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A Note from Our Chair

Where has the Summer gone?!

When we last met, a very successful 2026 "Run for the Diamond" had just wrapped up, and school was about to end for the Summer holiday. Now, it's officially Fall and the kids are back to school, our beautiful Fall Mums have been delivered, and construction at our new "Campus of Care" has officially begun. Tender has been floated, the Long Term Care facility is "moving forward" and "both projects will be in full construction mode in the Spring." A welcome quote for every UHA Volunteer at our Hospital and throughout the entire Uxbridge community.

And the seasonal constant? The fact that the Uxbridge Hospital Auxiliary Volunteers are forever going above and beyond to raise funds for this cherished Hospital. From the sorter-inspired morning customer line-ups at Chances Are (every day!) to Cathy McQuinn's make-shift mirrored changing room in the Auxiliary office, to Sandi Lavery, knee-deep in water at the Elgin Plaza parking lot fetching Gwen Ringling's car after a torrential rainfall, our Auxiliary Volunteers know how to adapt to almost anything. A new Hospital, the powers that be purport? "BRING IT ON," say the U.H.A!

Please stay safe and enjoy the cozy sweater weather!
Gwen

Gwen Layton
UHA Chair



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Chances Are - A Note from Manager, Victoria

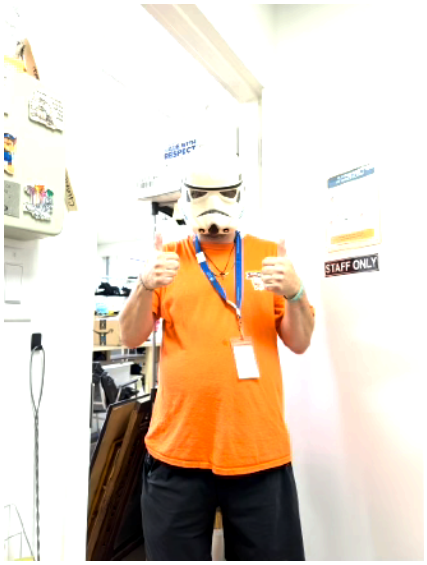
As the weather cools and kids head back to school, Chances Are is in full swing! Morning lineups keep growing as shoppers excitedly wait for the doors to open, and we couldn't be more thankful for how our community shows up for us!

Above all, a huge thank you goes out to our incredible volunteers. The amount of hard work and dedication poured into the store every single day is unmatched, and it's the real secret to why our store thrives in support of the Uxbridge Hospital Auxiliary!

We've also seen some super fun donations come through the door recently. We've received incredible artwork from artists like Walter Campbell, Ken Danby, and even Group of Seven pieces, alongside so many other fantastic finds—the sheer amount of hidden gems we unpack each week is astounding.

We look forward to seeing all the familiar faces every day at the shop, at the donation door, and within our Auxiliary family. We truly are a community hub!

Below we have Andrew as a storm trooper, Ted celebrating his 80th this past week and beautiful Nadia showing off her homemade dresses from Chances Are scrap (unsellable bedsheets, curtains, etc) for an Orphanage in Zambia.

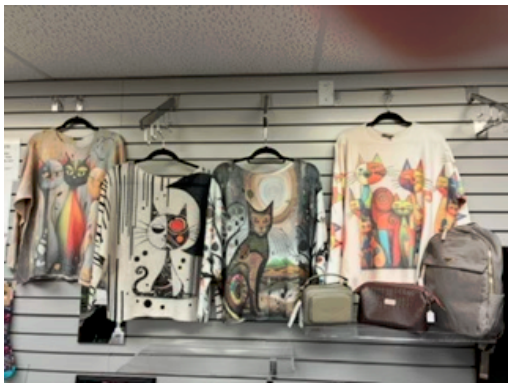






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The Cottage Gift Shop - A Note from Cathy McQuinn



The Gift Shop is filled with lots of clothing to take you through the fall and winter seasons. Cats seem to be a theme this year, and Dianne Bennett is modelling her recent poncho purchase. Christmas items will be arriving in mid-November.



