



## Quarterly Impact

Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (HHHSF)  
October 2025



### Happy Thanksgiving!

At this festive time of year, as we enjoy the fall colors across the beautiful Haliburton Highlands, it is a good time to reflect on the accomplishments of the HHHS Foundation and the many planned initiatives ahead of us that are in the works to support the best possible health care in the county. All of these great things could not be achieved without the continuous support of our generous donors, sponsors, volunteers and dedicated staff. Thank you all very much!

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank our volunteer Board of Directors (pictured later in this newsletter with some of our partners) for the countless hours of time and effort they give to the HHHS Foundation. They are champions of our cause to support HHHS as it builds for the future. Together, with our various committees and countless volunteers this team is helping to grow our Foundation like never before. It is my privilege to work with them all and thank them so very much.

On behalf of our Board of Directors we wish you a safe and Happy Thanksgiving!

Thanks for your support!

David Blodgett  
Board Chair



Dear Friends and Supporters,

As summer turned into a season of tremendous community generosity, I am filled with gratitude — for our donors, volunteers, partners, and the incredible staff at Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS).

Your support over the past few months has made a real difference: funding life-saving equipment, expanding services, and helping our teams deliver compassionate care close to home.

We are thrilled to provide HHHS staff and physicians with the tools they need when they need them. From investments in emergency equipment to new diagnostic technology, and plans for a dedicated mental health space in the Emergency Department, these advances mean faster, safer, and more dignified care for patients and families across the Highlands.

Thank you for your trust, your time, and your ongoing generosity. Together we are strengthening health services in our community — today and for generations to come.

Sincerely,

Melanie Klodt Wong  
Executive Director, HHHS Foundation

## 30th Annual Kushog Lake Invitational Swings Big for Local Healthcare!

In late July, the **30th Annual Kushog Lake Invitational Golf Tournament** brought together community spirit, friendly competition, and a whole lot of heart.

This year's champions - David Pennycook, Brad Barrow, Peter Cruickshank, and Paul McLachlan - didn't just take home the win, they gave back in a big way. Along with several generous fellow participants, they donated their tournament winnings to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation.

Thanks to their incredible generosity, a total of **\$2,445** was raised to support local healthcare initiatives right here in the Haliburton Highlands. A heartfelt thank you to everyone involved - your support helps bring essential care closer to home!



## The 2025 Health Radiothon on 93.5 MooseFM presented by Minden Subaru

On August 14-15, our community came together for twenty-four hours of generosity. Thanks to the extraordinary leadership of The WB Family Foundation — who matched up to \$100,000 — every donation was doubled, raising over **\$200,000** for local healthcare equipment including a new ECG and vital signs machine. That's a 66% increase over 2023 thanks to so many amazing donors, volunteers, sponsors and supporters.

Highlights include:

- 8 outpost locations
- 17 on-air interviews
- 50+ volunteers with representatives from local Emergency Services, the Haliburton Lions Club, Minden Health Care Auxiliary and the HHHSF Board of Directors to name a few
- 27 generous hourly sponsors
- 18 prize donors and
- one dedicated Moose FM team led by Rick Lowes.

A special shout out to the outpost teams in Minden and Haliburton who collectively raised over **\$18,000** and the team on Kennisis Lake who raised over **\$12,000** in one sunny afternoon.

Amazing collaborative effort for the health of the community!



## Equipment In Action at HHHS: Glidescope for the Emergency Department



Purchased in Spring 2025, the HHHS Emergency Department now has a Glidescope video laryngoscope. A Glidescope is an advanced airway device that helps clinicians secure airways more quickly and with greater precision in respiratory and airway emergencies. Having this tool locally improves response time and patient care when minutes matter.

*Funded through the Health Radiothon and unrestricted gifts to the HHHS Foundation.*





## Equipment in Action at HHHS: MealSuite for Residents



On October 6, MealSuite nutrition software for our long-term care homes was implemented into our kitchens and dining rooms. MealSuite will streamline meal planning, ensure accurate dietary tracking, and help staff better meet residents' nutritional needs. The system supports menu management, allergy controls, and individual resident preferences — improving nutrition, safety, and resident satisfaction.

*Funded by donations to the HHHS Foundation*

## Equipment Needed at HHHS: Mental Health Space in the Emergency Dept

Demand for mental health services continues to grow across our community.

Mental health crisis visits to the Emergency Department (ED) rose 25% from 2023 to 2024 and are trending upward in 2025.

Currently, patients in crisis are often seen in a high-traffic space near the ED entrance that lacks sufficient privacy. With the current X-ray machine being replaced and relocated to the Diagnostic Imaging area (funded by the community through the Here for You in the Highlands capital campaign), precious ED space will become available for a purpose-built mental health room.

The mental health room will meet contemporary safety standards, reduce environmental stimulation, improve privacy, and include enhanced observation options such as remote monitoring. It will also provide a designated area for community partners (police and crisis teams) to support patients without disrupting other ED care — improving safety and working conditions for staff and patients alike.

