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Partnering to keep healthcare close to home

Report to the COMMUNITY SPRING 2025

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MESSAGE FROM NADIA FACCA, PRESIDENT AND CEO



Happy Spring! Although we have had some unusual weather lately, the days of sunshine and warmth are certainly upon us and much welcomed! Signs of spring are evident in the fields along our beautiful rural roads.

It is hard to believe it has been five years since the COVID-19 pandemic was officially declared. I don't think anyone will ever forget the profound impact of the virus on our teams, our hospitals and our communities that began in March 2020; and how much change we have all endured since. I am grateful to all of our health care heroes who showed

up with courage, strength and perseverance to weather through the pandemic storm. Thank you!

I hope you have heard already about the Ministry of Health approval of the Joint Board of Directors submission to integrate AHI and TDMH under the new organization name, **Rural Roads Health Services**. The site names of AHI and TDMH will be maintained in the integration, as will the separate Hospital Foundations. The Joint Board is very excited about this next step bringing us closer together in a

positive, strategic way. More information can be found in this edition on page 4.

In this spring edition of our report, you will read about the TDMH Foundation's '100 for 100' campaign that ties into our 100th year TDMH/TDMH Volunteer Association celebrations. I hope to see you all at the upcoming events. We have the TDMH/TDMH Volunteer Association 100th Year Gala being hosted on May 10th themed as "A Century of Caring: An Evening of Storytelling" and the TDMH Foundation Annual Taste of Summer Event on May 31st at Memorial Park.

I would like to thank the entire AHI and TDMH team, our Joint Board of Directors, Volunteers and Foundations for their continued commitment and dedication to the community that we serve. Working together as a team, anything is possible.

Yours in Health,

Nadia Facca, President and CEO

*Alexandra Hospital, Ingersoll & Tillsonburg
District Memorial Hospital*

TDMH WELCOMES NEW INTERNAL MEDICINE PHYSICIAN



Tillsonburg District Memorial Hospital (TDMH) continues to enhance our Internal Medicine services to the communities we serve.

We are very pleased to announce that Dr. Pravin Thomas joined our Internal Medicine Program full-time in October 2024. Dr. Thomas

obtained his Juris Doctor at the University of Toronto in 2013 and his Medical Degree at the University of Sydney. Dr. Thomas completed his Internal Medicine Residency at the Hackensack Meridian Health - Jersey Shore University Medical Centre Program at St. Francis

Medicine Centre in Trenton, New Jersey.

Dr. Thomas is a dual board certified in Canada and the USA for Internal Medicine.

Dr. Thomas was drawn to the smaller town feel with an opportunity for a good work life balance, as well as a supportive hospital and collegial staff. Dr. Thomas aims to provide Internal Medicine inpatient and outpatient coverage to Tillsonburg and the surrounding community.

Dr. Thomas enjoys spending travelling, learning French and keeping up with current events.

Please join us in welcoming Dr. Thomas to TDMH!

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TDMH FOUNDATION

MESSAGE FROM KEN BUTCHER, BOARD CHAIR

As I write this final message as Board Chair of the Tillsonburg District Memorial Hospital Foundation, I am overwhelmed with gratitude. It has been a privilege to serve in this role, and I want to extend my deepest appreciation to everyone who has contributed to the success of our Foundation—our generous donors, dedicated volunteers, and passionate community members.

Thanks to your unwavering support, I am proud to share that for the 2024-2025 year, we have transferred an incredible \$1,864,925 to Tillsonburg District Memorial Hospital. This funding has made it possible to fulfill the priorities on the Annual Capital Equipment list, as well as support special projects such as Diagnostic Imaging Equipment and updated Patient Care Medical Record equipment—ensuring that patients receive the best care possible.

