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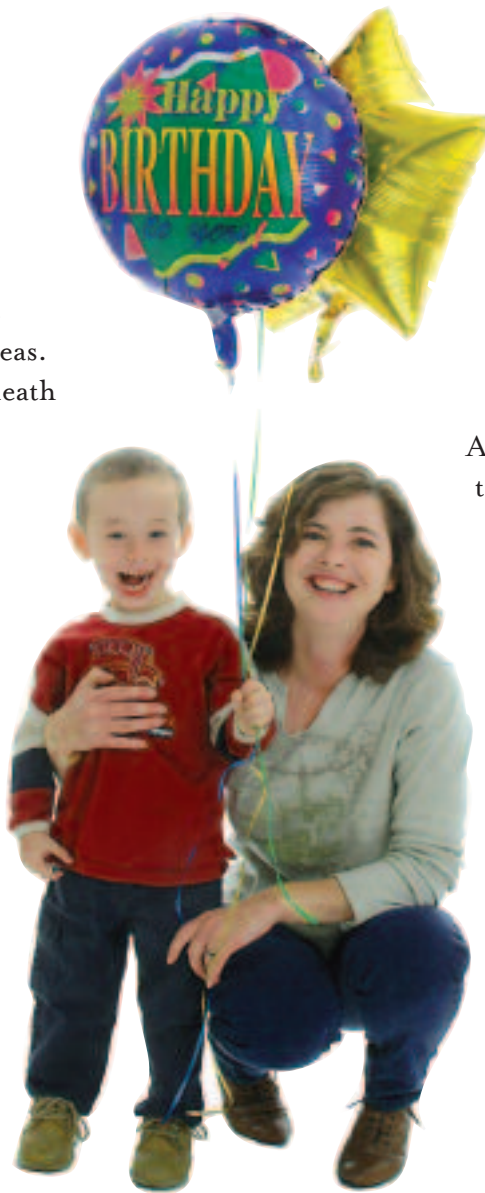
Against all odds

Organs fail for many reasons – viral infection, a genetic disorder, traumatic injury or disease.

Patients Maria Bau-Coote and Sara Murray, while still only in their 20s, were both fighting for their lives just a few years ago. Maria, an insulin-dependent diabetic since childhood, was suffering constant nausea from a damaged pancreas. Sara, born with cystic fibrosis, was dying a slow death from dangerously infected lungs.

By the time patients Sharon Simon and Alistair Stark entered their 50s, death from liver failure loomed for both. Sharon's liver was acutely weak from an autoimmune disease. Alistair, so sick from his progressive condition that he lost 85 pounds, later learned he would have been dead within 16 weeks.

Maurice Longworth, now an active 73-year-old grandpa, was declared 'more dead than alive' when he was rushed to Toronto General Hospital (TGH) 36 years ago with his kidneys shutting down. Michael Schmidt and Jayne Wright both developed a deadly virus that attacked their hearts. Michael thought he'd never see his only son again. Jayne (right) broke world records when she gave birth to her son William seven years after her ordeal.



The miracle of transplants

The special people mentioned here share something precious – all were given a second chance at life through the extraordinary and complex feat of organ transplantation. The Transplant Program at Toronto General Hospital is the largest in Canada and every year, highly specialized surgeons perform life-saving transplants on hundreds of patients whose only hope lies in receiving healthy donated organs.

An estimated 20,000 people in Toronto alone will need a transplant within the next 9 years. Through state-of-the-art technology, advanced research and some of the best surgical expertise in the world, the Transplant Centre is helping patients young and old whose time is running out.

Team for Transplant is a community of patients and volunteers committed to raising funds and awareness for the Transplant Program at TGH. Many of these 'Friends Giving Life' – their well-chosen motto – have had an organ transplant or know someone who has. Together, the Team and the Foundation are planning the **upcoming 'Birthday Ball' on April 26, 2006 at the elegant Carlu in Toronto.**

To find out how you can contribute to the greatest gift of all, visit www.teamfortransplant.ca today or contact the Foundation at (416) 340-3935 or email foundation@uhn.on.ca 

Thank you year-long partners!

On behalf of Toronto General & Western Hospital Foundation, we extend our sincere thanks for your generous support in 2005.

In this *Report on Your Support*, we are pleased to include a listing of over 5,300 annual donors who play a vital role in advancing medical research, providing essential, state-of-the-art equipment and furthering education at Toronto General Hospital and Toronto Western Hospital.

Inside the listing are just a few of the many discoveries that your gifts have helped to accomplish this year. Your commitment makes it possible for our scientists to realize their ambitious dreams for finding answers that will transform health care and save lives – and they're counting on donors like you and me for 2006.

As we begin the New Year, your partnership is crucial to meeting our fundraising goals for the hospitals you care about – please consider renewing your pledge today.

I encourage you to choose monthly giving when you renew your support – I have. It is such an easy way to spread your donation out over the year and save on mailing costs. Monthly donations sustain a tradition of excellence, by providing our hospitals with a predictable stream of revenue that enables them to act immediately, and plan for the future. Visit www.tghwf-uhn.ca or call (416) 340-3919 to become a Circle of Life monthly donor today!

