

HELLO FALL

What a beautiful time of year in the Haliburton Highlands! It is hard to believe how quickly time passes and the seasons change. With Thanksgiving on the horizon, it is a perfect time for gratitude.

We are grateful for you, our donors, who allow us to continue our work in support of local health care.

A wonderful message from **Sara Gregorini**, Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation's Summer Event Coordinator:

Wow – what a summer! In only three months the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation successfully pulled off over a dozen event days. From getting soaked at farmer's markets to getting sparkly at Minden Pride, coordinating a golf tournament to hosting a Radiothon - each event had its own share of friendly conversations, generous donors and, of course, adorable dogs.

When we weren't out building community connections, we turned our attention to organizing and reopening the Haliburton Gift Shop – my domain since June, and a hot spot for hospital staff and visitors to stop by and say hello, browse gift items or choose a snack.

Looking back, it's hard *not* to feel proud of the HHHS Foundation for the fundraising achievements that were accomplished this summer. The generosity of residents, cottagers, and visitors has an enormous impact and will undeniably improve access to health care services that improve the quality of life in Haliburton County.

On a personal note, working in this role has been a period of significant growth for me. I owe huge thank you to the HHHS Foundation Team; Melanie Klodt Wong, Carol Simmons and Kathryn Quick, for gently encouraging me to step outside of my comfort zone. In this space, I connected with outstanding community members, tried new things (like speaking on the radio!), and ultimately reached a new level of confidence in myself.

Thank you all for a great summer!
Sara Gregorini,
2023 Summer Event Coordinator



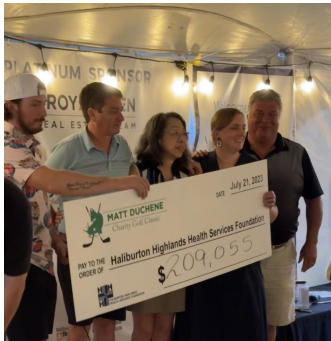


Foundation Summer Fundraising



The Matt Duchene Charity Golf Classic and the Haliburton Health Radiothon were grand successes!

(Matt's foursome in matching shirts!)



The MDCGC grossed over \$209,000 in support of Diagnostic Imaging for Haliburton County.



Radiothon raised over \$33,000 to be directed toward vital transportation needs through Community Support Services.

These shared accomplishments are a result of exceptional collaboration and the generous and sustained engagement from sponsors, participants, volunteers and donors who care about local health care in the Highlands. Both events demonstrate that once again, we are a community that cares.

What are we raising funds for?

Diagnostic Imaging including the replacement of aging equipment (ultrasound, image archiving) and the addition of new technology, specifically a CT Scanner and CT Mammography.

Meals on Wheels and medically-required transportation subsidies continue to require funding due to the real and growing needs in the community.

Community Support Services transportation, to purchase a passenger vehicle that will take the pressure off the aging wheelchair-accessible vans.

Education grants enable current HHHS staff to access training and build their skills while continuing to serve the local community.



One of the HHHS Foundation Education grant recipients, Emily Bonham, proudly holding her Certificate. Emily completed her training to become a Personal Support Worker this summer (with flying colours!). She is now working as a PSW at HHHS Highland Crest long-term care home in Minden where she is kept busy contributing to the delivery of quality local health care. Congratulations on this significant accomplishment Emily!



The Foundation has also provided education grants to support individuals to complete the following training:

- * Licensed Practical Nurse
- * Grief Education Certificate
- * EMDR Basic Therapy Training
- * Diabetes Educator Certificate

Thank you to all education grant recipients for building your skills and improving the health care resources available in Haliburton County. Well done!!



Community Event Highlights

The good natured crew pictured here has supported the Foundation through their Kushok Lake Golf Tournament for the past 28 years!

The top pic is the *Original 12* in 1996 and the bottom is the 2023 gang with some of the *Originals* and some newbies. Each golfer contributes \$100, and the winning foursome receives tax receipts for \$300 each...what a fantastic way to combine fun and support for a worthy cause. It's indeed a win-win situation for everyone!



Other events included: Ontario Federation of 4WD Recreationists Camp Northern Lights, Power Boat Races in Haliburton and the Lion's Club Harvest Dance on October 6th. They show how a community can come together to support an important cause and build community spirit. These events not only amplify our mission but also contribute substantially to local health care. THANK YOU!!

Foundation Governance

The HHHS Foundation Annual General Meeting was held on September 21, 2023 in person and on Zoom. Members of the public and the press were welcomed.

Following the AGM, the Board met and approved changes to the Board Executive as follows: Board Chair, David Blodgett, Vice-Chair, David Zilstra, Interim Treasurer, Rob Brown.

The Foundation is actively recruiting additional board members with varied experience, and from diverse geographic areas of the County, and hopes to present candidates at the December board meeting.

Local health care updates

HHHS is accepting applications for the Community Advisory Committee.

HHHS wants to hear from you. Through the summer Interim President and CEO, Veronica Nelson visited all four municipalities to listen and answer questions. This fall HHHS is working to formalize the feedback process and hear from the community on an ongoing basis. If this is something that interests you, please reach out to Michel mhenry@hhhs.ca for more information about the Community Advisory Committee as soon as possible.

Urgent Care is now 7 days a week!

Kawartha North Family Health Team now operating

Minden Urgent Care Clinic 7 days per week from 10am to 5pm daily

[Minden Urgent Care Clinic - Kawartha North \(knfht.ca\)](http://knfht.ca)

Stay tuned for...

GIVING
TUESDAY

Giving Tuesday - the world's largest generosity movement is on November 28, 2023. Giving Tuesday is a global movement unleashing the power of people and organizations to transform their communities and the world. Every act of generosity counts.



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