



A YEAR OF GENEROSITY, *A LIFETIME* OF IMPACT

PAUL HIGGINBOTHAM, RN
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2025-26

Annual Report

Message From Our Board Chair

As I conclude my term as Chair of the Queen Elizabeth Hospital Foundation, I am filled with gratitude for the generosity, leadership, and community spirit that continue to drive this organization forward.

Serving on the Board and as Chair has been both an honour and a privilege. Over the past two years, I have seen firsthand the extraordinary impact philanthropy has on healthcare in Prince Edward Island. Every gift, volunteer hour, and act of support has helped strengthen care for Islanders and enhance services at our province’s primary referral hospital.

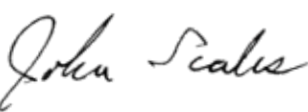
This year, our community reached a truly historic milestone: more than \$100 million in cumulative support invested in the Queen Elizabeth Hospital since the Foundation’s inception. While significant, this achievement is about far more than a number. It represents decades of generosity and a shared commitment to ensuring Islanders have access to exceptional healthcare close to home.

I am deeply grateful to our donors, volunteers, Board members, sponsors, and Foundation staff whose dedication makes this work possible.

As I look to the future, my confidence in the Foundation has never been stronger. Together, we have built a solid foundation for continued success, innovation, and impact.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve and for your commitment to improving healthcare for Islanders.

With sincere appreciation,



JOHN SCALES
BOARD CHAIR



MISSION

To enhance Island healthcare through raising funds for medical equipment and clinical priorities for the Queen Elizabeth Hospital community.

VISION

An inspired and invested community dedicated to supporting sustained exceptional Island healthcare.

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Board of Directors

The QEH Foundation is fortunate to be guided by a dedicated Board of Directors who generously share their time, experience, and passion for our mission. Their leadership strengthens our organization and supports our continued efforts to create lasting change in our community.

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FRIENDS FOR LIFE CAMPAIGN

Caring Together: \$3.45M raised to support critical care at QEH

Thanks to the extraordinary generosity of QEH Foundation donors, the annual Friends for Life campaign successfully raised \$3.45 million to fund essential medical equipment and clinical priorities across the Emergency Department, Intensive Care Unit, and Mental Health & Addictions Care at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital.

This remarkable achievement reflects the impact of community support and helps ensure Islanders continue to receive high quality care when they need it most.

Together these investments are enhancing patient care,

improving clinical efficiency, and providing healthcare teams with the tools they need to deliver the best possible outcomes.

The campaign also introduced **Kitchen Party for Care**, a virtual celebration that brought Islanders together in a fun and meaningful way. Throughout the initiative, for every kitchen party video that was posted on social media, Markan Group of Companies donated \$100—by the end of the campaign, they donated \$10,000. It was a special reminder of the power of community spirit to support healthcare right here at home.



“We couldn’t do what we do without the right equipment. From CT scanners to defibrillators — every piece is essential, and every piece is funded through donor support.”

DR. SPENCER BROWN
EMERGENCY PHYSICIAN



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GRATEFUL PATIENT

Glenda Schurman

Glenda, pictured here with her granddaughters Kate and Josie, spent six weeks in the QEH Intensive Care Unit earlier this year, intubated and kept alive by donor-funded advanced medical equipment.

After six months, with the incredible support of her family and healthcare teams, including intensive rehabilitation in Unit 7, Glenda was able to return home to the people she loves most.



YULETIDE GALA AUCTION

A Record-Breaking Evening

The **2025 QEH Yuletide Gala Auction** was one for the books, raising an incredible \$451,909 in support of critical medical equipment and clinical priorities in the Emergency Department, Intensive Care Unit, and Mental Health & Addictions Care. The event welcomed more than 400 guests and reached maximum capacity, making it the largest Yuletide Gala Auction in Foundation history, showcasing the remarkable generosity and community spirit of Islanders.

One of the most inspiring moments of the evening came when Chad McCormack shared his powerful story of recovery following a sudden spinal injury. Chad recognized the healthcare heroes who supported him throughout his journey, inviting them to stand as the room rose with a heartfelt ovation in appreciation of their extraordinary care and dedication.

The evening also featured an impromptu appeal to fund urgently needed wheelchairs for the QEH. Guests responded with overwhelming generosity and, within minutes, fully funded 20 wheelchairs that will directly enhance patient comfort and care.

Adding to the excitement, Presenting Sponsor Cavendish Farms surprised attendees with the announcement of a renewed three-year commitment to the Gala, reinforcing their longstanding support of healthcare on Prince Edward Island. From moving stories to record-setting generosity, the 2025 Yuletide Gala Auction was an unforgettable night that will have a lasting impact on healthcare for Islanders.



L-R: John Scales, Board Chair, QEH Foundation; Mark Cormier, VP of Community Relations, Cavendish Farms; Chad McCormack, grateful patient; and Tracey Comeau, CEO, QEH Foundation.



Scan for
Chad’s
story





L-R: John Scales, QEHL Foundation Board Chair; Wade MacLauchlan, representing the MacLauchlan family; Neal Noseworthy, Fair Isle Ford; and event co-chairs Mike Hennessey and Jamie Currie of the Rotary Club of Charlottetown Royalty.



The winning team of the 2026 Tournament: Kreative Acres. L-R is Chris Linzel-Waddell, Thane Hansen, Chris Welton, and Jerry LeBlanc.

HARRY MACLAUCLHAN ‘GREAT DAY’ FORE HEALTH MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Generosity in Full Swing

The spirit of community was on full display at Belvedere Golf Club on June 10 during the 23rd Harry MacLauchlan “Great Day” Fore Health Memorial Golf Tournament, presented by Fair Isle Ford in partnership with the Rotary Club of Charlottetown Royalty.

Fueled by the generosity of teams, sponsors, and an increase in Friends of Golf, the tournament raised a record-breaking \$124,062 in support of priority medical equipment at the QEHL.

This year’s proceeds funded six Trauma Electric Imaging Stretchers for the QEHL Emergency Department—critical equipment that supports patients in their most urgent moments.

This beloved tournament, which has now raised over \$1.3 million since 2003, continues to honour Harry MacLauchlan’s legacy through generosity, camaraderie, and community-driven care.



BIG DAY OF GIVING

Islanders Rally for QEHL, Raising More Than \$1.1 Million

Islanders came together on May 20 for the QEHL Foundation’s Big Day of Giving, raising an incredible \$1,124,541 to support urgently needed medical equipment and clinical priorities at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital.

Throughout the day, Ocean 100 and HOT 105.5 broadcasted live from the QEHL lobby, sharing inspiring stories from patients, staff, donors, and families whose lives have been touched by the care they received. These powerful stories, along with campaign updates shared online and across social media, highlighted the impact of community generosity and the importance of supporting local healthcare.

