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Township of Southgate
c/o Mayor Brian Milne
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Dear Mayor Milne and Council,

Thank you so much for supporting the Durham Hospital! Because of people like you, the Foundation is able to provide state-of-the-art medical equipment to the Durham Hospital. Your support makes the difference in our skilled medical staff being able to provide the right care and save lives.

Emergency departments (ED) are an integral part of hospitals and medical practices and provide the best medical care to patients in need of immediate help. EDs are the most critical department of a hospital with a constant flow of patients suffering from either acute illness or injury. A typical ED may address cardiac arrests, strokes, fatal injuries, pregnancy complications and asthma every day.

ED's are the most crucial and intensive department within a hospital, as often life and death can hang in the balance. Emergency departments are supposed to be equipped with all the modern and essential equipment and accessories to render timely acute, emergency, trauma care services.

When seconds count, it is critical that the equipment doctors and nurses have is new and works! The ED has asked for several new items and we are committed to providing them.



When a patient's body temperature is too low or too high because of a traumatic injury, they need to have their temperature normalized and stabilized, as soon as possible. A Bair Hugger is a forced air system that can raise or reduce temperatures. If your loved one fell into cold water, can you imagine if this system wasn't available?

The ED also needs a fluid warmer. When a patient needs a blood transfusion or fluids, it is critical that those fluids are at the right temperature. Many medications and even blood are stored at near-freezing temperatures. They must be warmed quickly and safely before they can be administered. The right speed is vital- too fast and they can't be used. Too slow and the patient is at risk.

We need to reach out to you- our friends and neighbours for help!

As anyone who has ever visited the Emergency Department can tell you, the stretchers are not built for comfort! They are built for patient safety, to provide several medical staff with access from all sides, they must have the ability to raise or lower the height for whatever treatment is needed, the sides must be able to raise to keep patients in place, staff need to hang IV fluids at the right height and be able to move the stretcher easily.



The Durham Hospital ED needs at least one new trauma stretcher, can you help?



When a patient needs medication, doctors and nurses are able to access the Emergency Department's supply of common prescription and non-prescription medications. Some of these drugs must be stored in a special refrigerator. The medication fridge now in use is getting old and must be replaced. A kitchen or bar fridge won't do, it needs to have a glass front and special monitor. Medications must be easily accessed, organized, and easy to see so no time is wasted in delivering treatment.

The importance of emergency department equipment cannot be overstated. Any patient who comes to our ED should be able to receive the best possible care. It is important to have the right equipment on hand so that every patient can be treated quickly and effectively.

Can I count on your support?

Please use the enclosed donation form and reply envelope to make your gift today. Be part of our health care team and help provide new equipment for our Emergency Department.

With gratitude and appreciation,

Handwritten signature of Dr. Hernan Boniolo.

Dr. Hernan Boniolo
Chief of Staff
Durham Hospital

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