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A Note from Our Chair

What a lovely June we've had, and yes, "I wonder what it would be like to live in a world where it was always June." This is a quote from Anne of the Island, written by Lucy Maud Montgomery, author of Anne of Green Gables, when she lived and volunteered in Uxbridge in 1915, more than 100 years ago. June, and therefore Summer, is finally here and we're busy finding volunteer replacements and recruits, as 2026 has already proven itself to be another exciting year!

In December of last year we celebrated One year at Chances Are's new location and just this past April, Victoria and our volunteers, while working through the many challenges at the store, have delivered the best monthly sales on record!

The ongoing construction at the Hospital has been exciting, yet also brings with it many hurdles. But the Mums and Poinsettia successful deliveries, the Cottage Gift Shop's sales courtesy of smiling faces and behind-the scenes knitters, the welcoming and knowledgeable Wayfinders and the caring In-hospital and Ambulatory-care volunteers have helped keep our Hospital's patients and visitors at ease. And the Run for the Diamond has crossed another very successful finish line!

Over 270 Auxiliary volunteers have helped energize a community this past year - a constant positive that shines throughout Uxbridge not only in June, but on every calendar day. Congratulations to you all!

I'll finish with another lovely quote about our Auxiliary from an organization that knows your efforts firsthand, to say the least...The Foundation.

"They show up with kindness, patience, and a genuine willingness to help. They are woven into the fabric of this hospital."

Please be safe and enjoy your summer,

Gwen

Gwen Layton
UHA Chair



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Chances Are - A Note from Manager, Victoria



Summer has arrived, and it's been a wonderful few weeks at Chances Are!



In the shop, things have settled into a nice summer rhythm. Customer traffic and donations have remained steady, and we're continuing to see lots of new faces discovering Chances Are for the first time. As we all know we are always looking for new Volunteers, so if anyone wants to come hangout sorting donations, working cash, or the back donation door, you are always welcome!

We've been receiving some really interesting donations, as always , but one particular item that stood out this month was the number of name brand high-end purses and silk scarves! Very cool.



Thank you to all of our incredible volunteers for everything you do. Your time, kindness, and hard work make such a difference every single day. Wishing everyone a safe, sunny, and enjoyable summer!

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Knitting Report - from Jackie Teskey

The Hospital Auxiliary Gift Shop is proud to offer a beautiful selection of handcrafted knitted items, including baby blankets, baby outfits, hats, mitts, anxiety aids, hand towels, and other thoughtful gifts.

These exceptional creations are made possible through the generosity, dedication and remarkable talent of our volunteer knitters. With every project they complete, they share not only their skill but also their warmth and compassion, by helping us provide unique, high-quality items for our customers while supporting the Hospital Auxiliary.

We are deeply grateful to our volunteers who devote countless hours to create these cherished items. This year from January to April, we have sold over $2400.00 in knitted items.

On behalf of the Hospital Auxiliary, I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to each and every knitter for sharing their talents. Your dedication and generosity makes a lasting difference in our community. We are truly fortunate to have your support and sincerely appreciate all you do.

*At the June luncheon, our knitters also presented a cheque to the Uxbridge Hospital Foundation for $250,000.00 on behalf of the U.H.A!

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Run for the Diamond

THANK-YOU!!

What an amazing year for Run for the Diamond.
All of the behind the scenes work, sponsorship follow up, admin, registration pick ups, water stations, day of participation and everything in between are hugely appreciated. It truly takes a village.





Even Mother Nature cooperated and gave us a cooler than last year but slightly damper version which I know was appreciated by all in attendance.

Overall everything went incredibly smoothly and no doubt this is largely in part of our fearless leader Michelle Baker who once again was the Leader of the village of people pulling this off.



As many of you know (or might not know), the work entailed in a successful event requires almost the full year to prepare and pull off. While many of us volunteers step in to help primarily after the new year, the months leading up, or even the weekend or day of, Michelle has already been putting in countless hours to get everything prepped and ready before she can even start delegating tasks.
She has always remained incredibly humble about her responsibilities but she is a true leader and inspiration to those around her.



The Auxiliary will be forever grateful for her hard work on this.
THANK YOU MICHELLE!

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The Cottage Gift Shop - A Note from Cathy McQuinn



Hello all… Everything is going well at the Gift Shop. There is a lot of new product this Spring. The latest cotton and linen items from Plum Loco, a new line of 'silk-like' skirts and palazzo pants from India, as well as handmade, locally sourced purses which are fabulous. Check out the pictures below highlighting new items, some terrific customers and of course two of our fabulous volunteers, Sandra Handscomb and Sue McInerney.

