

Connections

Where generosity meets exceptional healthcare



Supporting:

- St. Francis Memorial Hospital
- Valley Manor Long Term Care
- Madawaska Valley Hospice Palliative Care



Connecting You to the Care You Make Possible

Every act of generosity creates a connection- to a patient, a family, a caregiver, and a healthier future for our community.

In this edition of **Connections**, discover the stories, milestones, and impact made possible by your support of local healthcare.



A new mammography machine has arrived

Thanks to the generosity of donors like you, a new mammography machine has arrived at St. Francis Memorial Hospital, allowing patients to receive life-saving scans close to home. [Read More](#)



Memorial Butterfly Release 2026

The community came together once again this summer for the annual Memorial Butterfly Release, a meaningful tradition that offers an opportunity to remember and honour loved ones while supporting compassionate end-of-life care in the Madawaska Valley.

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A rocking good time for the Valley Manor

Dedicated rockers took to their seats for Rockathon 2026 on June 19 at the Valley Manor in Barry's Bay.

Now in its fifth year, the annual event saw participants rock the day away in support of critical equipment purchases for the Valley Manor.

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Thank you to our third party fundraisers!

We are incredibly fortunate to have the support of so many community members who turn their own events and initiatives into opportunities to give back.

Our third-party fundraisers play an important role in helping us raise funds for local healthcare, bringing people together, having fun, and making a meaningful difference for St. Francis Memorial Hospital, Valley Manor and Madawaska Valley Hospice Palliative Care.

We are grateful for every organizer, volunteer and participant who helps make these fundraisers a success.



From a major Catch the Ace win to reviving a well loved event

For Gerri and Edgar Lucas, giving back to the community has always gone hand in hand with enjoying life at the lake.

For years, they have supported local healthcare through the **KAPOA Poker Run**. Then, in one unforgettable Catch the Ace draw, Edgar found the Ace of Spades and won \$479,830.

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Smile Cookie Week

Thank you to everyone who purchased a Smile Cookie at the Barry's Bay Tim Hortons! An incredible \$11,435 was raised during Smile Cookie Week, which ran from April 26 to May 3. Over the years, Barry's Bay Tim Hortons has raised over \$89,000 from the sale of Smile Cookies for the St. Francis Valley Healthcare Foundation.



Euchre Tournament

Thank you to Andy Shulist and everyone who participated in the June 28 Euchre Tournament in Renfrew!

160 players coming together in support of local charities, with \$3,000 going toward Madawaska Valley Hospice Palliative Care Services. Funds will help hospice provide compassionate care and support to our community.



ZHP Polish Scouts

Thank you to the ZHP Polish Scouting Association of Canada, who donated \$1,000 to the Foundation this summer.

Money was raised through the sales of homemade bracelets to campers, as well as through a fundraising dance party for the youngsters. The donated funds will be directed to St. Francis Memorial Hospital to help with the purchase of a new X-Ray machine.



Quilts in the Garden

Beautiful quilts and flowers adorned Hawthorne Hill Gardens in Brudenell on July 25 for a colourful fundraiser in support of St. Francis Valley Healthcare Foundation.

Thank you to Ann Thistlethwaite for hosting Quilts in the Garden, which raised \$600. These proceeds will go



Madawaska Trivia Night

The Murichson and Lyell Recreation Committee held the annual trivia night fundraiser on April 27 in Madawaska.

A number of teams took part and helped raise \$2,000 for local healthcare needs.

Thank you for supporting local healthcare and we look forward to another round of trivia in 2027!



Lorna Hudder Memorial

Organizers of the 5th Annual Lorna Hudder Memorial Golf Tournament recently presented the St. Francis Valley Healthcare Foundation with \$3,128 raised during the July 11th tournament.

The funds will help support priority healthcare needs across our

toward equipment needs at St. Francis Memorial Hospital!

community.



MVDS Algonquin House

Thank you to the students at Madawaska Valley District School specifically the Kamaniskeg House, for donating \$250 to Madawaska Valley Hospice Palliative Care.

The house had the most points at the end of the year, and voted to donate their proceeds to a deserving charity. Proceeds were raised through a number of fundraisers at the school during the year.



