

— YOUR DUNDAS MANOR DREAM —

NOTHING FEELS AS GOOD AS HOME



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Just \$3.5 Million to Go!

We Can Do It – Together!

When the *Expanding the Circle of Compassionate Care Campaign for the new Dundas Manor* launched, our community goal seemed daunting. Eighteen million dollars to help build a new long-term care home for our region. But very quickly, our community stepped up and we realized that together, we can make this dream come true!

In fact, we are excited to share that we have reached the \$14.5 million milestone – with just \$3.5 million more to go. How wonderful is that?

But we're not done yet. As construction continues, the WDMH Foundation will be hard at work connecting with people who care about their community and Dundas Manor to talk about the magical possibilities for the new home.

Thank you so much for your past and future support. This dream is only coming true because of people like you. We are so grateful!



**Our Donors
Write ...**

We have met so many wonderful donors during the campaign and we love hearing the reasons behind their gifts to help build the new Dundas Manor. Thank you for sharing your stories!

"My mother has recently moved to Dundas Manor. She has adjusted very well due to the excellent care and kindness by all of the staff. It's a great place!"

"As members of this community all our lives, we felt obliged to give. We can't wait to take a tour of the new home!"

"We have no personal connection to the Manor, but we see the need. It was an easy decision to donate."

"For this community, this new home will be a blessing for so many families and future residents."



Inside and Out: The Dream is Coming True

Susan Poirer and **Jordan Wheeler** have the inside scoop on the new Dundas Manor – literally! As Dundas Manor’s Administrator, Susan and her team are busy planning everything that will go inside the new home. And as Site Superintendent, Jordan is familiar with every aspect of the build.

“It’s definitely a beehive of activity and we will be so proud to show off the new Dundas Manor to our community,” says Susan. “Planning is in full swing and there is so much to do. The campaign will support the purchase of everything from new beds to new curtains to new patio furniture – everything we need to make Dundas Manor a comfy home for our residents. They deserve nothing less.”

Susan says everyone is involved: “We have worked with residents and their families, the Dundas Manor team, and even our community. It’s so fun for Dundas Manor residents to watch the construction of their new home and be part of the planning process!”

Jordan was born at Winchester District Memorial Hospital (WDMH) and has memories of coming to Dundas Manor as a child to visit his grandpa.





Now, he's helping to make the dream of a new home come true. "Being a part of this project hits close to home and I want to put my best effort forward in hopes that my older family members have a nice room during the final chapter of their life," he explains.

Jordan says the construction team includes other local workers as well, many of whom are also WDMH babies. Local companies are also involved, including Norcon Construction north of Morrisburg and BMR

just outside of Winchester. Construction is on time and on budget as walls go up, the roof takes shape, and interior finishing begins.

The new Dundas Manor will be more than double the size of the current home. Thirty additional residents will be welcomed. There will be four resident home areas called Homesteads. Each one will have a wonderful gathering space as well as beautiful outdoor gardens nearby. Hallway dining will be a thing of the past as there will be four large, bright dining rooms with enough space for everyone. Rooms in the new home will be larger – and everyone will have a window.



Why I'm Giving

Every donor is special - and we want to celebrate each of you. By sharing donor stories, we highlight your generosity and also inspire others to join in the dream. Here are a few of your fellow donors who have already provided support to build the new Dundas Manor.



A beautiful garden party market ... French fries, food trucks and ice cream sandwiches ... family fun ... celebrity meet and greets ... local businesses chipping in ... so many bikes lining the overflowing sidewalks ... amazing entertainment, pipes and drums ... and those OPP Golden Helmets motorcycles roaring down Main Street.

It was quite the day as 'Winchester Raises the Roof' blew the roof right off our amazing town! At each event, everyone was invited to support the new Dundas Manor in any way they could. And the best news: \$12,239 was raised throughout the day! We are still in awe! There are so many people to thank and so many wonderful stories of our community coming together to support everyone's long-term care home!

Usually a trip to the barber or hair salon is a quiet affair - but not for Dwayne Holmes and Lauree Laing. They chose to get all spiffed up in front of a large crowd, all in support of Dundas Manor. Dwayne, who has sported a beard since 1972, collected \$3,430 in pledges leading up to the big shave. Dwayne surpassed his goal of \$3,000. And Lauree, who works at Dundas Manor, collected \$1,230 in pledges leading up to cutting her hair more than a foot, from her waist to her chin. Lauree also surpassed her goal of \$1,000. And they both looked great!



One foot in front of the other. That's how we're raising funds to help build the new Dundas Manor. And in September, we took a giant leap with The Grand Parade! From Dundas Manor residents riding in style on their bicycles built for three ... to families from the neighbourhood ... to ghostbusters and stormtroopers ... everyone was out for a walk and supporting the new home.

The 2024 Grand Parade raised \$37,465! We are so grateful to everyone - walkers, donors, sponsors, volunteers, and even the community members who waved along the route!





