



Hi, I'm Garth Goodhew.

I have been donating to our local hospital for many years. Twenty-one to be exact! My late wife Marilyn and I have always believed it is important to give back to our community and giving to our local hospital monthly was one way we could do that. Our donations help purchase medical equipment to care for patients, close to home. I am proud that our donations have helped people in our community through all stages of life and I give full credit to Marilyn, who suggested we become monthly donors 10 years ago, shortly after the new hospital opened.

Marilyn and I were both teachers in Brampton. We attended the same church, which is where we met, fell in love and got married. We moved to North Bay in 1965 after I secured the Vice-Principal position at a new high school that was just opening - Widdifield Secondary School. After the move, Marilyn chose to stay home to raise our two sons - a role she adored. She fondly called us her "three" boys. She became actively involved in our community. For many years, Marilyn tutored adults who had difficulty with literacy and was active in St. Andrew's Church. She was a valued volunteer at many church community turkey dinners.

We only planned to stay in North Bay for a few years. Nearly 57 years later, I am still here. We fell in love with this beautiful city. We loved how friendly and down-to-earth people were, the excellent school system and wonderful healthcare. While our family was young, there were many activities to keep our children busy.

I was so lucky with my career. I had the privilege of working with thousands of great students, outstanding teachers and supportive parents. I served as Principal at several local schools, including the former Algonquin Composite School, West Ferris Secondary School and finally Chippewa Secondary School.



Garth & Marilyn's 50th Wedding Anniversary

Shortly after the new hospital opened, Marilyn suggested we become regular donors to the hospital Foundation, so we signed up to be monthly donors. It was an easy decision for us. Having access to a state-of-the-art hospital with skilled and caring staff, we wanted to be part of that - our monthly gift helps purchase advanced medical equipment to care for our community.

Marilyn and I were married for 62 years before she passed away in 2020 following a lengthy illness. I continue to honour her memory and our commitment to our hospital with my monthly gift.

Giving monthly worked well for us. It was an easy way to make a commitment to a cause close to our hearts. Most of our financial dealings have always been on a monthly basis; mortgage payments, property taxes, and of course, our charitable donations.

By donating monthly, the Foundation can plan effectively and maximize our impact.

iGive Monthly Club members help fund state-of-the-art medical equipment for our community and hospital, such as the MRI, surgical equipment, the CT scanners, anesthesia machines, the GreenLight Laser for prostate care, and so much more.

Not only will you feel good about helping our community, there are a few other special perks/benefits to being part of the *iGive Monthly Club*;

- Subscription to the Foundation's insider newsletter mailed twice a year.
- You receive one consolidated tax receipt for all of your monthly gifts made in the previous calendar year, making it easier to keep track of when it comes to tax time!
- It's good for the planet! While reducing the cost of postage, it also reduces paper and printing.
- You'll receive free parking at the Health Centre. Simply drop by the Foundation office to say 'Hi' and to have your parking validated. After-hours just show your membership card at Security.

As a collective, the *iGive Monthly Club* has an impact by working together to ensure our friends, family and loved ones have access to advanced healthcare, close to home.

If you are interested in becoming a monthly donor, you can sign up online at nbrhc.on.ca/foundation, or call my dear friends at the Foundation at 705-495-8125.

I have nothing but praise and gratitude for how I am treated at NBRHC. Whenever I have been a patient, the care I received always involved concern, skill, kindness and compassion.

At 86 years of age, I continue with my interest in the things I always enjoy; reading, politics, supporting my favourite sports teams, helping out at St. Andrew's, and of course, supporting my hospital with a monthly donation.



Garth Goodhew
Monthly Donor



Marilyn, Garth & Family

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