Lisa Dedrick graciously accepted an invitation to be an on-air guest with the myFM and Oldies “Year of the Cat 2.0 Radiothon supporting the purchase of a new 128 slice Computed Tomography (CT) Scanner for the hospital. Lisa was interviewed by Alan Duthie myFM and Oldies General Manager. Lisa was diagnosed with breast cancer in July 2016. This is her story from that broadcast on May 7, 2019:

“When I was diagnosed, I had to have a cat scan and that was leading my treatment plan for my surgeons with the Juravinski (Cancer Centre) in Hamilton. I felt very fortunate that I could have my cat scan in my own hometown; Norfolk County, Simcoe and they could send that information off. I was more fortunate that I could have it within 2 weeks. So, I had my cat scan within 2 weeks and my plan was developed and I had my surgery by August of 2016. Treatment is ongoing.

What they checked for was metastasis that may have occurred. Fortunately I did not have any metastasis, but I was very fortunate that I could have the cat scan here in Simcoe so close to home and with my own physicians. With breast cancer it usually goes to the lymph nodes first and spreads to other areas. Mine was caught before it got to any other area of my body.”

Lisa is a Breast Cancer Survivor for 3 years now. Lisa asks you to please donate to the Year of the Cat 2.0 campaign. (This interview was edited)
Thank you to Norfolk County for the outpouring of generous support of the Norfolk General Hospital Foundation Radiothon with Norfolk’s 98.9 myFM and Oldies 99.7. The 10 hour broadcast wrapped up on Tuesday May 7 with a total of $56,266.00 pledged in support of a new Computed Tomography (CT) Scanner.

Kelly Isfan, NGH CEO, started the day at 7am saying “I am looking forward to a great day. The people in our community are so very generous to their hospital and I know when asked listeners will respond as generously as possible.”

On-air guests included doctors, hospital staff and a handful of patients who shared compelling and passionate stories of the great service, commitment to care and incredible experiences at NGH. “Sometimes what a scan doesn’t find is as important as what it does find. In my case the CT ruled out possible health issues” shared Doug Sibbett who recently had a scan at NGH. Breast Cancer survivor Lisa Dedrick related “I felt very fortunate that I could have my cat scan in my own hometown – and then that they could send that information off. I was more fortunate that I could have it within 2 weeks.”

When the dust settled our community helped us raise $56,266.

The CT scanner is the single most important piece of equipment at NGH and the best diagnostic tool. The current unit performs some 8,000 scans a year. It has been a real workhorse for the hospital’s imaging department, able to detect and diagnose a wide variety of diseases and conditions, and in some cases rule them out – quickly, accurately and painlessly. The current unit has been in service since 2006 and at 13 years old, it is sadly no longer up to the task and needs to be replaced.

“This is why it is important to give” stated Jennifer White Director of NGH Foundation “We are so grateful to everyone who pledged their support. And, for the tremendous partnership with and support from myFM and Oldies - the radio staff has done an amazing job helping NGH in maintaining health care close to home.”

Since 2001, the Radiothon has assisted the Foundation to raise more than $1.8 million for new and vital hospital equipment. Funding for these expenditures does not come from the provincial ministry. It is community giving that allows NGH to provide the best quality patient care and services. The Norfolk General Hospital Foundation is responsible for raising funds to purchase needed equipment to continue and improve the health care provided by NGH to Norfolk County and area.

Your contribution is important. Please contact the NGH Foundation by calling 519-426-0130 ext. 2456 or by clicking the Donate Now button on the NGH website www.ngh.on.ca
NGH Appointments - NGH New Faces

KIM MULLINS
Vice-President of Patient Services

Kim brings a wealth of experience to the position having spent the past 10 years in increasingly responsible positions at NGH in the Emergency Department, Critical Care, Obstetrics, Medical/Surgical and Complex Care. Interestingly, Kim completed her three month consolidation for her nursing diploma at the Emergency Department at WHGH in 1992. Kim successfully attained her Masters of Art in Leadership (University of Guelph) in October 2018.