It's amazing how little things add up! At Sherry's store in Williamsburg, a donation jar at the cash register filled up. Owner Sherry Mowat and her daughter Kayla Helliker asked customers to donate their spare change. And they did! Sherry chose to match everything donated by her customers. And the grand total? \$1,624! Sherry and her team have been supporting the Dundas Manor campaign since its launch, and we are so grateful.



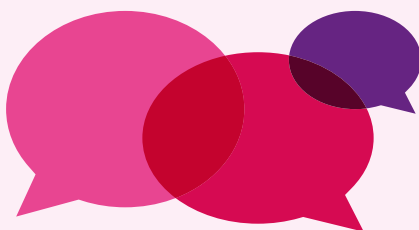
The Morrisburg & District Lions Club is celebrating its 75th anniversary. And they are doing what they've done for six decades – giving back to their community! As part of their celebrations, the Lions Club recently distributed \$20,000 to six local charities, including \$2,500 to the WDMH Foundation. This is actually not the first time the Lions Club has given a donation for the new Dundas Manor.



The Dundas County Players have added to the Dundas Manor magic – twice! In April and again in November, this cast of characters took to the stage and donated a portion of the proceeds to the campaign. \$1,730 was raised in the spring and then another \$1,590 in the fall. This theatre troupe never fails to entertain – and give back to their community!



From May to September last year, groups of gnomes travelled from home to home – helping to build a brand-new home for the residents of Dundas Manor! And when the gnomes finally went off into winter hibernation, \$10,880 had been given to the new Dundas Manor. Thanks to everyone who took part in this e-Gnome-ous fundraiser!



There are so many wonderful stories that show how our community is coming together to make the Dundas Manor dream come true. Our website is full of them, and we invite you to take a look. Read more at www.dundasmanordream.ca!

Happiness and Joy

Every day at Dundas Manor, the goal is to bring happiness and joy to each resident. And the creative and caring Dundas Manor team does just that. Life at Dundas Manor is all about living and there's always something happening. Here are a few snaps from the past few months at Dundas Manor!



Did You Know?

The new Dundas Manor is being built today because of legacy gifts!

Although these gifts will not be received for years to come, they are ensuring the new home is built now.

Legacy giving can help offset what will be your biggest tax bill ever. Legacy gifts are eligible for a charitable income tax receipt for the value of your gift. It can help your beneficiaries receive more with less taxes going to the government. There are many types of legacy gifts. Such as a gift in your Will or listing the WDMH Foundation as the beneficiary of an RRSP, RRIF, TFSA or life insurance policy.

All legacy gifts of all amounts make a lasting impact!

You can gift shares, securities and mutual funds to the WDMH Foundation to support the new Dundas Manor. By donating those shares, securities or mutual funds directly to the WDMH Foundation you can avoid paying taxes on some or all of the capital gain and make a significant gift at the same time. And shares are easy to transfer. We provide the form (Letter of Intent) and directions so that your broker can transfer your gift electronically from your brokerage account to the WDMH Foundation.

Think of this scenario:

Thirty years ago, you bought 100 shares for \$10/share. You spent \$1,000 combined for those shares.

Today those same shares have increased in value and are now worth \$100/share - their value today combined is \$10,000.

If you cash out/sell those shares today to receive your monies, you will be taxed on the capital gains (being \$90 per share - so you will be taxed on about 50% of that \$9,000 gain).

But, if you gift/transfer those shares directly to the WDMH Foundation, you are exempt from paying taxes on all or some of that capital gain. So, in reality, you paid \$1,000 thirty years ago and are now giving a gift of \$10,000 (but those shares only cost you \$1,000).

Because your gift would be \$10,000 (being that those shares settled at \$10,000), then your official charitable income tax receipt would be for \$10,000 - helping reduce your taxable income.

Gifting shares, securities and mutual funds makes an incredible impact – with tax benefits for you!

To learn more, please contact Erin Kapcala, Manager of Major and Planned Giving for the WDMH Foundation at 613-292-7468 or ekapcala@wdmh.on.ca. Or visit:

www.dundasmanordream.ca/give/.

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Cindy chats with long-time donor Dale Keyes at The Grand Parade

Meet Our Interim Executive Director

I am very excited to be the WDMH Foundation's new Interim Executive Director. While I've worked with our wonderful donors for seven years, this opportunity provides an even greater chance to get to know you! I've love to connect and talk more about the new Dundas Manor and the amazing impact it will make on our community – because of you!

We also want to say thank you to Kristen Casselman who has led the WDMH Foundation for the past 10 years. We are grateful for her leadership and unwavering commitment to our community. And I'm pleased to share that Kristen will be staying on our team as our part-time Finance Clerk.

The Foundation Board is in the process of recruiting a new Executive Director and expects to have a permanent leader in place in the next few months.

Thanks for your support!

- Cindy

Let's Chat!

The WDMH Foundation team is here for you! We are always available to chat and look forward to getting to know you better. You can reach the Foundation office at [613-774.2422 ext. 6162](tel:613-774-2422) or foundation@wdmh.on.ca – or feel free to reach out to any one of us.



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