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# Season's



# Greetings



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**Decking our halls...**



**On Our Cover...**

When Christmas decorations went up on the tree in the lobby last year, various departments were represented on the festive balls that adorned the branches. But left out, was the Maintenance Department at Cambridge Memorial Hospital. Not to be left out this year, the crew went to work on a four pound, steel Christmas ball that features all the things our Maintenance Department does throughout the hospital. Made from a spare float that used to sit in a massive water tank, this hollow ball actually floats. According to Maintenance Supervisor John Jager, the team just wanted to have a little fun to celebrate the festive season. Merry Christmas to All from (Back row, left to right): Mircea Bogdan, Maintenance Electrician; George Mantler, Biomedical Technologist; Eugene Gamao, Maintenance Refrigeration Mechanic; Rob Allan, Maintenance Technician; Paul Noseworthy, Maintenance Technician; Dwayne Shelswell, Electronics Technician; Adam Noseworthy, Maintenance Technician; (Front row, left to right): Alex Kasaboski, Maintenance Technician; Dean Carr, Maintenance Plumber and Steam Fitter; John Jager, Maintenance Supervisor; Carol Murray, Maintenance Clerk; Mark Angerilli, Biomedical Technologist; Nick Hayward, Maintenance Plumber and Steam Fitter; and Joe Gurney, Manager of Plant Operations. Missing: Allan Smith, Stationary Engineer; and John Leistra, Biomedical Technologist.

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The Tuck Cart Program is a service offered by the CMH Volunteer Association in conjunction with the Gift Shop.

Every day a team of volunteers loads up the cart with goodies and necessities from the Gift Shop to take around to the various patient and visitor areas of the hospital. The Tuck Cart Program was developed in order to meet the needs of the patients who are not able to get to the Gift Shop because of illness or mobility issues. The Volunteer Association recognized that many patients are admitted to hospital without time to gather their personal care items or other supplies to help make their stay at the hospital a more comfortable one. Staff can also take advantage of the Tuck Cart to purchase goods if they can't leave their work area. If you see one of the Tuck Cart volunteers, be sure to say Hi.



*Alish Treacy, left, and Eleanor Brown setting off with their tuck cart*

## Take Our Kids to Work Day - So this is what Mom and Dad Do!



Ever wonder what mom or dad does every day when they walk through the doors of Cambridge Memorial Hospital? Well for 21 local teenagers, they had the chance to do just that during national Take Our Kids to Work Day last month. Throughout the hospital, in every department, these Grade 9 students worked alongside their parents getting a glimpse into the reality of

working in an acute care hospital. Organized by Volunteer Resources, parents and children got to spend quality time learning together. For Chelsea Mates, working with mom meant learning what it takes to raise millions of dollars for a hospital. Mom, left, is Deborah Mates, the Senior Gifts Officer with our Foundation Office. For David Gurney, he got to see dad working throughout the hospital making sure our critical systems function properly. Joe, as Manager of Plant Operations, reviewed blueprints with his son before heading out to one of the maintenance shops to check on the progress of a repair job.



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## Holiday Shopping at the CMH Foundation

To purchase gifts with heart, visit the Cambridge Memorial Hospital's Foundation office. Purchase a string of lights for the Trees of Caring and dedicate it to someone special or an Angel of Caring which makes a wonderful hostess gift or an annual collector's item! Give a gift that will make a difference!



*Lighting up the Trees of Caring*



*Employees Sheri and Louisa from Shoppers Drug Mart on Holiday Inn Drive in Cambridge, present Deb Snider, left, Manager of Women's & Children's Health, with over \$300 worth of toys, which they raised at their employee Christmas party. This was just one of many groups which donated to the CMH Foundation.*

## Congratulations

Eilish Kennedy of the CMH Foundation Office, won December's WOW award for her outstanding display of customer service.



Breast cancer screening, diagnosis and treatment at CMH received a boost recently from two community group fundraisers. The Yard Sale for a Cure, led by volunteers from Remax, raised a total of \$13,668! Also, the local Zonta Club of Cambridge presented

the Foundation half of its proceeds from Martini, Margarita, and Manicure Night in the amount of \$3,000.



*From left to right: Deborah Mates, Senior Gifts Officer, CMH Foundation; Eilish Kennedy, Executive Assistant, CMH Foundation; with Deb and Art Mosey, Owners of BGM Financial Services, sponsors of the Cambridge WOW Award.*

## "Out on the boulevard..."

Have you noticed? Coronation Blvd. has received the festive touch with the addition of 24 street post banners promoting the *Trees of Caring*. Local companies contributed to this first-time initiative and received logo recognition on a banner. Corporate interest in our banners helped to bring in almost \$10,000 in new gifts to the *Trees of Caring Campaign*.



## Nursing Grads Quilt a Blanket of Kindness...



CMH's Edna Fulton and 13 of her fellow Nursing Grads don't need an excuse to get together, but when they do there is no telling what will happen. Cambridge Memorial Hospital's Foundation has benefitted from their last visit. Edna, an employee of CMH since 1965, and her class created a quilt entitled "Class Star" which they have donated to the Foundation. The Foundation will sell tickets to the quilt to raise funds for the hospital.

## Great West Life \$50,000 donation...



Sid Stacey, VP of Healthcare Planning & Corporate Operations for CMH; Steve Kennedy, Regional Manager - Cambridge Financial Centre Freedom 55 Financial; Ingrid Town, Executive Director of CMH Foundation; Wayne Elliott, Elliott Financial Consultants - Cambridge Financial Centre Freedom 55 Financial; Tim Burry, Tim Burry Financial - Cambridge Financial Centre Freedom 55 Financial; Sam Purdy, Chair of the CMH Foundation Board of Directors.

# Merry Christmas to All

Hello again colleagues.

It is indeed my pleasure at this time of year to bring you holiday greetings and sincere best wishes for the New Year. To the hundreds I had the pleasure of serving lunch or dinner to this week at our annual holiday feast, may I again say thank you and Merry Christmas. I truly enjoy the time we share at such festive occasions.

This past year has truly been a challenging one, and one that has tested us in so many ways. I want to thank each and every one of you for the difference you make every day to this community's health and well being.

Because of your hard work, professionalism and commitment to quality patient care, the residents of Cambridge and North Dumfries have received excellent healthcare from a team of exceptional healthcare providers. From Admission to Discharge, you have put our patients first and made their reason for being here our reason for doing what we do every day... WE CARE!

While events around the world are shaping much of how we think about things, our Mission at Cambridge Memorial Hospital is our commitment to quality and integrated patient-centred care.

While there is much uncertainty in the world, we are constantly encouraged by acts of kindness around us.

As we celebrate the holidays, remember that the best gifts are the presence of family.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



*Julia N. Dumanian, President & C.E.O.*