ROBIN VARNES
Manager, Clinical Development

Robin has most recently been our Clinical Practice Leader on 3B and has been a member of our patient care team since 2003. We are fortunate to have talented staff who have purposely directed their ongoing education to Leadership, Quality Improvement and Patient Centered Care.

DAVID LIU
Director of Pharmacy

David was with Kingston Health Science Centre for the past 4½ years, most recently as Pharmacy Manager. Part of that role included being Pharmacy Manager for Brockville General Hospital for a period of time. Therefore, he is familiar with providing management support to two hospitals. David certainly brings a broad range of experience to NGH.

STEPHANIE FRANCE
Recruitment Specialist

Stephanie holds her CHRP, has an HR Management Certificate from Sheridan College and a Master of Fine Arts in Theatre Production/Design from York University. Stephanie has an in-depth knowledge of recruitment through her employment at Hamilton Health Sciences and the Town of Orangeville. Stephanie is responsible for all recruitment at NGH and NHNH.
NGH Welcomes New Chief of Staff

Tom White, Chair of the Norfolk General Hospital Board of Directors is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Amir Sheik-Yousouf as the new Chief of Staff.

“We are delighted to welcome Dr. Sheik-Yousouf to NGH” stated White “We look forward to his energy and passion on our team and have the greatest confidence in his representing our hospital and community. The Board would also like to express its’ appreciation to Dr. Nancy Gabel for her commitment and dedication as Chief over the past 6 years.”

Amir Sheik-Yousouf is a graduate of the Rotman School of Business having completed his Executive MBA in July 2017. He is a Fellow of the Royal College in Internal Medicine at the University of Toronto working initially in an academic setting at Sunnybrook Hospital. He has worked in a community setting in Milton District Hospital for the past 5 years and continues to maintain an office practice in Milton.

Dr. Sheik-Yousouf was born in the United Kingdom to parents of Mauritian descent. Having completed high school in Mauritius, he was awarded a full scholarship to study Medicine at Nishtar Medical College, Multan, Pakistan. Completing his MBBS in 2004, this was followed by a one-year internship at the Pakistan Institute of Medical Science, Islamabad completed in November 2005. He immigrated to Canada in 2006.

Dr. Sheik-Yosouf began his duties as Chief of Staff on June 3.

Margaret Juszku, President of the Residents Council came up with her own way to support the Year of the Cat 2.0 Campaign. After some consultation with fellow residents, Margaret decided to sell her homemade pies during the Norfolk Hospital Nursing Home Mother’s Day Pot Luck. Word got out even as she was preparing the pies which resulted in a few pie presales to those that could not attend on Mother’s Day. The grand total for Margaret’s pie fundraiser was $288.25! Thanks Margaret.

And, thank you to everyone who purchased and enjoyed a pie (or two.) The money will help support the Norfolk General Hospital Foundation’s Year of the Cat 2.0 Campaign funding the purchase of a new 128 slice CT Scanner for our hospital.

Best in LHIN

Norfolk General Hospital has achieved some significant improvement in Emergency Department Wait Times. Latest reported numbers show NGH ED patients will wait 14.4* hours before moving to an inpatient bed on one of the units. This wait time represents the average experience of 9 out of 10 admitted patients. It also reflects a decrease greater than 15% over the same period in the previous year and is the shortest wait time in the Hamilton Niagara Haldimand Brant Local Health Integrated Network (HNHB LHIN) Further, NGH scores below the Provincial target of 25 hours and well below the LHIN average of 48.6 hours.

This is wonderful news for the sickest of our patients. The NGH ED physicians and nurses are focused on ensuring that those patients in greatest need will get to where they need to be as quickly as possible.

*Q4 January – March Access to Care - Canadian Institute for Health Information. CIHI provides essential information on Canada’s health system and the health of Canadians. - www.cihi.ca

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