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An update on The Ottawa Hospital Foundation's 20-20 Campaign

HOW ONE WOMAN'S BATTLE WITH CANCER INSPIRED HER HUSBAND TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Three years ago Lynn Leclerc was enjoying a healthy active life, but all that changed when she found a lump in her breast.

"I couldn't believe it. I ate well, exercised and took care of myself. I thought I was doing everything I could to prevent this from happening," she says. "I soon realized that cancer doesn't discriminate and there was nothing I could do to prevent this from happening."

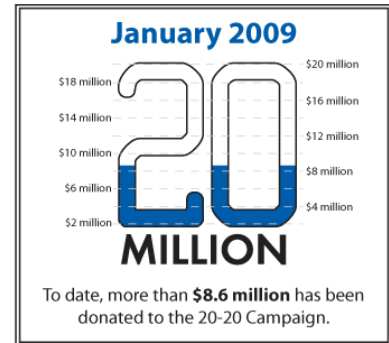
With just a few days left before Christmas, Lynn and her spouse Ben Robitaille decided they would wait until after the Holidays to tell their children. They also decided to do something they had been talking about for years. They made plans to get married.

"Hearing the news that Lynn had cancer really made me think about what was important in life. I love her tremendously and wanted everyone to know it," says Ben. And so, just four days before Lynn had surgery, the couple said "I do".

When the time came to start her treatment, Lynn was ready, but nothing could prepare her for what she was about to see. "I've always been a strong, positive person, but seeing how many people were being treated for cancer really shocked me. I knew there were hundreds, even thousands of cancer patients, but walking into the chemotherapy treatment room really put things into a harsh perspective," she says.

Today Lynn is back on her feet and has resumed doing the things she loves, but says the thought of cancer re-occurring is often at the forefront of her mind. "I am confident the cancer was completely removed. However, sometimes I can't help but think it's like my surgeon skillfully diffused a bomb that may still be inside of me. I'm just hoping the wires don't connect a second time."

As for Ben, he has recently joined the 20-20 Campaign Cabinet and is helping to raise \$20 million in 20 months for the expansion of The Ottawa Hospital Cancer Centre. "It's time for me to give back in any way I can. The Cancer Centre did so much for my wife and I want to help make it a better place for future cancer patients."



GIVING BACK

The Friends of The Ottawa Hospital – the volunteer association working out of the General Campus, has a long history of supporting The Ottawa Hospital. Most recently, they have contributed \$250,000 to outfit a chemotherapy treatment bay. The addition of 15 new chemotherapy chairs through this expansion will help to significantly reduce treatment wait times at The Ottawa Hospital Cancer Centre.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

The concrete has been poured and the expansion is on schedule! The next phase of the Cancer Centre expansion will focus on interior fit-up of floors 1 and 2 such as drywall partitioning, mechanical and electrical work.

Once complete, the first floor of the newly expanded Cancer Centre will be equipped with four additional radiation machines. The centralization of these machines at the General Campus will provide a more coordinated treatment for patients. One hundred per cent of all patients in Eastern Ontario who require radiation are treated at The Ottawa Hospital Cancer Centre.



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RECENT FUNDRAISING HIGHLIGHTS

- Holiday giving took on a whole new meaning for two Investment Advisors at the Blair Road **RBC Dominion Securities** office. As a way to support their 23-year-old colleague Sarah Grand who was recently diagnosed with a brain tumor, Dawn Morewood and François Menard have made a donation to the 20-20 Campaign in lieu of gifts to clients. Sarah suggested the donation be made to The Ottawa Hospital Cancer Centre in recognition of the “amazing care” she received, and continues to receive there. The RBC Foundation will be making an additional donation to the campaign.
- Students at **Plantagenet High School** gave it their best to raise funds for the 20-20 Campaign and exceeded the school’s all-time fundraising record. Through various school activities such as raffles, hockey nights as well as teachers and students shaving their heads, they raised \$8,900.
- Longtime supporters of The Ottawa Hospital, employees of **Innovapost** once again ran a successful workplace campaign. Together they raised \$22,221 to help equip the Cancer Centre with a chemotherapy chair and an IVAC pump.
- Local company **GasTOPS** recently completed a very successful workplace campaign. The goal was to raise \$20,000 for a crash cart & IV pole with a pump. Employees surpassed their set goal and raised a total of \$29,000 for the Cancer Centre expansion.
- One of Canada's leading IT staffing and recruiting technology firms, **Brainhunter**, held a fundraising cocktail on December 17th at Merlot. Friends, consultants and members of the business community attended the event and helped raise \$10,000 for the 20-20 Campaign.
- Over the past year, the 35 employees of the **Doyle Group** in Ottawa and Hull have raised over \$1,540 in donations for the 20-20 Campaign. The Doyle Group then matched employee donations dollar-for-dollar and made an additional top-up gift bringing their total donation to \$4,500. The money raised will purchase a chemotherapy treatment chair for the newly expanded Ottawa Hospital Cancer Centre.

UPCOMING FUNDRAISING INITIATIVES IN SUPPORT OF 20-20 CAMPAIGN

- **Sunday, January 25** – Music to the Ears, a concert in support of The Ottawa Hospital Cancer Centre expansion features an evening of talented young performers. The event will take place at CentrepoinTE Theatre.

ABOUT THE 20-20 CAMPAIGN

The Ottawa Hospital Cancer Centre at the General Campus is undergoing the largest expansion in its history. The Ottawa Hospital Foundation’s 20-20 Campaign aims to raise \$20 million in 20 months for the project, which will double the current size of the Centre.

The expansion of The Ottawa Hospital Cancer Centre is critical. The Ottawa Hospital is the hub of cancer care in our region and this year alone, more than 21,000 patients will rely on its fully integrated outpatient centre for treatment. This represents more than 190,000 patient visits.

For more information or to donate, visit our 20-20 Campaign Web site or call 613-761-4295.

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