Thank you once again for investing in the future of health care.

Best wishes,

Anita D. Nielsen, CFRE Director, Annual Programs & Donor Relations

Answers

Well over one-third of all the students at Canada's largest medical faculty – the University of Toronto's – receive their practical training at Toronto General Hospital and Toronto Western Hospital.

Now, both hospitals are setting new global standards of excellence in training the health professionals of the future.

See Education story inside.

INSIDE:

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Educating tomorrow's health professionals

By 2007, Toronto General Hospital and Toronto Western Hospital will both have world-class health education facilities thanks to the generosity of the Paul B. Helliwell Foundation. On December 9, 2005, Toronto General & Western Foundation (TG&WHF) celebrated the go-ahead for the Paul B. Helliwell Conservatory & Centre for Medical Education at the Western.

The Wightman-Berris Academy, of the University of Toronto, administers the hospitals' role in training over 3,000 undergraduate medical students. "They love the Paul B. Helliwell Centre at TGH," says Academy Director Dr. John Bradley. "The advanced technology, patient exam rooms and practice-based learning model combine to give them the confidence and knowledge they need in order to succeed."


Wireless computer access, audio visual equipment, videoconferencing, live broadcasts from surgical suites and fully equipped observation-style, patient examination rooms will all be part of an outstanding infrastructure for medical students training at Toronto Western Hospitals' new Centre. The Conservatory will be a peaceful, landscaped outdoor pavilion with quiet seating areas for students and faculty alike.

Dr. Richard Reznick, Vice President Education, UHN echoed the Foundation's gratitude at the groundbreaking. "We thank



At the groundbreaking ceremony (front row, left to right): David W. Smith, Chair, TG&WHF; Dr. Richard Reznick, Vice President Education, UHN; Dr. Bob Bell, President & CEO, UHN; Tennys Hanson, President & CEO, TG&WHF; Dr. John Bradley, Director, Wightman-Berris Academy; (back row, left to right): Stanley Feinberg, Trustee, Paul B. Helliwell Foundation; Dr. Catherine Zahn, Executive Vice President, Clinical Programs & Practice, UHN; and John Jenah, President, Paul B. Helliwell Foundation.

John Jenah for his commitment to our mission – and we owe a huge debt to Paul Helliwell, whose passion was education. His generosity is helping students in every health-care

profession learn in one of the most state-of-the-art educational environments in Canada." 

Join 'Circle of Life' and invest in the quest for cures

Successful medical research depends upon a steady flow of funding over the long term. We are asking donors like you to join forces with hundreds of supporters who belong to our *Circle of Life Monthly Giving Program*, to invest in research that saves lives. Here's why:


Monthly giving provides the stable consistent funding that is so vital for research to thrive. Reliable, predictable income allows scientists to plan ahead, purchase essential lab equipment and supplies, and recruit staff.

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With these needs met, they can push their investigations forward to discover the underlying causes of disease and potential cures.

As a donor, it's easier to manage your personal giving when your annual contributions are divided into smaller, manageable amounts,

paid by regular installments from your bank account or credit card. Twenty dollars a month, for example, is about 70 cents a day – less than a cup of coffee – but when pooled with other *Circle of Life* donations, could fund the next all-important discovery.

Make 2006 a life-giving one and invest in the quest for cures. Please contact Jessie Babra at (416) 340-3919, toll free 1-877-UHN-GIVE or visit www.tgwhf-uhn.ca to join *Circle of Life* today. 



Overwhelming response to *Gift to be Treasured*

Thank you to all who responded to our holiday appeal!

We are grateful to the 1,600 generous donors who made a Gift to be Treasured donation this holiday season in honour of friends, family, colleagues and healthcare professionals. Many chose to send personalized E-Cards, using our new online format, and to date we have raised close to \$130,000!

Your generosity contributes to medical research that results in the most precious gift of all – the gift of health – and saving the lives of patients like Jayne Wright, who received a heart transplant and then became the third such patient in the world to have a successful childbirth.

Gifts to be Treasured were displayed on our Tribute Trees, brightening the lives of patients and their families who stayed in the hospital over the holidays.

Your gifts are making a difference. Thank you! 🌟



History repeats itself

Annabelle (Ann) Fasken Cameron's great uncles, David and Alex Fasken, were early founders and benefactors of Toronto Western Hospital. As President of the Board for many years until his death in 1929, David gave unstintingly of his time and wealth to build the Western – work that his brother Alex expanded upon as President in the late 1930s.



Early benefactors of Toronto Western Hospital, David and Alex Fasken

Ann's parents, Mary Alexandra (Dollie) and Dugald Cameron, instilled in her a sense of pride in their family's leadership and extraordinary loyalty to the Western. "Their generosity, both in spirit and substance," says Ann, "have influenced me in my relations with others all my life."

