



Temiskaming Hospital Capital Campaign

Care Close to Home

Frequently Asked Questions

Question: What is the 'Care Close to Home' capital campaign about?

Answer: The campaign is all about raising \$6.5-million for critical patient care equipment and necessary upgrades to the Temiskaming Hospital facilities. The hospital serves approximately 33,000 people throughout the District of Temiskaming and this campaign is essential so that the hospital can continue to provide the highest-quality care to our diverse communities.

Question: Why now for a capital campaign?

Answer: The hospital needs to acquire new patient equipment, replace equipment that is nearing the end of its life cycle and make necessary upgrades to its facility, all to be able to ensure the community of Temiskaming Shores has access to the most up-to-date hospital facilities and services. The hospital has not undertaken a capital campaign of this size since 2006 when, as many people will remember, it ran the successful campaign to acquire its first CT Scanner.

Question: Why should I donate to the capital campaign?

Answer: This campaign is about people. If you, a member of your family, a neighbour or co-worker needs hospital care and services, you want to be sure that Temiskaming Hospital has the latest and most modern standard of medical care available. As a donor to this capital campaign, you will be helping the hospital to continue to provide quality health care close to home, ensure the recruitment and retention of physicians and professional staff and provide education rotation for healthcare and medical students from the Northern Ontario School of Medicine (NOSM). Having modern medical and patient care equipment also supports the board's direction to bring into the hospital space more services like ambulatory care, palliative care and rehabilitation for patients coming back from North Bay and Sudbury post stroke and orthopaedic surgery, to name a few.

Question: Doesn't the government provide funding for the Temiskaming Hospital? Why does the hospital need to raise funds from the community?

Answer: No, the government does not fund the Temiskaming Hospital for patient care equipment , like beds or intravenous pumps or diagnostic equipment or surgical equipment for our surgeons. Hospitals in Ontario receive funding to cover their day-to-day operations from the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care. However, the hospital is accountable to develop fundraising campaigns for patient care equipment, infrastructure renewal and facility upgrades.

To make a successful fundraising campaign takes time and dedication from our volunteers, community support is vital to keep health care close to home. The Temiskaming Hospital is launching this capital fundraising campaign and reaching out to the community for financial support and participation. Many people will remember that in 2006, the hospital also successfully raised funds for its first CT Scanner which could not have been possible without the generous financial contributions from the community. In the fall 2015, the hospital contributed \$75K for renovations to improve the life of that CT Scanner through its own funds. We need to launch an effective campaign that provides an ongoing revenue stream for our medical and patient care equipment needs.

Question: What will the benefits be to patients and the community from the capital campaign?

Answer: The people of Temiskaming Shores and surrounding areas will have an acute care community hospital able to deliver modern standards of health care to patients and their families. This campaign will provide the hospital with the most up-to-date patient care equipment and facilities to serve its community throughout the years to come.

Question: Who is running the campaign?

Answer: The Temiskaming Hospital Foundation is leading this campaign to raise \$6.5-million. The campaign will be led by a group of dedicated and talented fundraising volunteers, including a campaign chair and volunteer committee reporting to the foundation board that will oversee it.

Question: Has the hospital ever run a capital campaign before?

Answer: Yes. In 2006, the Temiskaming Hospital ran a successful campaign for a CT Scanner, which is part of the diagnostic imaging department providing imaging services to physicians and their patients across the district including other hospital referrals.

The ‘Care Close to Home’ capital campaign is equally significant and will fund critical patient care equipment and infrastructure renewals and upgrades to the hospital facility.

Question: How can I donate to the campaign?

Answer: You can donate by phone, by mail, in person or over the Internet through our secure online donation page. You can make a donation by cash, cheque, money order or credit card.

You can make a one-time donation or a multi-year pledge to the campaign. We want to ensure that every donor who wants to support the ‘Care Close to Home’ capital campaign is able to do so.

Question: Is it safe to make an online donation?

Answer: Yes. The Temiskaming Hospital Foundation uses industry-leading technology to keep your personal information secure. The Foundation helps to protect your information by working with partners that provide a secure and safe environment for credit card donations. The Foundation website also uses industry standard security measures to protect against the loss, misuse and alteration of the information you provide on this site. All information is stored in a secure database. Your credit card information will never be saved on our site.

Question: Can I cancel my donation?

Answer: Please understand that one-time donations cannot be cancelled. However, you may end or change the amount of a multi-year pledge that you have made to the campaign.

Question: Are donations tax-deductible?

Answer: All donations will receive a receipt for income tax purposes.

Question: How will donations to the campaign be recognized?

Answer: All donations will be recognized with a permanent donor recognition area at Temiskaming Hospital.