, friend or neighbour.

Your support has the power to make a true difference in the lives of local patients.

Please consider making a gift today!

Sincerely,

Sue McLean, CEO SMGH Foundation

## - UPCOMING EVENTS -

- May 27 & 28, 2016: Quilts for Body & Soul
- June 4, 2016: Strathroy Caradoc Cancer Golf Tournament
- June 4 & 5, 2016: Cuddy Garden Open House & Bake Sale
- June 12, 2016: SMGH A Dash of Colour for Health 1K, 3K, 5K
- June 25, 2016: Twilight in the Gardens

Purchase event tickets online: [www.smghfoundation.com](http://www.smghfoundation.com)



### Yes! I would like to support the purchase of new hospital beds at SMGH!

Here is my gift of:  \$100  \$50  \$25  Other \$\_\_\_\_\_

I have enclosed a cheque payable to SMGH Foundation

Please charge my gift to my credit card:

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