Thanks to the overwhelming support of Islanders, funds raised through the Big Day of Giving will help strengthen care in the NICU, Pediatrics, Physical Medicine, Neurology, Respiratory Therapy, and Ophthalmology. The generosity demonstrated throughout the day will have a lasting impact, helping equip healthcare teams with the resources needed to care for patients and families across PEI.



ULTIMATE SHED GIVEAWAY

Giving Back, One Shed at a Time

The 2026 Ultimate Shed Giveaway raised over \$60,000 for breast health care at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital. The campaign presented its sixth luxury backyard shed, *Linden Hollow*, won by Denis Gignac of Spring Valley.

This year, proceeds will help fund the purchase of a Navigator 2.0 Control Unit and Lymphatic Mapping Probes, vital equipment used during breast cancer surgery.

“Without this equipment, these procedures would be limited or delayed, and more patients may need to travel or face longer wait times for care.”

CINDY BARRY
NURSE MANAGER, SURGICAL SERVICES

The Ultimate Shed Giveaway is a community-led campaign spearheaded by Jennie Arsenault of Arsenault Bros. Construction, Sara Dykerman of Plank & Pine Interior Design, and Jim Power of Kent Building Supplies. To date through this campaign, supporters have raised over \$375,000 for breast health equipment and technology at the QEHL, keeping Islanders close to home for care.



Winners Denis Gignac and Charmaine Paynter with their pup, Hope.



Sara Dykerman and Sophie Wheeler (Plank & Pine Interior Design), Jim Power (Kent Building Supplies), and Marcus Koughan (Arsenault Bros. Construction).



TULIPS FOR QEH

Kindness in Full Bloom

Islanders once again helped fill the province with colour and kindness through the annual **Tulips for QEH** fundraiser, raising more than \$26,000 in support of critical needs in Mental Health & Addictions Care at the QEH.

Thank you to everyone who purchased and shared tulips, as well as our valued partner, Vanco Farms, and the many dedicated volunteers whose support made this meaningful community fundraiser possible.



More than 100 dancers celebrated International Line Dancing Day by coming together in support of the QEH Foundation. Dancers from groups including Those Line Dancers and Movin' in Line filled the COWS Creamery parking lot and raised funds for patient care at the QEH, reflecting their ongoing commitment to giving back through a shared love of dance.

Community in Action

Community fundraising continues to play a vital role in advancing Island healthcare.

Throughout the year, service clubs, Women's Institutes, local businesses, classrooms, and community groups organized everything from concerts and line dancing nights to memorial tournaments and multicultural celebrations.

This fiscal year, collective efforts raised an impressive \$753,535, demonstrating the remarkable impact community-led philanthropy in strengthening Island healthcare. We are so grateful for the kindness and generosity of **over 60 groups and organizations** who raised funds for the QEH this year, and the many people who supported their efforts.

Together, you are helping ensure Islanders continue to have access to exceptional care, close to home.



BELVEDERE ORCHARD
U-PICK APPLE SALE



Young fundraiser Marielle Toebes shared her generous heart with the community through M's Made Lemonade Stand in support of the QEH Foundation. With a colourful handmade stand and plenty of lemonade, she raised funds to support patient care at the QEH.



Players, families, and fans came together for the Mid-Isle Matrix Hockey Association's annual Matrix Fights Cancer hockey day. Admission donations, raffle sales, and a 50/50 draw helped raise funds for patient care at the QEH, while pink jerseys honoured those affected by cancer.



The Filipino Canadian Association of PEI welcomed the community to its Oktoberfest celebration, where cultural food, entertainment, the generosity of attendees, and a lively Battle of the Bands helped raise funds for the QEH Foundation.



Soul Fit PEI's Bounce with Friends for Breast Cancer event brought Island rebounding enthusiasts together for a day of fitness, connection, and giving back, raising funds by admission donations for the QEH Foundation.



PICTURED: SURGERY
RECOVERY BAY

Bringing More Smiles to Young Patients

The Queen Elizabeth Hospital welcomed its first ever Smilezone spaces this year, thanks to a partnership with Smilezone Foundation. Four vibrant, child-friendly areas were created in Pediatric Ambulatory Care, Same Day Surgery, and Post Anesthesia Care, transforming clinical environments into bright and engaging spaces designed especially for children and families.

Featuring colourful murals, sensory play elements, and interactive features,

the new Smilezones help reduce anxiety and create positive experiences for young patients receiving care. These thoughtfully designed spaces foster comfort, imagination, and connection during what can often be a stressful time.

As the first Smilezones on Prince Edward Island, this exciting addition reflects a shared commitment to enhancing the healthcare experience for children and supporting their emotional well-being throughout their care journey.

Supporting Comfort Through Every Treatment

A gift of \$100,000 from Prince Edward Aqua Farms has funded the purchase of a fleet of 15 new specialized treatment chairs for patients undergoing Chemotherapy treatment at the PEI Cancer Treatment Centre.

Comfort, safety, and proper ergonomic support are critically important during these treatment sessions, which can sometimes last several hours. These new specialized treatment chairs offer improved safety, enhanced patient comfort, and increased features for both patients and staff. Specifically, the new chairs will allow full recline, enabling rapid response when urgent clinical prevention is required. Support from

Prince Edward Aqua Farms for this initiative directly improves patient care at the QEH and demonstrates their commitment to Island families, supporting chemotherapy patients on their cancer journey. We extend a heartfelt thank you to Prince Edward Aqua Farms for their generosity and for being a true partner in Island healthcare.



Owners David Cole &
John Paquet with the new
treatment chairs at the PEI
Cancer Treatment Centre.

The PEI Cancer Treatment Centre at QEH provides more than 14,000 chemotherapy treatments annually for Islanders showing incredible bravery through cancer treatment.



DR. GILLIAN MACLEAN
QEH NEONATOLOGIST

The Gift of Safer Sleep

Thanks to donor support, babies under six months receiving care in the nursery or NICU at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, as well as families leaving the hospital with a newborn, now receive a Sleep Sack through the QEH Safe Sleep Program.

Sleep Sacks are wearable blankets designed to replace loose bedding in the crib, helping babies stay warm and sleep more safely. This helps to create a better sleep environment for newborns at home and promotes the “Back is Best” philosophy.



With nearly 900 babies born at QEH each year, continued donor support will help keep this Sleep Sack program going for future families.

Scan here to watch a sleep sack demonstration by Dr. Gillian MacLean, QEH Neonatologist

A special thank you to the Cymbria Lions Club for their generous \$20,000 gift, along with various monthly donors, who will fund the program for an entire year and help keep Island babies warm, comfortable, and sleeping safely.