Join us TODAY (October 11) in Head Lake Park, Haliburton for a fun day of movie watching and fundraising for mental health in our community. Bring a chair and a blanket!

3:00pm - Paddington 2  
5:15pm - Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom  
7:30pm - Superman 2025

Can't make it - no worries! You can still contribute with an online gift and note "Mental Health Room" to support this campaign.

Make a Difference and  
Donate Today



## Did you know the benefits to donating securities?

Donating publicly traded securities (stocks, bonds, ETFs) can be a tax-efficient way to support HHHS Foundation.

When you donate eligible publicly traded securities directly to a registered Canadian charity, 100% of the capital gain tax would be eliminated in addition to receiving a charitable receipt for the fair market value on the transfer date.

This means more of your gift goes to the charity than if you sold the securities and donated the proceeds. Greater impact for all!

Contact the HHHS Foundation at 705-457-1580 or [foundation@hhhs.ca](mailto:foundation@hhhs.ca) for more information. Please note that this is not tax advice, please consult your financial advisor before making a donation of securities.





## Haliburton County Welcomes New Doctors

Thanks to the dedicated efforts of the County of Haliburton physician recruitment efforts and the new diagnostic imaging services now available at HHHS, especially CT, the County has welcomed several new physicians and nurse practitioners to the area from around the world. Check out the @HaliDoc video [here](#) for more information.

[CLICK HERE](#) to go to @HaliDoc's new video!

## HHHS appoints Jennifer Burns West as Interim President & CEO

We are pleased to share that Jennifer Burns West is now serving as the Interim President and CEO of HHHS effective September 6, 2025. Jennifer joined HHHS in September 2023 as Chief Nursing Executive and Vice President of Clinical and Community Support Services and has led initiatives to strengthen clinical systems, care delivery, and a people-first culture.

HHHS is confident Jennifer will continue the organization's positive momentum while a national search for a permanent President and CEO proceeds.

## HHHS Foundation Board Planning Session

On October 3<sup>rd</sup>, the HHHS Foundation Board of Directors held an all-day strategic planning session focused on building the future of care through diligent, thoughtful governance, advanced long-range planning, and our strategic initiatives. Board members continue to be focused on our strategic priorities to support continued excellence in local health services. This is an ongoing process as we build for the future.



### The HHHS Foundation Board of Directors

Back row: Ross Sykes (Treasurer), Roger Trull (Director), Peter Henry (Vice-Chair), Keith Sjogren (Campaign Committee)  
Front row: Troy Austen (Director), Karen Hudson (Director), Kelli Preston (Director), Melanie Klodt Wong (Executive Director), Christine Tutssel (Director), Irene Odell (HHHS Board Chair), Jennifer Burns West (Interim HHHS President and CEO), David Blodgett (Chair), Susannah Moylan (Director), Katie Walmsley (Director).

## Create a Lasting Impact

A legacy gift is more than a donation — it's a way to carry your values forward and continue caring for our community long into the future. Many people don't realize that leaving a gift in your will is one of the simplest ways to make a lasting impact. In fact, more than half of donors say they'd consider a legacy gift if someone simply mentioned it!

Legacy giving costs nothing today, yet it can make an extraordinary difference tomorrow — helping ensure quality health care close to home for generations to come.

If you'd like to learn more about how a gift in your will can help shape the future of care in the Highlands, please reach out to the HHHS Foundation team at 705-457-1580 or [email.foundation@hhhs.ca](mailto:email.foundation@hhhs.ca).



### Play Split the Pot Lottery and choose Haliburton!

Don't forget! In addition to our monthly 50/50 lottery, driven by Minden Subaru, you can also get in on the action with the Split the Pot Lottery - an Ontario-wide 50/50 draw with even bigger prizes up for grabs!

When you buy your tickets and choose to support Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation, you're not just entering for a chance to win - you're helping us continue to deliver exceptional care to our community.

Get your tickets today and double your chances to win big while giving back!

[PLAY splitthepot.ca](http://PLAY splitthepot.ca)



### Support Our Local 50/50 Lottery!

HHHS Foundation 50/50 raffle lottery, LIC# RAF1478709 is an online monthly charity raffle in support of the purchase of priority capital equipment for local hospital and healthcare facilities in the Haliburton Highlands.

Purchasers must be in the province of Ontario at the time of ticket purchase, and must be 18 years of age or older to participate. Each month features a \$500 Early Bird Draw, as well as the Grand Prize Jackpot.

[PLAY our local 50/50](http://PLAY our local 50/50)



**Upcoming Events:**

- Movies in the Park - October 11
- National Philanthropy Day - November 15
- Magic of Giving Campaign - watch out for a new look starting in November!
- Giving Tuesday - December 2
- Recommended Deadline for Gifts of Securities - December 12
- Last Day to Give in 2025 - December 31

**Make a Difference and Donate Today**