Exciting Events and Opportunities Ahead

While my time as Chair is coming to an end, the Foundation's work continues with exciting initiatives on the horizon. I encourage you to take part in these special events and programs that will shape the future of healthcare in our community:

TDMH/TDMH Volunteer Association Gala "A Century of Caring: An Evening of Storytelling" – Saturday, May 10th, 2025

A once-in-a-lifetime celebration marking 100 years of healthcare excellence at TDMH/TDMH Volunteer Association. Tickets are on sale now—don't miss out! [Details on page 5]

4th Annual "Taste of Summer" Fundraiser – Saturday, May 31, 2025

A fun-filled day in the park with food trucks, family activities, and community spirit, all in support of our hospital. [Details on page 8]

Introducing the "100 for 100 Club" Equipment Campaign

In honor of TDMH's 100th Anniversary, we invite you to join this special one-year-only club by making a donation of \$100 or more. Your contribution will leave a lasting impact on local healthcare. [Details on page 5]

Supporting the Future – 2025-2026 Capital Equipment List

As we look ahead, the need for new life-saving equipment remains. Consider making a gift today to help fund the highest priority items for the coming year. [Details on page 6]

A Sincere Thank You

Serving as the Chair of the TDMH Foundation has been an extraordinary journey, and I am truly grateful for the support and trust of this community. Because of you, our hospital continues to provide exceptional care, positively affecting countless lives.

I want to take this opportunity to thank past chair and outgoing member Mr. Peter Burns for his wonderful mentorship and his true dedication towards the hospital foundation. As I move to become Past chair and welcome Lindsay Morgan into the role of Chair of the Foundation, I have no doubt that the Foundation will continue to thrive, bringing new opportunities and advancements for our hospital and our community. Thank you for being a part of this journey. Here's to a bright future ahead!



With heartfelt appreciation,

Ken Butcher

Chair, Tillsonburg District Memorial Hospital Foundation

STRONGER TOGETHER:

AN UPDATE ON OUR JOURNEY TO INTEGRATION

After many years of discussions and progress toward the goal, on December 20, 2025, the Boards of Directors of Alexandra Hospital, Ingersoll (AHI) and Tillsonburg District Memorial Hospital (TDMH) received support from the Ministry of Health (MOH), for the full integration of AHI and TDMH under the Ontario Not-for-Profit Corporations Act, 2010 (ONCA). This means that the MOH has given approval for AHI and TDMH to integrate under a new integration name, **Rural Roads Health Services (RRHS)**, with each site maintaining its individual name.

Since 2014, AHI and TDMH have been governed by a Joint Board of Directors and have gradually integrated many strategic and leadership roles, include the Chief Executive Officer/President role and other positions. Over the next year, steps will be taken towards a common board, one professional staff organization and further internal administrative integration (where possible). We also hope to be able to share new integrated branding with the community in the near future, which is being developed in partnership with the Oxford County Communications Team.

As per the Boards of Directors, the key benefits of this integration are:

- The strength of two hospitals coming together voluntarily in a large, complex health care system
- Improving the sustainability of two small hospitals serving local communities
- Improving patient care and patient experience
- Integrating computer systems and digital solutions
- Reducing duplication; standardization of policies and processes

The Boards remain steadfast in their commitments in this integration including:

- Retaining TWO sites (namely, AHI and TDMH)
- Retaining TWO Foundations (namely, Alexandra Hospital Foundation and the Tillsonburg District Memorial Hospital Foundation)
- Collective agreements will be respected and changes to staff's working conditions will be negotiated through union leaders as part of the collective agreement negotiations

- Non-unionized staff will be engaged in ongoing dialogue about their working conditions and changes will not occur without consultation and dialogue
- Collective clinical service planning at the strategic level will occur as part of strategic planning, including community consultation
- Engaging team members throughout the process fostering a more cohesive culture across both hospitals
- Frequent, timely, and transparent communication
- Maintaining or improving quality of care and safety
- Improving access to care for our patients
- Strategically re-investing in infrastructure and care
- Contributing to improving the health care system
- Living within our means

Where we are today is an evolution of many years of strong partnership and intentional planning and engagement with team members, physicians, patients, partners, volunteers, and the community. We are excited about becoming one integrated organization with two local sites. Through this, we are strengthening the sustainability of rural small community hospitals in the ever-changing health care landscape.



Tanya Pirie
Chair
Board of Directors
Alexandra Hospital, Ingersoll



Carrie Lewis
Chair
Board of Directors
Tillsonburg District Memorial Hospital



"100 FOR 100 CLUB" EQUIPMENT CAMPAIGN 2025

This campaign celebrates the 100th year of both the Tillsonburg District Memorial Hospital and the TDMH Volunteer Association, raising funds to support highest priority Capital Equipment needs and the Hospital Bed Replacement Program.