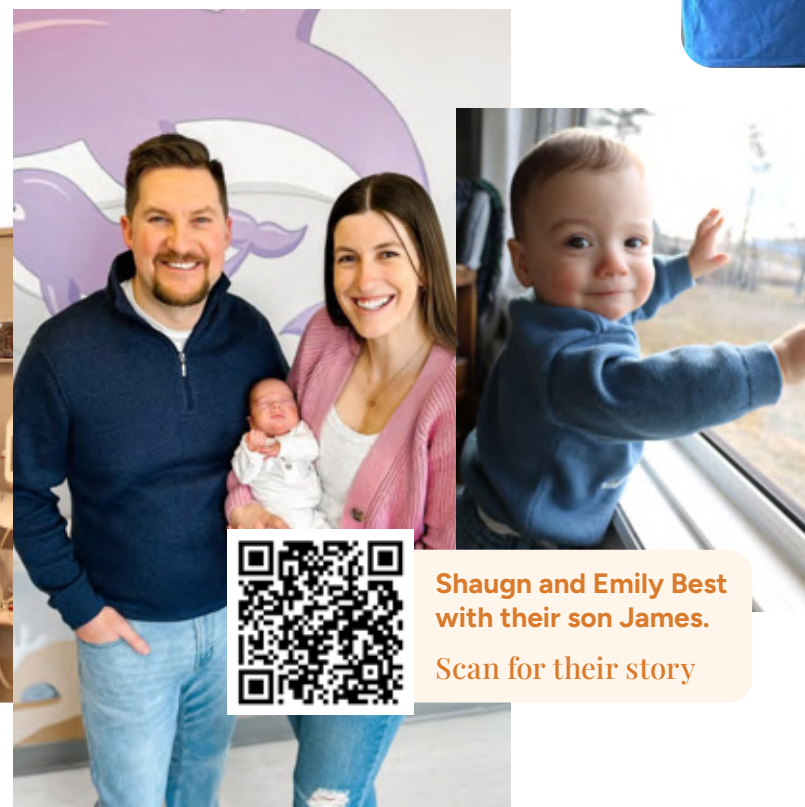


GRATEFUL PATIENT

Baby James

In January 2025, Emily Best from Kingston, PEI was admitted to the IWK Health Centre in Halifax due to a series of complications. Not long after, James arrived early via C-section at just 30 weeks and 4 days, weighing 2 pounds, 11 ounces.

After two weeks, James was transferred to the Queen Elizabeth Hospital here in Charlottetown, where he could be closer to home and the people who love him. In the QEH NICU, a dedicated healthcare team—supported by donor-funded equipment—helped him grow, day by day, ounce by ounce.



Shawn and Emily Best
with their son James.

Scan for their story



QEH Comfort Suite:

A Home Away From Home for Families Facing Medical Challenges

“Our team sees firsthand the gaps families face during treatment, so being able to welcome them into the QEH Comfort Suite means so much. This gift allows patients and their support networks to stay close to the hospital without carrying that extra burden.”

JULIE FITZPATRICK-HOPKIN
SOCIAL WORK MANAGER

Thanks to a generous gift from Bevan Enterprises and Bevan Bros., families facing urgent medical circumstances at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital now have access to the QEH Comfort Suite—a welcoming two-bedroom apartment in Charlottetown that provides a safe place to stay close to care when it matters most.

Referred through the QEH Social Work Department, patients and families with the greatest need can access the suite during some of life's most difficult moments, helping reduce the stress and financial burden often associated with intensive treatment.

The Comfort Suite quickly became a true community project. Islanders rallied behind a 48-hour fundraising appeal, contributing more than \$10,000 to help furnish the space. Additional support from local businesses, including Canadian Tire, Hambly's Home Furnishings, and Tosh Co. Home Store, ensured the apartment was fully equipped with comfortable furnishings, household essentials, and thoughtful finishing touches. Together, these contributions created a home-like environment where families can focus on supporting loved ones and navigating treatment close to the QEH. The QEH Comfort Suite reflects the power of community generosity and the Foundation's commitment to supporting both patient care and well-being.



John Scales, QEH Foundation Board Chair; Julie Fitzpatrick-Hopkin, QEH Social Work Manager; and Trevor Bevan, VP of Bevan Enterprises, at the ribbon cutting and open house of the new QEH Comfort Suite in Charlottetown.

Even More Ways to Make an Impact

Since expanding our mission to also support clinical priorities, there have been several strategic initiatives that improve healthcare delivery and enhance the well-being of patients and staff beyond traditional equipment needs.

These priorities focus on the human side of care: enhancing patient and staff environments, piloting innovative approaches, and creating wellness-focused spaces that promote healing and resilience.

This broader focus offers donors new and meaningful ways to make an impact. The QEH **Social Work Fund**, for example, empowers hospital Social Workers to meet urgent needs not covered by traditional programs, providing emergency support and comfort for patients in crisis.

One such program is *Rooted in Nature*, where each participant receives an easy-care plant, which can move with them to long-term care if needed. This initiative is designed to help reduce stress and lift mood, encourage gentle movement, support memory and routine, create a sense of accomplishment, and spark conversation and connection between the patient and the Registered Social Worker during weekly check-ins.

Our commitment to funding essential medical equipment remains steadfast. With this expanded mission, your gift can now reach further, touching more aspects of patient care and offering more ways to help when it matters most.

Chad Vienneau, Resource Social Worker, and Julie Fitzpatrick-Hopkin, Social Work Manager, with potted plants for the *Rooted in Nature* program.





