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Dear Mayor Woodbury and Council,

Thank you so much for your continuing support for the Durham Hospital. Because of people just like you, the Foundation is able to provide state-of-the-art medical equipment and important facility improvements for the Durham Hospital. Your support makes all the difference in being able to provide quality, timely care that saves lives.

**We can't do it without you!**

It has certainly been an interesting time; the Covid-19 virus has changed our lives in so many ways. Where we were once happy to visit friends and family, eat in restaurants and shop with no worries, now we have to distance ourselves from our loved ones, learn to enjoy cooking again, shop under new safety rules and go without some services we once took for granted.

Dealing with the Covid-19 virus has placed a strain on the health care system as well. Hospitals have had to purchase and stockpile significantly more amounts of personal protective equipment such as masks, face shields, gloves and gowns, ventilators, more beds and supplies to care for the number of Covid patients. More staff are needed to screen and care for patients- with and without the virus and its symptoms- and to maintain the hospital to higher and higher levels of cleanliness and hygiene. I am so grateful to all healthcare workers, here and wherever they care for our ill and aged.

Thanks to a very generous gift to South Bruce Grey Health Centre from the Mike and Ophelia Lazaridis Foundation, most of the hospital's Covid-related needs have been covered.

**But, we still need your help and support!**

The reality is, even as Covid strains the resources of the hospital, the equipment and day to day needs of the hospital go on. Several pieces of equipment are getting older and need to be replaced with newer technology. One of these is the Durham Hospital's ultrasound scanner.

It is very important to have this diagnostic tool available to the community, as early diagnosis is critical to good health. Ultrasound imaging has been used for over 20 years, has an excellent safety record and does not have the same risks as X-rays. Ultrasound imaging is a medical tool that can help a physician evaluate, diagnose and treat medical conditions. Sadly, the Durham Hospital's existing ultrasound machine is aging and difficult to repair.

**Please help the Durham Hospital raise \$220,000  
to purchase a new, modern ultrasound machine!**

Here are a few things the ultrasound machine is used for:

- to visualize abdominal tissues and organs
- to assess bone fragility
- to scan breast tissue
- to listen to a fetal heart beat
- to visualize blood flow through a blood vessel, organs, or other structures
- echocardiogram- to 'see' the heart
- fetal ultrasound on an unborn baby
- ultrasound-guided biopsies- to collect a sample of tissue
- ophthalmic ultrasound- to visualize structures in the eye
- ultrasound-guided needle placement- used in several treatments and procedures

In the last year, 2,372 ultrasound tests were performed at the Durham Hospital. That is almost 10 each day the machine was in use! It is also used for patients who come to the Emergency Department, to help doctors make a speedy diagnosis. This important tool is one of the most used pieces of equipment in the Hospital and it is important that it be new and up-to-date.

**Can I count on your support?**

*Please use the enclosed donation form and reply envelope to make your gift today. Be a part of the health care team and help provide a new ultrasound machine!*

With gratitude and appreciation,



Rajinder Rajput, President, Durham Hospital Foundation