By supporting the Foundation with your meaningful gift at your level, you become a member of this once in a lifetime "100 for 100 Club". Your name will be forever recorded as a member of this club where ever the club information is shared at your chosen level. Any "100 for 100 Club" Campaign gifts may also be added to your previous giving, if applicable, and your name will be displayed on our Donor wall in the hospital main lobby under the appropriate giving level.

Please consider being a "100 for 100 Club" Member today and support your hospital with new equipment.

Campaign Goals and Club Levels:

1 Donor @ \$100,000 = \$100,000

10 Donors @ \$10,000 = \$100,000

100 Donors @ \$1,000 = \$100,000

1000 Donors @ \$100 = \$100,000

Goal: To raise over \$500,000 towards the purchase of New Capital Equipment and hospital beds.

Ways to give and join the Club: Online at www.tillsonburghospital.on.ca and click on the Donate Now button.

OR Scan QR code below and complete the donation form.



OR Use the gift reply (pg 8) and mail in a gift to "TDMH Foundation" at 167 Rolph Street, Tillsonburg ON N4G 3Y9.

OR Call Gerry Dearing at the Foundation office: 519-842-3611 ext. 5311.

For Equipment details, see the 2025 Capital Equipment List including the Bed Replacement Program.

Thank you for keeping and improving healthcare close to home, your home, your hospital.

TILLSONBURG DISTRICT MEMORIAL HOSPITAL & VOLUNTEER
ASSOCIATION PRESENT:

A CENTURY OF CARING GALA

An Evening of Storytelling

MAY 10, 2025 | SOCIAL 5 PM; DINNER & PROGRAM 6:30 PM

LIONS AUDITORIUM, TILLSONBURG COMMUNITY CENTRE

100 YEARS OF CARING FOR YOU



TILLSONBURG DISTRICT
MEMORIAL HOSPITAL
Volunteer Association

TICKETS \$120
(\$50 TAX RECEIPT PER TICKET)

Available through the TDMH
Foundation and Admin offices

2025 CAPITAL EQUIPMENT CAMPAIGN

**All 2024 Capital Equipment on our list was funded thanks to you!
TDMH Foundation Needs Your Help for 2025!**

To help celebrate TDMH 100 years, we have identified a very important Capital Equipment fundraising initiative on top of our Annual Equipment Campaign. Comfort to those requiring care in the hospital plays a major role during the treatment process. **The hospital needs new patient beds and plans on purchasing 10 beds (8 med surg, 2 ICCU beds) at a cost of \$225,186.** This is the first phase of a multi-year initiative to replace all beds in the hospital.

Every year the Foundation works with the hospital to help fund the required highest priority needs of Capital Equipment. **To help add new technology to improve care**, as the Government does not fund Capital Equipment, **we are asking for your continued support and cannot do it without your generous gifts**, below is a list of some of the equipment required for 2025.



Glidescope

A Glidescope is an instrument that is used to support clinicians view of a patient's airway in emergency situations. The Glidescope can

help with intubation procedures, viewing vocal cords, and support patients who may have anatomical or traumatic injuries in which visualization of the airway is difficult. @ \$30,256 each, 1 required.

Therapeutic Gastroscope

A gastroscopy is a test to check inside patient's throat, esophagus and stomach. The scope is an important diagnostic tool to check

what may be causing digestive problems such as difficulty swallowing, ingestion or heartburn. The Gastroscope is a thin, flexible tubed tool with a light and camera on the end. @ \$32,272 each, 1 required.



Vital Sign Towers- vendor Whelch Allyn

Vital sign monitors is a tool used that is used daily by the health care team to provide information about the physiological condition of the patient. The vital sign machine measures: Blood pressure, temperature, pulse and oxygen levels. Knowing these important measurements helps to inform care and

the treatment plan. @ \$3,313 each, 2 required.