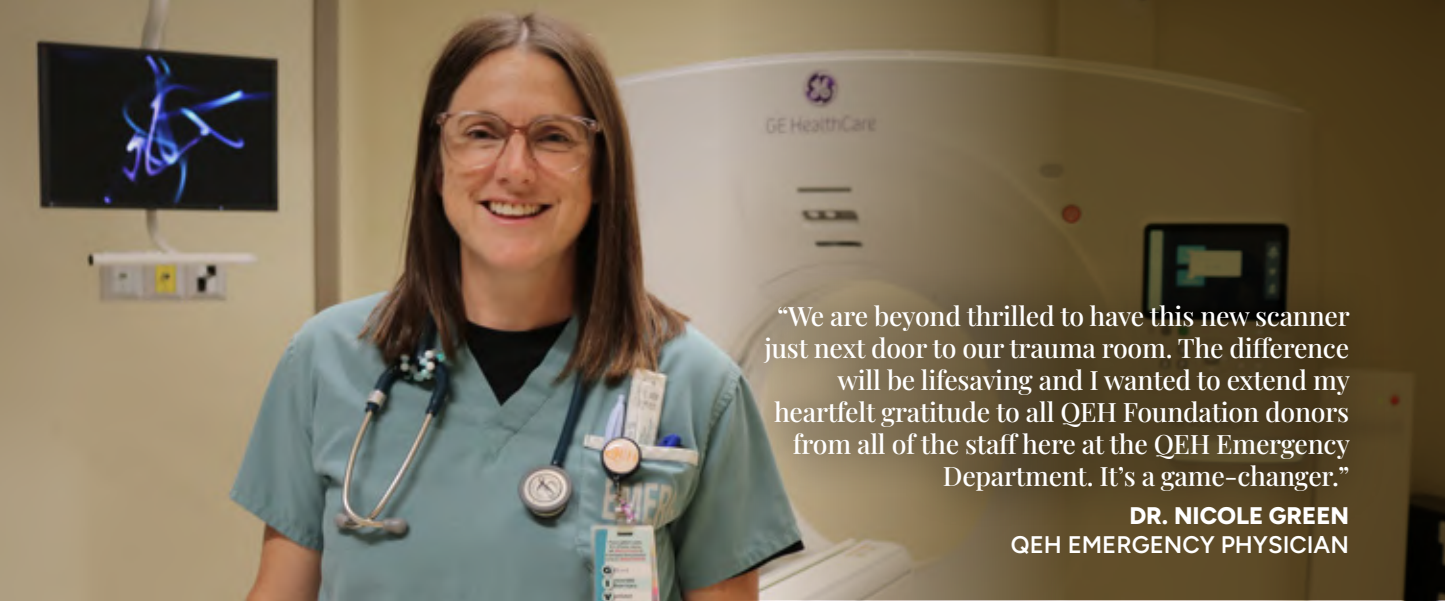
\$100 Million Invested: A Community's Legacy of Care

This year marks an important milestone for the QEH Foundation and the thousands of donors who have supported our hospital over the years. Together, Islanders have invested more than \$100 million in healthcare at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital since 1984.

That investment can be found throughout the hospital: in life-saving equipment, advanced diagnostic technology, renovated patient spaces, and innovative programs that improve care every day.

While we are proud of what has been achieved together, the need for donor support remains. The reality is that the majority of medical equipment at the QEH continues to be funded through philanthropy. As healthcare evolves and patient needs grow, so too does the need for community investment.

The \$100 million milestone is not the end of a journey. It is a testament to what Islanders can accomplish together and a confidence for the work still ahead.



"We are beyond thrilled to have this new scanner just next door to our trauma room. The difference will be lifesaving and I wanted to extend my heartfelt gratitude to all QEH Foundation donors from all of the staff here at the QEH Emergency Department. It's a game-changer."

DR. NICOLE GREEN
QEH EMERGENCY PHYSICIAN

Generosity Comes Full Circle

Thanks to the generosity of donors from across Prince Edward Island and beyond, the Queen Elizabeth Hospital Emergency Department officially has a dedicated CT scanner at the point of care, bringing faster, safer diagnosis and treatment to some of our sickest patients. An incredible \$1.3 million was raised to help make this project a reality.

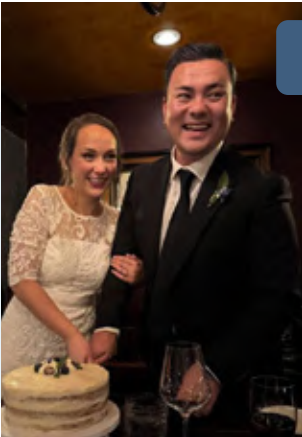
CT imaging is essential for diagnosing serious illnesses, traumatic injuries, internal bleeding, stroke, and other time-sensitive medical emergencies. Previously, critically ill patients had to leave the Emergency Department and be transported to Diagnostic Imaging in another part of the hospital for imaging. With the new scanner located directly within the department, patients can remain in the trauma area where specialized teams, equipment, and life-saving resources are immediately available if their condition changes.

The benefits are especially significant for patients experiencing a stroke or heart attack, where every minute matters.

For stroke patients, rapid access to brain imaging is critical, and having a dedicated scanner will transform the future of stroke care on PEI. The faster a stroke is diagnosed and treated, the greater the chance of preserving brain function and reducing long-term disability.

The scanner also supports faster assessment of patients with suspected heart attacks and other cardiac emergencies, helping care teams make informed decisions without delay. By having it nearby, valuable minutes are saved at a time when every second can impact outcomes.

Quicker imaging means quicker intervention, better coordination among healthcare teams, and improved outcomes for Islanders when they need care most. Your support helped make that possible.



Josh and his wife, Rebekah, on their wedding day.

GRATEFUL PATIENT Josh Mori

Josh was newly married and working toward his commercial pilot license when he suffered two strokes that changed his life in an instant. From emergency treatment to rehabilitation care, Josh experienced firsthand the impact that skilled healthcare teams and specialized equipment can have during recovery.



Scan here for his story



Kevin and Kim Ladner, lifelong Islanders and longtime supporters of the QEH Foundation, shared that this gift honours their fathers' (Cecil Ladner and Francis Reid) belief in community and connection.

\$1 Million Gift Creates a Lasting Impact

The QEH Foundation was honoured to receive an enduring gift of \$1 million from Kevin and Kim Ladner to establish the Kevin & Kim Ladner Endowment Fund, created in honour of their fathers, Cecil Ladner and Francis Reid.

As the first endowment of its kind at QEH dedicated to enhancing the care environment, the fund will provide ongoing support for projects that improve and enrich the hospital experience for patients, families, and staff.

This extraordinary gift will help create and sustain welcoming spaces and initiatives that foster comfort, connection, and well-being throughout the Queen Elizabeth Hospital. Future enhancements supported by the fund include the beautification of the Ladner Reid Commons, a dedicated gathering space designed to offer staff opportunities to recharge, connect, and find respite during their workday.

The establishment of the endowment creates a lasting source of funding for meaningful improvements that support a positive hospital environment and strengthen the Foundation's commitment to both patient and staff well-being. Through this enduring legacy, the values of generosity, community, and care embodied by Cecil Ladner and Francis Reid will continue to make a difference at the QEH now and into the future.

"Our fathers believed that strong communities were built through trust, respect, and shared purpose. This gift is our way of ensuring their legacy continues in a space where people can gather, rest, and share moments that matter."

KEVIN LADNER



The Ladner Family at the unveiling of the *Ladner Reid Commons*.



Edward & Sandra Clark Nuclear Medicine Suite

Ed and Sandra Clark; John Scales, Chair of the QEH Foundation; and Julie Sinclair, Provincial Director of Diagnostic Imaging.