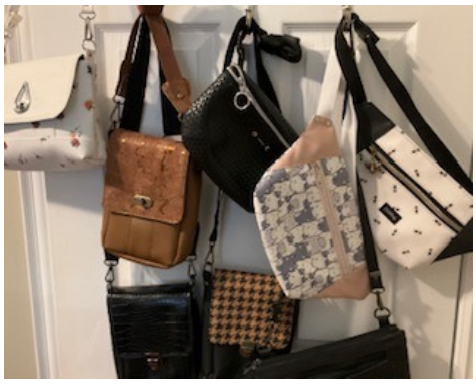


A quick update on finding a new Gift Shop Coordinator. We are still looking for some energetic individual(s) interested in taking the lead as the Coordinator/Buyer. The role requires a commitment of approximately 40 hours/per month. It does not include scheduling or finances which are very competently handled by Sandra Handscomb and Joy McKinnon respectively. From within our current team of 33 amazing Gift Shop volunteers, a few people have offered to help with some admin and merchandising tasks; and we are very appreciative of these offers. Once a coordinator has been identified, we will review the division of tasks and move forward with the transition.

If you would like more information on the role, please talk to anyone on the Board of Directors, or contact me directly (Cathymcquinn@gmail.com 416-970-8715). I would be happy to share my experiences and enthusiasm for our little gift shop.

Cathy





Director of Volunteers - A Note From Bev

Auxiliary Office Volunteer Update – June 2026

A special shout-out to all our amazing Auxiliary Volunteers. We appreciate your contributions—whether you are working at the hospital, at Chances Are, in the Gift Shop, knitting for customers, supporting Run for the Diamond, or assisting behind the scenes on one of our many committees or events. Your dedication strengthens every part of our Auxiliary.

Today's luncheon is an opportunity to recognize your commitment and extend a heartfelt thank you to each of you.

My sincere congratulations to all of today's Service Award recipients.

Procedural Updates from the Volunteer Office

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**

All Auxiliary Volunteer brochures have been updated to reflect these new contacts.

After a long winter, I wish you all a wonderful summer, lots of sunshine and hope you enjoy time with family and friends.

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In and Around the Auxiliary….











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Service pins 2026

ONE YEAR

Lorelei Adams, Sarah Chignall, Cathy Chilton, Keith Greenbury, Sharon Houston, Sandi Lavery, Jeffrey Lee, Barbara Leenheer, Huguette MacArthur, Carol McLean, Mary-Anne O'Connor, Al Playter, Philip Santangelo, Josh Smith, Louise Smith, Barbara Tayler, Carolyn Thede, Kale Weir

FIVE YEARS

Wayne Brasseur, Jill Burns, Sharon Davidson, Carol Elliott, Thea Hulshof, Carolyn Mabley, Sue McInerney, Elaine Pilar, Judy Prince, Beth Thomson, Rena Wiseman, Bob Prince

TEN YEARS

Merna Arens, Albert Brandenburg, Sandra Evans, Pauline Presland, Irene Pulkki, Karin Steele, Tara Teskey, Gail Wright

FIFTEEN YEARS

Tess Dempster, Sheila Disley, Paula Donahoe, Tonia Ferguson, Jackie Sweet

TWENTY YEARS

Nancy Markle

THIRTY-FIVE YEARS

Gail Prentice

FORTY YEARS

Marion Barnett, Elaine Stevenson

Uxbridge Hospital Foundation

Mayor Barton's Golf Tournament

Wyndance Golf Club
Tuesday July 14, 2026
In support of local community groups and the new Uxbridge Hospital, every sponsorship helps make a meaningful difference while putting your business in front of hundreds of attendees.

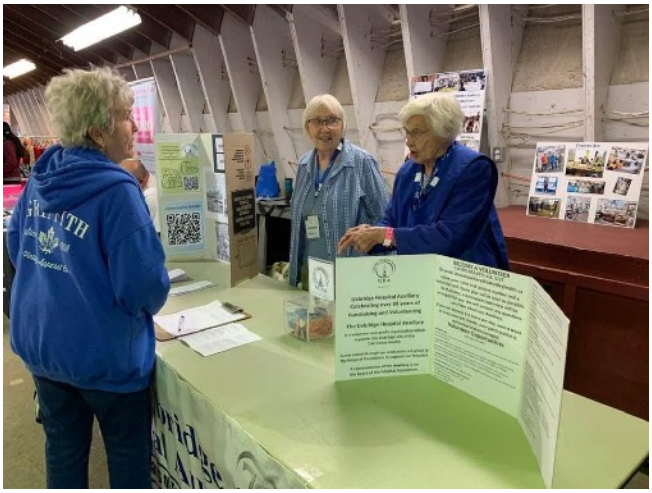
Catch The Ace

Ongoing



Upcoming Events and Volunteer Call out

Sign-up for the Uxbridge Fall Fair
Volunteers are still needed for the UHA Table at the Fall Fair, September 11, 12 and 13. Please contact Michele Hankins at hankinsmichele@gmail.com



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

Thank you to all of our generous volunteers!

Any questions, or to volunteer in any capacity - please contact the Director of Volunteers - volunteer@uxbridgehospitalauxiliary.com or 905-852-9771 x 5237
Check out page 6 for current needs for volunteers

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