Arjo Ceiling Lift

Ceiling lifts are a motorized device that lifts and transfers a patient along an overhead track mounted to the ceiling. The ceiling lift involves the

use of a sling for the patient to be safely transferred one place to another such as from the bed to chair. @ \$ 13,084 each, 4 required.



Pain Pumps

A pain pump or infusion pump infuses small amounts of medications into the patient's circulatory system. Pain pumps may be used after certain surgeries to help control a patient's pain. @ \$5,569 each, 2 required.



Syringe Pump for emergent pediatric use

A pediatric syringe pump is used to ensure there is high accuracy and precision in medication delivery in children. The syringe pump supports precise control over the medication delivery ensuring safe patient care. @ \$4,235 each, 1 required.



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Radiology Monitor

A radiology monitor is used by radiologists to view diagnostic images such as X-rays, CT scans and more. Radiology monitors are an important tool to help radiologists make accurate diagnosis. @ \$30,048 each, 1 required.



Bed Replacement Program - Hill-Rom Centrella Max beds

Preferred beds for acutely ill, medical/surgical inpatients.

Patient Safety: Integrated features for fall prevention and early mobility support with bed exit alerts, clear visual indications of potential patient fall risks and verbal safety prompts

* **Pressure Injury Prevention:** Therapeutic surfaces and positioning support to prevent sliding and simplify turns. Advanced air mattress systems support skin therapy reducing pressure ulcer risks.

* **Patient Monitoring Features:** Help detect signs of patient deterioration, with contact-free, continuous heart and respiratory rate monitoring.

* **Keep patients comfortable and connected:** Simple bed controls, efficient communication with care teams and easy access to personal device storage and charging. @ \$17,000 each, 8 required each year.



Operating Room Table

The purpose of a surgical table is to provide a stable and secure platform for patients while the surgical team operates.

The table can be moved in various positions to support an optimal approach and positioning of the patient's anatomical surgical site for easier access for surgery. @ \$57,672 each, 2 required.

CALL FOR PATIENT & FAMILY ADVISORS

Our Patient Advisors



Alexandra Hospital Ingersoll (AHI) and Tillsonburg District Memorial Hospital (TDMH) have an active volunteer Patient and Family Advisory Committee (PFAC) that is seeking new membership from the community.

Patient and family advisors provide a

voice that represents all patients and families who receive care at our hospitals.

Advisors collaborate with AHI and TDMH leadership and team members, bringing their unique perspective from their experiences to improve the quality of care within the hospital.

- A Patient and Family Advisor is a person who has had a recent experience (within three years) of being a patient or the family member of a patient at one of our hospitals and lives within the communities serviced by AHI or TDMH.
- Advisors act as active partners to hospital leaders and team members to assist with the enhancement of quality, patient centered care.
- Some of the most recent quality improvement initiatives and activities that they have participated in include; patient surveys, Emergency Department optimization project, new CT scanner project, signage and wayfinding review and the new TDMH 12-bed unit.

For more information on the role of patient and family advisor at AHI and TDMH, contact us at PatientFeedback@tdmh.on.ca or PatientFeedback@ahi.ca.

Event Notice - Don't Miss Out!!!

Taste of Summer 2025

**Fundraiser in the park for TDMH Foundation
Presented by 3E Power Corporation Ltd.**



**Saturday May 31, 2024 · 12pm to 8pm
Memorial Park · Tillsonburg**

Event Admission by donation at entrance gates.

Food Trucks · Vendor Village (Craft Sale)

Children's shows and Activities

Local afternoon Musicians. Beer Tent.

Hospital Equipment display.

50/50 draw managed by TDMH Volunteer Association.



Yes! I want to help our hospital by making a donation.

Name (please print): _____ Email: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

City/Town: _____ Postal Code: _____

Here is my donation of: \$50 \$100 \$250 or \$ _____

Method of Payment: Cheque Visa MasterCard or donate online at www.tillsonburghospital.on.ca

Credit Card Number: _____ Expiry Date: _____ Security Code _____
(3 digits on back of card):

Please mail to: TDMH Foundation, 167 Rolph St., Tillsonburg ON N4G 3Y9

Thank you for supporting the Tillsonburg District Memorial Hospital

A receipt will be issued for tax purposes. We do not rent, sell or trade our donor information.