Suite Named in Recognition of Leadership Gift

Edward and Sandra Clark, long-time Island business leaders and community supporters, have a deep history with the QEH.

Ed served on the QEH Foundation Board from 2008 to 2014 and played an active role in the Foundation's Care Today for Tomorrow capital campaign, during which the Clarks made an inspiring gift.

Their latest investment of over \$1 million fully funds the province's newest state-of-the-art SPECT-CT system. The new system replaces a 14 year old scanner that has reached the end of its service life. The upgraded technology provides sharper images, greater reliability, and more efficient exams, supporting

more than 1,700 Islanders each year. With quicker scan times, it is anticipated that more patients can be served per year.

This generous gift continues a legacy of strengthening healthcare for Islanders and ensures QEH healthcare teams have advanced diagnostic imaging today and for years to come.



"This new SPECT-CT is essential for diagnosing and guiding treatment for serious health conditions, and its arrival ensures Islanders can continue to receive this quality care close to home. Patients and our healthcare team will benefit greatly from this extraordinary investment."

JULIE SINCLAIR
PROVINCIAL DIRECTOR OF DIAGNOSTIC IMAGING

A Remarkable Year of Giving



QEHAuxiliary members at their 2026 Volunteer Recognition Dinner.

Since 1982, this dedicated group of volunteers has contributed an extraordinary \$6.6 million to the QEHAuxiliary Foundation in support of patients, families, and healthcare teams.

With the integration of the longstanding Wo He Lo organization in 2024, the Auxiliary’s impact and reach continue to grow.

This year, the QEHAuxiliary demonstrated its commitment to Island healthcare with a gift of more than \$200,000 to the QEHAuxiliary Foundation’s Friends for Life Campaign. This contribution directly supported the purchase of defibrillators for the ICU and an epidural pump and two birthing beds for Labour & Delivery, as well as enhanced our newly established Social Work Fund.



Wo He Lo volunteers Debbie Buchanan, Mary MacMillan and Brenda Fraser at the 2026 Spring Clothing Sale.

The Auxiliary also made a \$100,000 gift through the QEHAuxiliary Foundation’s Big Day of Giving, supporting two important pediatric priorities: the replacement of all eight pediatric cribs and mattresses on Unit 5, and the purchase of updated equipment for the Pediatric Rehabilitation team.

These investments will enhance safety and comfort for young patients while helping reduce the risk of injury for staff providing care.

A highlight of the year was the continued success of the Auxiliary’s Wo He Lo Clothing Sale, a favourite community fundraiser for generations. The event achieved record-breaking results, raising \$46,961.51 at the fall sale and \$61,747.17 in the spring. Featuring gently used clothing, jewellery, handbags, accessories, and more, the sale brings the community together while making a meaningful impact on patient care.

Proceeds from this fiscal year’s sales funded priority equipment for the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, including a new Panda Warmer, as well as a Video Laryngoscope, Cribette, and Giraffe Star T-Piece, which is a stand-alone infant resuscitation system.

United by a shared commitment to service, the QEHAuxiliary continues to make a lasting difference—enhancing care for patients of all ages.



Steve Connolly’s wife and son, Marg and Shayne, with QEHAuxiliary Foundation Board Chair John Scales, and QEHAuxiliary Foundation CEO Tracey Comeau.

GRATEFUL PATIENT Compassionate Care: A Gift to Patients and Families

Steve Connolly’s connection to Prince Edward Island ran deep. Alongside his wife, Marg, he was a loyal supporter of the QEHAuxiliary Foundation—serving as a dedicated donor, passionate volunteer canvasser, and cherished friend of the organization for many years.

While Steve served as a member of the QEHAuxiliary Foundation Board of Directors from 1998 to 2004, one of his most significant contributions came earlier as co-chair of the QEHAuxiliary Friends for Life Campaign in the early 1990s that he made a particularly meaningful contribution to the Foundation’s future.

As one of the first donors to establish a gift of life insurance in support of the QEHAuxiliary Foundation, Steve helped pioneer a form of giving that continues to benefit Island patients and families today. His thoughtful generosity created a lasting legacy and inspired others to consider innovative ways of supporting healthcare in Prince Edward Island.

In his final weeks, Steve experienced firsthand the compassionate care provided at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital. “All of the care professionals involved with Dad in Unit 2 were highly caring, kind, and thorough,” said Shayne Connolly, Steve’s son and a member of the QEHAuxiliary Foundation Board of Directors.

“The care Dad received was exceptional and we sensed the emotion that they had when it was clear what Dad’s outcome was going to be. They were compassionate and caring to the end.”

SHAYNE CONNOLLY
STEVE’S SON & QEHAuxiliary FOUNDATION BOARD MEMBER

Steve passed away surrounded by the love of his family in April 2026. His legacy will help create a healthier future for Islanders for generations to come—a powerful testament to a life well lived and deeply rooted in service to others.



Marg and Steve after reaching the Benefactor level of giving on our Donor Wall in 2018.



SEASONAL RESIDENTS

An Afternoon of Connection

In the last week of July, we held our annual Seasonal Residents summer social 'Down By The Bridge' in beautiful Grand Tracadie, celebrating another wonderful summer season, fostering meaningful connections, and welcoming back seasonal residents and Islanders returning home for the summer.

The afternoon featured an insightful armchair chat with Dr. Spencer Brown, QEH Emergency Physician, and Tracey Comeau, QEH Foundation CEO, highlighting the QEH's ongoing medical equipment needs and clinical priorities, as well as engaging conversations, stunning river views, and delicious strawberry shortcake.

As *Your Hospital Away From Home*, we are grateful for the opportunity to connect with friends of PEI who are committed to supporting exceptional care at QEH, wherever they may live.



GRATEFUL PATIENT Baby Aubrey

In November 2024, Rachel Totaram and her husband Ryan travelled from Ontario to Prince Edward Island to celebrate her great-grandmother's 100th birthday with family.

Shortly after arriving on November 22, it became clear that something was not right. A visit to the Queen Elizabeth Hospital revealed Rachel was already 8cm dilated at just 34 weeks pregnant.

Ten hours later, on November 23, their daughter Aubrey was born.

Aubrey spent 12 days in the NICU before the family was able to return home to Ontario. While the experience was unexpected and overwhelming, they are so grateful for the excellent care they received at the QEH.



Aubrey, happy and thriving, at 18 months.
Scan here for their story



Our U.S. Friends

Established in 2001 as a registered 501(c)(3) charitable organization, the US Friends of Queen Elizabeth Hospital enables American donors to support the medical equipment and healthcare needs of PEI's provincial referral hospital while receiving applicable U.S. tax benefits.

