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## **Making Room for Better Health Care Close to Home**

Norfolk General Hospital (NGH) is a very busy rural health care facility. Last year, the highly skilled medical staff, using state-of-the art equipment performed 616 laparoscopic (keyhole) surgeries and 5,500 procedures in the OR and endoscopy unit. Further, 333 babies were delivered in the obstetrical unit. In order to maintain these important services NGH must renovate and redevelop these busy and effective units. Space is the challenge. Endoscopy is located in repurposed ward rooms, Labour & Delivery has not been renovated since the 1990s and the Minimally Invasive Suite requires upgrades to increase efficiencies and patient safety.

The Norfolk General Hospital Foundation (NGHF) has embarked on its largest campaign to date and needs the help of community partners both corporate and individual. The Building a Better Hospital Campaign is a \$13 million campaign that will support the revitalization and expansion of our community hospital. The project will see existing services at Norfolk General Hospital enhanced and developed to meet the future health care needs of the people of Norfolk County. NGH has planned a new 7 thousand square foot Day Surgery unit expansion to be built atop the Emergency Department. The obstetrics unit will be transformed from its current Labour and Delivery rooms to state-of-the-art Birthing Rooms. The plan also includes the renovation of an Operating Room as a fully functioning Minimally Invasive Suite. No target date for construction has been set.

A project of this enormity is only possible with the financial support of the community. "The Norfolk General Hospital Foundation wishes to express its enthusiastic gratitude to SC Johnson for their commitment to building a better community" stated Julie Powell, Director of Development "Their generous donation of \$75,000 to the Building a Better Hospital Campaign will assist in continuing to provide quality health care to future generations in Norfolk."



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