We are still looking for someone to take a leadership role for the Gift Shop. If you know of anyone within the Auxiliary, or maybe in the community, that would be a good fit, please contact Cathy McQuinn (Cathymcquinn@gmail.com 416-970-8715) or Gwen Layton. There are a few volunteers willing to assist; however, a coordinator is required to oversee the division of tasks.

The mum sale was a big hit again this year. 659 mums were sold resulting in a profit of $7,898.00. Thanks to everyone who purchased mums in support of the fundraiser. My sincere thanks as well to all of the volunteers that helped on pickup day. A little rain did not dampen our spirits. Here is a picture of just a few … Wayne Webster, Cathy McQuinn, Cindy Barnett, Marion Barnett, Teri Murphy and Bailey Higgins.



This year's Poinsettia sale will be organized by Board Member,Sharon Houston - Please stay tuned for further details!

Auxiliary Office Volunteer Update

Procedural Updates from the Volunteer Office

Just a reminder -

Chances Are Volunteer Intake Going forward, all new volunteer inquiries and onboarding for Chances Are will be managed by **Victoria Galbraith, Store Manager**.
Inquiries may be directed to: **manager-chancesare@outlook.com**

Volunteer Office Computer & Updated Contact Emails

The Volunteer Office has transitioned to a new computer system, along with updated email addresses:

- **Volunteer inquiries: volunteer@uxbridgehospitalauxiliary.com**
- **General inquiries: info@uxbridgehospitalauxiliary.com**
- **Phone: 905-852-9771 x 5237**

Thank you to all of our generous volunteers!



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In and Around the Auxiliary….









Uxbridge Hospital Foundation

Hockey for Uxbridge (3rd Annual Celebrity Ice Classic)
Thursday October 1st and Friday October 2nd at the Uxbridge Arena.
A two-day charity hockey tournament featuring NHL alumni like Curtis Joseph, Kirk Muller, Joey Kocur, and Gary Roberts playing alongside community members to support the new Uxbridge Hospital.
This year's Uxbridge Hospital Celebrity Ice Classic raised **$601,304.00!!**

Catch The Ace

Catch the Ace is a partnership between the Uxbridge Hospital Foundation and the Rotary Club of Uxbridge to raise funds for our new Uxbridge Hospital – a new hospital for a new era. Your ticket purchases help to equip our expert physicians, nurses and clinical staff with the tools and equipment needed to deliver excellent care, close to home.

Catch the Ace
PROGRESSIVE LOTTERY RAFFLE

Tickets start at $10
2 Chances to win each week, choose your card for the progressive jackpot
More information - https://uxhospitalace.ca/

Upcoming Events and Volunteer Call out



Our next VOLUNTEER INFORMATION MEETING is Monday, November 9th at the Uxbridge Legion.
Time: 11am - 1pm
Speaker: Colin Granger, DRPS Community Crime Prevention Officer
Topic: Colin will be providing a presentation about fraud awareness and detection

Stay tuned for more details regarding this year's Poinsettia sale!
Volunteers will be needed on day of Pick up.
More details to come soon.



Thank you to all of the Uxbridge Fall Fair volunteers who manned the UHA Fair booth on that beautiful weekend in September. A special shout-out to Michele Hankins for both organizing the UHA display booth and seamlessly scheduling its staffing.

Any questions, or to volunteer in any capacity - please contact
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Letter from the Editor

Hi Everyone!

A quick note - I want to make this Newsletter not just a source of information and a place to reflect on the last few months, but also a place where we can share stories, pictures that may not have made it onto social media, and anything else you think might be nice to include!

Please feel free to submit stories, recipes, pictures, upcoming events - anything you would like to share.
The next newsletter will come out in Winter and I'd like to see this truly become a reflection of what a great team we have and a valuable and fun resource!

If anyone has anything they would like to share for the next newsletter, or any ideas or suggestions - please reach out!
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Thank you!

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