A charitable gift through the US Friends of Queen Elizabeth Hospital can take many forms, such as a donation through the U.S. Friends PayPal page, a bequest left in your Will or a planned gift such as a charitable remainder trust.

To learn more, please reach out to Tracey Comeau at tacomeau@qehfoundation.pe.ca

LEGACY GIVING



Dr. Derek Chaudhary, Nephrologist, Their Honours Lieutenant Governor Dr. Wassim Salamoun and Marie Salamoun-Dunne, and Tracey Comeau, QEH Foundation CEO.

LEGACY TEA

Celebrating a Legacy of Care and Generosity

The 2025 QEH Legacy Society Tea was held at the beautiful Prince Edward Island Preserve Company, bringing together donors who have chosen to leave a lasting impact on healthcare through a planned gift to the QEH Foundation.

Guests were honoured to be joined by Their Honours, Lieutenant Governor Dr. Wassim Salamoun and Marie Salamoun-Dunne, and enjoyed a fireside chat with Dr. Derek Chaudhary, nephrologist and medical advisor for the PEI Renal Program.

The event celebrated the generosity and vision of Legacy Society members whose support will help ensure exceptional care for Islanders for generations to come.

Dr. Chaudhary shared how donor support is advancing dialysis treatment and improving patient care across Prince Edward Island through the new Home Hemodialysis program.

The Foundation was proud to welcome 12 new Legacy Society members this year, recognizing their commitment to strengthening healthcare through the power of planned giving.

Caring Beyond Their Careers

Miriam E. McGuire's lifetime commitment to healthcare continues through the newly established Dr. J. Hugh & Miriam (Wheatley) McGuire Endowment Fund, supporting operating room equipment for general surgery at the QEH.

A 1969 graduate of the Prince County Hospital School of Nursing, Miriam began her career at the PEI Hospital where she was sponsored to take a post-grad course in operating room technique and management at Montreal General Hospital. She returned to work at PEI Hospital before moving to Toronto in 1973. Her career was spent in the operating room, a setting that shaped her lifelong appreciation for quality surgical care.

Miriam and her husband, Dr. J. Hugh McGuire, a respected general surgeon, shared a deep commitment to patient care and community service. The couple met while working at York Finch



The Dr. J. Hugh & Miriam (Wheatley) McGuire Endowment Fund was established in support of general surgery at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital.

Hospital and married in 1995 after many years of friendship. Together, they believed in giving back and supporting healthcare, which has been such an important part of their lives. Miriam retired in 2002, and they enjoyed retirement at their cottage. After a six-month illness, Dr. McGuire passed away in August 2003.

Their generosity through this endowment is helping to strengthen general surgery at QEH, ensuring surgical teams have access to modern equipment and technology that enhance patient care.

Estate of Priscilla Clough

A generous legacy gift from the late Priscilla Clough is helping advance patient care at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital.

Through a \$250,000 life insurance policy, Priscilla's thoughtful gift is supporting the purchase of vital medical equipment and technology that will benefit Islanders and their families for years to come.

Born Priscilla Pearl Lockhart on January 10, 1937, she grew up in Coleman, PEI and spent much of her career working in Summerside and Moncton before returning to Prince Edward Island in 1976. She joined the Provincial Court of PEI, serving as a Judicial Clerk and Justice of the Peace for 17 years, before taking early retirement.

She was married to Bennett Clough and enjoyed many winters in Florida together.

Priscilla was also known for her adventurous spirit and love of the outdoors. Whether exploring a wooded trail, discovering where an unfamiliar dirt road might lead, or enjoying time on the golf course, she embraced life with curiosity and enthusiasm. She also enjoyed needlepoint, tole painting, crafts, and photography.

A dedicated volunteer, Priscilla generously gave her time to many community organizations, including the QEH Volunteer Services and the QEH Foundation. She was always willing to lend a helping hand and could be counted on whenever support was needed.

Through her remarkable generosity, Priscilla's commitment to caring for others will continue to make a lasting impact on healthcare in Prince Edward Island.



GRATEFUL PATIENT Izabella

At just 13 years old, Izabella White spends hours every month receiving treatment for a rare autoimmune disease that attacks her muscles and joints.

Thanks to the QEH Pediatric Ambulatory Care Team, Izabella can receive the care she needs closer to home, making long treatment days more manageable and easing the burden of travel for her family.

Izabella White and Holly Paynter, RN
Nurse Coordinator Pediatric Ambulatory Care.

Scan here for Izabella's story



Thinking About a Legacy Gift?

Life insurance can be a simple, impactful way to give:

- Donate an existing policy you no longer need
- Transfer ownership of a policy with premiums still owing
- Purchase a new policy and name the QEH Foundation as owner and beneficiary

Talk to your financial advisor or contact the QEH Foundation to learn more.

David & Joan Kennedy

The QEH Foundation is honoured to establish the David & Joan Kennedy Endowment through a generous \$100,000 gift received in December 2025.

This named endowment will provide lasting support for the Foundation's highest fundraising priorities, helping strengthen healthcare in Prince Edward Island.

Lifelong Islanders, David and Joan Kennedy have built their lives around hard work, family, and community. David, an entrepreneur from Breadalbane, and Joan, a former teacher at Stonepark Intermediate School who grew up in Emerald, raised three children, Trevor, Glen, and Tanya. They are proud grandparents to seven grandchildren and cherish spending family time at their cottage in North Granville. Together, they enjoy travelling and boating, while David can often be found playing crib or at the horse track, and Joan enjoys golfing and pickleball.

The Queen Elizabeth Hospital has played an important role in their family's life.



Their youngest daughter, Tanya, was born at the QEH, and over the years many family members and friends have benefited from the care provided there. They created this endowment in appreciation of the healthcare professionals who serve Islanders and the care their family has received.

"We believe strong communities are built by people who give back. We hope this fund helps ensure exceptional care is available for Islanders today and for generations to come."

DAVID & JOAN KENNEDY



QEH Emergency Department Staff: Aggie McGregor, Ward Clerk; Bobby McSweeney, RN; Dr. Aleisha Murnaghan, Physician; Olivia Reardon, RN; Molly MacDougall, Ward Clerk; Dr. Spencer Brown, Physician; Laura Gregory, RN

Michael H. MacNevin Memorial Endowment

Longtime supporters of the QEH Foundation, Harry and Linda established a \$100,000 endowment fund in memory of their son, Michael, who passed away in 2000 at the age of 25.

Michael was a graduate of Holland College’s automotive program. He was known for his kindness and devotion to his family and friends, passion for the automotive industry, dedication for learning and craftsmanship, love of music, and enthusiasm for snowmobiling.