On a recent tour of Toronto Western Hospital and Toronto General Hospital, Ann was so amazed at the caliber of world-class research taking place that she decided to leave a bequest to the Foundation in her will. Upon her death, an endowment fund will be established in David and Alex Fasken's names. "I want this bequest to perpetuate my great uncles' values and honour their memory," says Ann, whose keen interest in learning more about the past led her to study history in university and later teach it in high school. "History provides us with a kind of roadmap," she says, "helping us sort out the present and plan for the future, if we pay attention to its important lessons."

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Ann's bequest will help the hospitals plan for the future too. The Foundation is extremely grateful for her generosity – and without doubt her great uncles would have been proud.

The Gift Planning Program at Toronto General & Western Hospital Foundation provides a variety of giving options that allow donors flexibility in supporting leading-edge research and patient care. If you would like more information on these different ways of giving, please contact Paul Grossman, Senior Development Officer & Planned Giving Specialist, at (416) 340-4854. 🌟

Commemorative Giving – in tribute and in memory

Special occasions – weddings, birthdays, Bat or Bar Mitzvahs and anniversaries – are perfect times to pay tribute to family, friends and colleagues... and *any* time is the right time to thank the healthcare professionals you appreciate.

Instead of a traditional gift, consider making a donation in support of your hospitals. Your gift will go directly to research, equipment and education, enhancing patient care. We will send an attractive tribute card to your honouree notifying them of your thoughtfulness.

Donations made in memory are a meaningful way to express your deep regard for a loved one passed away. With your gift to the Foundation in that person's memory, we will send a sympathy card to the family, letting them know they are in your thoughts.

We can also create personalized web pages to help you fundraise online for any special occasion. Email your web page link to friends around the world – their online donations can help you exceed your own giving level by a significant amount.

To make a gift in tribute or in memory, or to set up your personalized fundraising web page, please contact Isobel Rivera at (416) 603-5958 or isobel.rivera@uhn.on.ca or visit www.tgwhf-uhn.ca



Bruce Miller, President of Legion Branch 66 and Past President Joan Williams (left) present a \$10,000 cheque to Anita Nielsen, Director, Annual Programs & Donor Relations, TG&WHF, on behalf of the Royal Canadian Legion Ontario Command Branches and Ladies' Auxiliaries Charitable Foundation. We greatly appreciate community group support of research, essential equipment and education at our hospitals.

Celebrating a renowned physician

Tribute to Dr. Michael Baker for Leukemia Research




Dr. Michael Baker, Physician-in-Chief, UHN; Charles H. Hollenberg Chair in Medicine; Professor, Faculty of Medicine, University of Toronto

On Thursday, June 15, 2006, Toronto General & Western Hospital Foundation and the Canadian Society for the Weizmann Institute of Science will host a tribute for an extraordinary individual and raise funds for leukemia research in Canada and Israel.

Dr. Michael Baker, Physician-in-Chief of University Health Network (UHN), has devoted much of his stellar career to solving the riddle of blood cancer. Friends, colleagues and the community will honour him at a gala dinner at Toronto's Sheraton Centre Hotel.

UHN and the Weizmann Institute of Science in Rehovot, Israel are two of the world's leading centres for leukemia research. Dr. Baker and colleagues at UHN will be collaborating with prominent scientists at the Weizmann to research potential leukemia treatments.

If you would like to attend this special event or make a gift in tribute to Dr. Baker, please contact Colin Bloom at (416) 340-4800, ext. 6895 or visit www.michaelbakertribute.ca 

Dr. Michael Baker's distinguished career includes cancer research, medical and research administration, and a consulting practice for patients with blood diseases or cancer. His research focuses on the diagnosis and treatment of acute leukemia. He has chaired cancer research committees for the Medical Research Council of Canada, the Ontario Cancer Treatment and Research Foundation (Cancer Care Ontario), and the National Cancer Institute of Canada, for which he also served as President. Dr. Baker is widely published and has been invited to speak throughout North America and Europe on leukemia and cancer research, health administration, and healthcare delivery.

Upcoming Events

March 2, 2006

The 8 Ball

Eagles Nest Golf Club
Senator Homes evening of billiards.
Proceeds to Surgical Suites, Peter Munk Cardiac Centre, TGH.

March 25, 2006

7th Annual "A Night to Celebrate"

Terrace Banquet Centre, Vaughan
Proceeds to colon cancer research, education and clinical care, TGH

April 26, 2006

Team for Transplant presents:

2nd Annual Birthday Ball

The Carlu, Toronto
Proceeds to Multi Organ Transplant Program, TGH

June 7, 2006

Transplant Open Golf Tournament

Castlemore Golf & Country Club, Brampton
Proceeds to Lung Transplant Research, TGH

September 12, 2006

9th Annual Legacy Golf Classic

Eagles Nest Golf Club
Proceeds to Peter Munk Cardiac Centre

Special Events can be over-the-top glamorous or small and intimate...from mystery nights and sporting events to theme parties and home tours. They're a great way to get family, friends and colleagues together while helping the hospitals you care about.

If you are planning an event, please contact linda.ruickbie@uhn.on.ca, call (416) 340-5377 or visit www.tgwhf-uhn.ca for our Special Events Resource Guide

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