MVDS Prom Committee

The graduating class of 2026 donated an incredible \$2,000 toward local healthcare needs!

Money was raised through the Madawaska Valley District School Prom Committee throughout the year to help pay for their end of year celebration.

Money was left over, so they decided to support local healthcare. Thank you students and best of luck wherever life takes you!

A special 10th birthday gift

Instead of asking for gifts for his 10 birthday party, Elijah Craine invited his friends and family to make a donation to the St. Francis Valley Healthcare Foundation.

Elijah collected a generous \$90 from his celebration. Elijah, thank you for thinking of your community and helping support local healthcare. Your kindness and generosity at such a young age are truly inspiring!



Host your own fundraiser!

Interested in hosting a third-party fundraiser for local healthcare needs? [Click Here to download a copy](#) of our Third-Party fundraiser handbook for tips and tricks to make your event a success.



You Win. Local Healthcare Wins with Catch the Ace!

Every ticket sold helps support equipment and program needs at St. Francis Memorial Hospital, Valley Manor and Madawaska Valley Hospice Palliative Care!

[Get your ticket by Clicking Here!](#)



As part of Phase 2 of the Emergency Department Redevelopment and Ambulatory Care Project, the St. Francis Valley Healthcare Foundation office has temporarily relocated from its current location beside the hospital's Registration Desk.

You can now find us in St. Francis Memorial Hospital's Health Centre, near the family physicians' offices, in Dr. Galek's former office. Access to the Foundation office is through the

Health Centre entrance. Pop into our new (temporary) space! We'd love to see you.

Dropping off a donation? We can provide you with a parking token.

While our location has changed, our mission remains the same. The Foundation continues to operate and raise funds to support local healthcare needs and enhance patient care in our community.

Meet our 2026/2027 Board of Directors



Top row, left to right:

- Cheryl Reid, Chair
- Jasna Boyd, Vice Chair
- Shawn Gregory, Treasurer

Second row, left to right:

- Christine M Hudder, Director
- Pat Pilgrim, Director
- Susan Sanderson, Director
- Kathy Ratchford, Director
- Kirsten Fudge, Director

Bottom row, left to right:

- Vicky Glofcheskie, Director
- Rodney Delcourt, Director
- Sheilagh Dunn, Ex-Officio Director (SFMH)
- Karen Pietrangelo, Ex-Officio Director (Valley Manor)
- Darlene Sernoskie, Ex-Officio Director (MVHPC)

We would also like to recognize outgoing directors **Mary Conway, Colleen Buch** and **Liz Polatynski**. Your time, expertise and passion have helped strengthen the Foundation and support healthcare in our community. We are incredibly grateful for the contribution you have made during your time on the board.

Your healthcare story could inspire someone to make a difference!

Has St. Francis Memorial Hospital, Valley Manor, or Madawaska Valley Hospice Palliative Care been part of your healthcare journey?



We'd love to hear your story and, with your permission, share it to inspire generosity throughout our community.

Contact us by [email](#), phone 613-756-3045 x 217 or drop into our office.

How you can continue to help local healthcare

From 2025-2028, our healthcare partners require **approximately \$2.15 million** to address critical needs.



St. Francis Memorial Hospital - \$1.77 M

- Main X-ray **\$415,000**
- Automatic Dispensing Unit **\$400,000**
- Other essential equipment: tubs & lifts, patient beds, ECGs + **\$395,000**
- ✓ Mammography & Bone Density **~~\$448,000~~**
Purchased!



Valley Manor - \$250K

- Therapeutic bathtubs **\$61,000**
- Washer & dryer **\$41,000**
- Wardrobes, dressers, etc. **\$23,000**
- Resident activity program **\$18,000**
- Other: Lifts, food processor + **\$44,000**
- ✓ Washer, curtains, oven + **~~\$63,000~~**
Purchased!



Madawaska Valley Hospice Palliative Care - \$130K

- Program support including volunteer training, bereavement and caregiver support services

**HELP US RAISE
\$2.15 MILLION**

**A 3-year Investment
in Local Healthcare**

- Hospital **\$1.77 M**
- Manor **\$250K**
- Hospice **\$130K**

Priority needs:



X-Ray Unit



Therapeutic tubs



Program needs



Mammo machine



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