THE MAINSTREAM

Humber River Hospital
VOLUNTEER ASSOCIATION

September 2026



A Message From Our President, Doreen

Welcome back to the Mainstream for September. When we last touched base it was June and we were all looking forward to the summer months ahead. I must say that the summer was hot and passed by much too quickly.

Our board and myself kept busy with our day to day activities and were also able to enjoy some time with family and friends.

It's time for our bi-annual shoe sale later this month and our Holiday Bazaar is coming up soon as well.

I am excited to announce that a Tim Hortons location will be opening late fall or early winter at our RCC Finch Site. I would like to thank HRH for trusting and collaborating with the Volunteer Association in making this expansion another great opportunity.

The Executive and Board work hard to develop new ideas for fundraising but we could use your help. As a member of the Association, your ideas matter to us and we would love to have you share your ideas with us. You can leave your suggestions with Volunteer Services and they will be happy to pass on your ideas to us.

As you know we have a very successful vendor program and Vendor Fairs. We are currently looking for new vendors to participate in our vendor program or to be a part of a vendor fair event which is held twice a year. Please contact us via Volunteer Services if you or someone you know would be interested in participating.

Thank you for all you do.

"Being busy isn't always about hard work. Sometimes it's caring about what you do."



Upcoming Events

Miller Shoe Sale
Set Up - Sept 27
Sale Sept 28-30

Halloween Photo Booth
October 30

Holiday Bazaar
December 2

At the beginning of each HRH Volunteer Association Board meeting, the Volunteer Mission Statement is read:

The Humber River Hospital Volunteer Association encourages community partnership with the Hospital
By providing care and comfort to patients and their families.
By raising funds to be used for the betterment of the Hospital.

Meet Our Newest Executive Board Members

Both ladies were sworn in as Members At Large during the AGM held on June 3, 2026



Teresa Sartori

My first view of this hospital was 10 years ago on the very day the hospital opened and stretchers of patients were being moved in. My husband and daughter and I were taking a walk in the area when we noticed the hospital doors were open. We entered the hospital and took a walk around. How impressive! Wouldn't it be great to volunteer here I thought. It did take awhile, but here I am, giving back to my community hospital.

I began my volunteer position in July 2022 at the South Information Desk. Working with a fabulous team every Wednesday morning, I am proud to be able to help visitors find their loved ones in the hospital and listen to patients' medical journeys as we get them to where they need to be or get a mom to be up to the labour floor. It's a busy place, and I volunteer to do my part in this fabulous hospital.



Maria Da Silva

Hello, my name is Maria Da Silva and I currently volunteer in the Emergency Department on Tuesday afternoons and have been a volunteer now since February 2025.

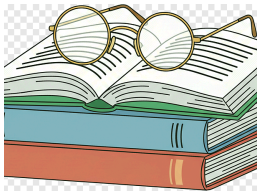
I recently left a career of over 25 years in finance, specifically in the automotive industry.

Aside from volunteering, I love to spend my free time playing sports, going for long walks, reading, and travelling.



Did you know that you, your family and friends can help us reach our fundraising goals?
Please consider making a cheque or online donation.
Cheques can be made payable to HRH Volunteer Association and dropped off to Volunteer Services.
Online donations can be made via the Canada Helps website. **Be sure to select Humber River Hospital Volunteer Association.**
Tax receipts are provided for donations of $20 or more.

WE NEED YOUR BOOKS



Did you know that when you donate your books, you are helping us raise funds toward hospital capital equipment?
Erane Bocking's isolette book program brings in about $1000 per month.
You can drop off your gently used books in the sign-in room on level one. Thank you to those that have brought books in and continue to do so.
Your support is greatly appreciated.

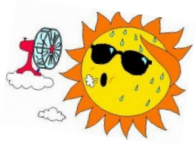
Tim Hortons

Coming soon to RCC Finch Site
Stay tuned for more details…..

SUMMER VENDOR FAIR



We held an outdoor Vendor Fair on July 14 in the Team Revolution Piazza. We thank all our vendors who participated on the hottest day of the year and managed to tolerate the heat = 37c feeling like 45c



We are in need of items for our upcoming Holiday Bazaar.

Here is an example of some items that we are looking for……

*Home decor
*New or gently used Christmas items
*Jewellery - bracelets, watches, etc.
*Hand bags

Your donations can be dropped off in the Volunteer Services department on Level 3 (East Wing)







Do you have a fundraising idea? We would love to hear about it. You can contact us via Volunteer Services.





Upcoming Miller September Shoe Sale

The Shoe Sale is one of our largest fundraising events and we could use your help.
This month, sign up sheets will be available next to the sign in kiosks in the volunteer offices on level 1 and level 3.

How you can help:

27SEP
- Set up - help load up carts with boxes of shoes based on size
- Benefit - you can shop before the doors open to the public

28SEP and 29SEP
- morning / afternoon shifts available
- assist with keeping the shelves tidy

30SEP
- morning shift to assist with keeping the shelves tidy
- afternoon shift to assist with packing up unsold items

Raise your hand if you can help…….





We Want Your Jewellery, Watches, etc.

Do you have bracelets, watches, necklaces or any type of jewellery you no longer wear and wondering what to do with them? Please consider donating your items to our Association for our upcoming sales.
If you can help, please drop off your items at the Volunteer Services office on the 3rd floor.

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