Through this lasting tribute, annual earnings from the endowment will support the purchase of medical equipment and clinical priorities at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital. The fund will help ensure future generations of Islanders continue to benefit from outstanding healthcare close to home while honouring Michael’s memory for years to come.



PHOTO: BERNI WOOD

The Michael H. MacNevin Memorial Endowment was established by Harry and Linda MacNevin.

IN-MEMORIAM DONATIONS | JULY 1, 2025 - JUNE 30, 2026

Remembering Loved Ones

The QEH Foundation wholeheartedly thanks the 141 families who chose the Queen Elizabeth Hospital for in-memoriam donations in honour of their loved ones between July 1, 2025 and June 30, 2026.

Kathleen Anderson	Isabel Dingwell	Peter Jon Hutchinson	William MacLeod	Harold Richards
Joyce Arsenault	Edward Doiron	Robert T. Jenkins	Margaret MacNevin	Patricia Richards
Paul Baker	Inez Doiron	Winston Jenkins	Sheldon MacNevin	Hilda Rossiter
Robert Beamish	Fran Doucette	Louise Johnston	Theresa A. MacPhail	Eileen Shaw
Howard Beattie	Barbara Doyle	Terry Jones	Caryl MacPherson	Dorothy Smith
Margaret Bell	Frank Duguay	Betty Judson	Exton MacPherson	E. Anne Smith
Rogers Bell	Helen Dunbar-Weir	Isabel Kerry	Jean MacRae	Glenna Smith
Janet Bevan	Tom Dunn	Betty Ann Kiley	Edward Marsh	Kirby Smith
Cathy Binette	Christine Easter	Griffin J. Knockwood	Clive Marshall	Wayne Smith
Jean M. Blanchard	Lori Fagan	Shirley Koke	Myron Matheson	Gloria Snow
Robin Blue	David Faulkner	Kay Larkin	George McCabe	Stella Sobey
David Boswall	Judy Fisher	Louis R. Larsen	Glenda McCabe	Merna Stevens
Carl Bradley	Alden Ford	Peggy Lavigueur	Patricia McCardle	Verna Stevenson
Helen Bradley	Ken Gairns	Michelle Ledgerwood	Louis McGee	Albert Stordy
Arlene Brown	Douglas Gallant	Shirley Livingstone	Delmar McInnis	Rozsa Szabo
Bob Brown	Paul Gallant	June Lund	David Morrison	Lorne Taylor
Priscilla Clough	Gillian Garson	Kay C. MacArthur	John Morrison	Charles P. Thompson
Steve Connolly	George Gillespie	Boyd MacDonald	Howard Murchison	Lonnie Thompson
Bernie Constable	Thelma Gillespie	Dunstan MacDonald	Katherine Murray	J. Henry Tye
Kyle Cooper	Eileen Gillis	Lawrence MacDougall	Pat Murray	Betty Vriend
Carol-Ann Corner	Shirley Good	Patricia MacEachern	Perry Neatby	Veda Waller
Emard Court	Ella M. Gordon	Mary MacKay	Marjorie Newman	Phyllis Wedge
Teresa A. Crane	Joe Gormley	Alexander MacKenzie-MacDonald	Bree Outhouse-Roche	Karen Wood
John Csatari	Douglas A. Green	Anna MacKinley	Donna Power	Florence Yard
Seth D. Currie	Doyle Hachey	Annette MacKinnon	Joe Power	Maciej Zawadzki
Catherine Cusack	Najeeb Haddad	Shirley MacLean	Allan Rankin	
Kenneth Darby	Leslie Harris	Charles MacLennan	Jeanne Ready	
Susan Deighan	Kevin Hawbolt	Lola MacLeod	Deborah Richard	
Arnold Dennis	Seymour Hurry		Alan Richards	

DONOR WALL RECOGNITION

Celebrating Generosity

The QEH Foundation is pleased to recognize the following donors who, as a result of cumulative giving, will appear for the first time or move into new milestone giving categories on our Donor Recognition Wall located in the main lobby of the Queen Elizabeth Hospital.

GOLD \$500,000 - \$1,999,999 The Guardian Shirley & Fred Hyndman Kevin & Kim Ladner Evelyn Patricia Matheson RBC Foundation	Alan & Debbie Brown Cardigan Excavators Wayne & Flora Dickieson Stephen & Joanne Dunne J. Lovat Fraser Gavan & Brenda Gill The Gray Group IG Wealth Management Maritime ATM Dr. Kathy Morrison & Blake Doyle John & Trina Paquet Pepsi Bottling Group Red Isle Produce Nigel & Leona Smart US Friends of Queen Elizabeth Hospital	Ken W. Sulston Sheila Sutherland James & Kim Taylor Dr. Marvin & Linda Tesch theFold Paul & Mary Wisener	Roger & Lorraine MacLauchlan Jennifer & James MacPherson Mayflower Seniors Club Dave McInnis Carolyn Anne Murphy Memorial Ruth & Allan Nelson Dr. Huy Nguyen & Dr. Jennifer Ashby Matthew & Jordan Pickles Keith Pigot & Joan Auld Pollock Family Foundation Estate of Richard Praught Richardson Wealth David & Joan Rogers Andrea Scott Dr. Karun & Sampa Shetty Allison Smith Rona & Paul Smith Verner & Nancy Smitheram Malcolm (Bud) & Helen Stewart Adam Sultan William & Dot Toombs TopGum Canada Maureen Troendle Dr. Raymond & Dianne Wenn Boyde & Kathryn White Gertrude White Eric & Anne Wood John & Edith Young Memorial Richard & Susan Young Myron & Glenn Younker
SILVER \$250,000 - \$499,999 Bennett & Priscilla Clough Karen & John Gaudet Ocean 100 & Hot 105.5 Provincial Credit Union Carl & Gayle Willis		SPONSOR \$10,000 - \$24,999 Anonymous (1) Alpha York Women's Institute Eric & Peggy Arsenault Anne Barbour Bernadette's Flowers Dr. James & Diane Boswall Dr. Colin Brown & Sacha Craig Vernon & Marion Buote Errol & Dionne Callbeck Callum's Sunflowers Cameron Farms Limited Canada's Island Garden Charm Diamond Centre Steve Connolly Memorial John Cox & Cheryl Stead Culinary Federation of PEI Dougan Insurance Group Dr. Ibrahim Elaraoud First Canadian Financial Group Bill & Verna J. Fitzpatrick Frank & Cathy Gillan Ed & Eileen Gillis Brad & Maureen Goodick Peter & Deanne Henry Kathryn & Mark Howe Andrew Hughes & Oksana Laschuk Kenneth & Maureen Hughes Peter Hyndman Barbara Jenkins Rob & Kelly Lantz Elwood & Nancy Lawton Estate of Maureen Leunes Joe & Hazel MacDonald Lorna & John MacDougall Donnie & Claire MacKenzie Brian & Dora MacKinley	
BRONZE \$200,000 - \$249,999 Canadian Tire Charlottetown Beach Family D.P. Murphy Inc. Fair Isle Ford John & Barbara Scales	PATRON \$25,000 - \$49,999 Andy Lambe & Associates David & Linda Abbott James & Judith Beauchamp Confound Films Blair Corkum & Sharlene Clark-Corkum DALMAC Hon. Percy Downe & Roslyn Saunders Dr. Patrice & Bobby Drake Eastern Graphic Gerard & Bernie Fitzpatrick Keir Ford Earl Foster - Mildred Foster Ken & Grace Gillis Julie Hambly & Norman Bry Island Cut Stone - Jordan Harman & Mike Harman J & S Sheet Metal Kent Building Supplies Keith & Virginia MacEachern H. Wade MacLauchlan Stephen & Aileen Murphy Plank & Pine Interior Design Pleasant Valley Memorial Church Richard Reddin George J. Rogers Dr. Benjamin Spears & Dr. Susan Stewart		
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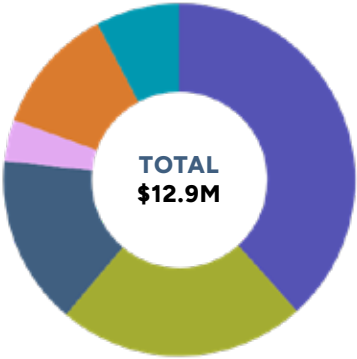
NAMED ENDOWMENTS

\$100,000+
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David & Joan Kennedy
Kevin & Kim Ladner
Michael H. MacNevin Memorial
Dr. J. Hugh & Miriam (Wheatley) McGuire

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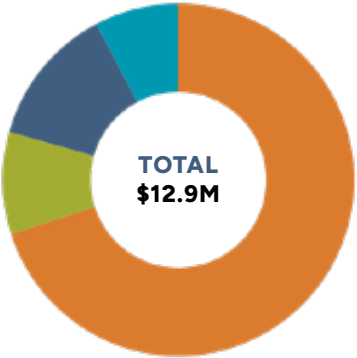
Where Revenue Came From

ANNUAL CAMPAIGN (NOTE 1)	\$1,528,540
MAJOR GIFT CAMPAIGN (NOTE 2)	\$2,958,230
SIGNATURE FUNDRAISING EVENTS (NOTE 3)	\$2,018,486
PLANNED GIVING (NOTE 4)	\$491,304
PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT (NOTE 5)	\$1,000,000
REALIZED INVESTMENT INCOME (NOTE 6)	\$4,972,760
TOTAL REVENUE	\$12,969,320



Where Revenue Went

DONATIONS & COMMITMENTS MADE TO QEH FOR MEDICAL EQUIPMENT AND CLINICAL PRIORITIES (NOTE 7)	\$9,081,163
ENDOWMENT FUND (NOTE 8)	\$1,216,662
FUNDRAISING & OPERATING (NOTE 9)	\$1,668,231
EXCELLENCE & INNOVATION FUND (NOTE 10)	\$1,003,264
TOTAL INVESTED	\$12,969,320



1. The Friends for Life Annual Campaign includes all gifts under \$10,000, not made through a Signature Event.

2. Major Gift Campaign includes all gifts \$10,000 and above, not made through a Signature Event.

3. Signature Events include QEH Big Day of Giving, Yuletide Gala Auction, and the Harry MacLauchlan 'Great Day' Fore Health Memorial Golf Tournament.

4. Bequests, realized gifts of life insurance, and donations equivalent to life insurance premiums.

5. Funding from Provincial Government, received March 2026.

6. Gains exceeded historical averages due to strong market returns.

7. Donations to the QEH are made when equipment or clinical priorities are in use. Commitments include priorities in procurement process.
8. Donations directed to endowment fund by the donor and unrestricted bequests.

9. All costs related to the Friends for Life Campaign, Big Day of Giving, 'Great Day' Fore Health golf tournament, investment fees, banking fees, credit card fees, donor stewardship, wages and benefits, contracts, print and postage, QEH Comfort Suite operating expenses, life insurance premiums on policies owned by the Foundation, and other expenses associated with delivering a comprehensive philanthropic program.

10. An internally restricted fund established to retain and invest excess investment income in accordance with the Foundation's endowment spending framework, supporting strategic initiatives, innovation opportunities, and emerging priorities.

The above revenue does not reflect multi-year pledges or unrealized gains on investments. Copies of the audited financial statements are available by contacting the QEH Foundation at (902) 894-2425 or online at qehfoundation.pe.ca

Message From The CEO

Every year, I am humbled by what our community can accomplish when we come together in support of healthcare. This year was no exception.

Thanks to the generosity of Islanders, the QEH Foundation committed to more than \$9 million in support of medical equipment, technology, and clinical priorities at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital. These investments are helping ensure patients receive leading-edge care close to home, today and for years to come.

This year also marked an extraordinary milestone: more than \$100 million invested in healthcare at the QEH through donor support since our inception in 1984. Reaching this milestone is a testament to generations of Islanders who have shared a common belief that our hospital should have the resources needed to provide the best possible care.

While this achievement is worth celebrating, it is not a finish line. Healthcare continues to evolve, equipment must be replaced, new technologies emerge, and patient needs grow. In fact, because the majority of medical equipment at the QEH is funded through philanthropy, donor support remains as essential today as it was when the Foundation first began.

Throughout this report, you have seen the many ways your generosity is making a difference. More than \$1.1 million was donated through the QEH Big Day of Giving, and Islanders organized more than 60 community fundraising events in support of our hospital. Donations to the Friends for Life Campaign helped fund critical priorities in the Emergency Department, Mental Health & Addictions, and the Intensive Care Unit, strengthening care for patients and families across PEI.



What inspires me most is the spirit behind these accomplishments. Every gift, regardless of size, represents someone choosing to invest in the health and well-being of their community. Every dollar raised is a vote of confidence in our healthcare teams and a commitment to better care for Islanders.

As we look ahead, there is much reason for optimism. Together, we will continue building on the strong foundation that generations of donors have created.

On behalf of our Board of Directors, staff, volunteers, healthcare teams, and the patients who benefit from your generosity every day, thank you. The story of healthcare at the QEH is ultimately a story of Islanders helping Islanders, and we are deeply grateful to be part of it.

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