



## \$500,000 PLANNING GRANT ANNOUNCEMENT



The provincial government announced on Friday, February 8th its approval for implementation of HDS' \$500,000 planning grant, allowing the hospital to continue in its work to develop new and enhanced rehabilitation bed capacity. Hotel Dieu Shaver welcomed Christine Elliott, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health and Long Term Care, Monte McNaughton, Minister of Infrastructure, and Sam Oosterhoff, MPP Niagara West. The extraordinary and dedicated work of all the staff, physicians and volunteers has helped to emphasize the significant role that rehabilitation services plays in improving the lives of so many – maximizing the patient's ability to regain their quality of life and lead as independent and confident a life as possible

– freeing up acute care beds, reducing the need for emergency department visits and acute care re-admissions, and for so many, preventing or delaying the need to enter a long term care home or other facility. The great and hard work has and will continue to help eliminate hallway medicine and restore the confidence and wellbeing of so many. Congratulations to everyone!



## STEVE LUDZIK FOUNDATION MAKES ANNUAL GIFT

Former NHL hockey player, coach and analyst Steve Ludzik, visited Hotel Dieu Shaver on Thursday, January 31st, to present his Foundation's annual donation. The \$60,000 presented will help fund continued operation of the Steve Ludzik Centre for Parkinson's Rehab. The Steve Ludzik Foundation has raised \$756,000 for the Centre since 2012.



Hotel Dieu Shaver Health and Rehabilitation Centre has been awarded a four year **Accreditation with Exemplary Standing** from Accreditation Canada.

Sincerest congratulations and thanks to everyone involved – staff, physicians, board members, patient advisors, volunteers and community partners – for the time and effort that went into making our accreditation process an immense success!

## MISSION AND PASTORAL SERVICES

In recognition of the World Day of the Sick, the Sacrament of the Anointing was offered during Sunday Mass in the Chapel on February 10th and a Service of Reflection and Blessing of the Hands was held on February 11th.



During the past year, all staff were invited to reflect on the values of HDS and submit a brief reflection on how each value is incorporated into work life at HDS. The project has been completed and the submissions provide a meaningful overview of how staff live

HDS' Mission & Values. The Mission & Values of our organization are presented to each of HDS' new employees and volunteers, as well as to students who come to HDS for placement.

Wednesday, March 6th, Ash Wednesday marked the beginning of Lent. Mass was celebrated by Monsignor Dominic Pizzacalla. Ashes were blessed and distributed to all who were present. The chapel was filled to capacity with patients, family members and several of our staff and physicians.



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Teamwork is being a part of something important, a grain of sand to complete the whole. Teamwork is communicating with others to complete the puzzle as if each of us is a piece of that big puzzle by being all together gathering and supporting each other.

**HDS STAFF ON 'RESPONSIBLE STEWARDSHIP'**

## MINISTER OF FAMILY, CHILDREN & SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT VISITS HDS



On Wednesday, January 9th, Honourable Jean-Yves Duclos, Minister of Family, Children and Social Development, announced a new parental sharing benefit from Hotel Dieu Shaver Health and Rehabilitation Centre. The idea behind the government's new employment insurance program is to give “more equal opportunities” for parents to raise their children. The five weeks of shared parental leave will be available in addition to the parental leave program that was already extended in 2017 up to 18 months. While Minister Duclos' was at HDS, he was able to visit the Steve Ludzik Centre for Parkinson's Rehab and meet with many of HDS' patients and caregivers. Minister Duclos also toured HDS' Courtyard Therapy Space, Boxing Ring, Marketplace and Carpentry areas.

## 3RD ANNUAL UPDATE IN REHABILITATION MEDICINE

Hotel Dieu Shaver held its 3rd Annual Update in Rehabilitation Medicine on Wednesday, February 27th. The annual event addresses the challenges and opportunities in rehab and brings together colleagues and partners to exchange and network. This year the conference focused on these key presentations:

- Venous Thrombosis Prophylaxis
- Secondary Stroke Prophylaxis
- Agmentative and Alternative Communication
- Parkinson's Wellness Recovery
- Orthopaedic Rehab - Patient Journey

**Presentations can be found at [www.hoteldieushaver.org](http://www.hoteldieushaver.org) under News**

HOTEL DIEU SHAVER OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST INTERVIEWED BY CBC NEWS

HDS OT, Leslie Yole, is a member of a specialized Emergency Response Team in Niagara. This Emergency Response Pilot “FIT Team” (Falls Intervention Team) includes a Paramedic and an Occupational Therapist (OT). The team responds to 911 calls from Niagara Seniors who have fallen in their homes. The goal of adding these professional OT services during an Emergency Response is to reduce Emergency Department visits, as well as repeat falls. This segment was aired on Feb 18th, 2019 on CBC News – The National. The interview highlighted the role of the OT in assessing and addressing reasons for a fall.

Link to the video: <https://youtu.be/t6wr2HtIElc>

MISSION MOMENT

MAY YOU BE PROUD  
OF THE WORK YOU DO  
THE PERSON YOU ARE  
AND THE DIFFERENCE  
YOU MAKE

SNOWFLAKES & ANGELS CAMPAIGN

Now that the Christmas Campaign is closed, we have made the official announcement that our donors have helped us raise more than \$125,000! Thank you ads were featured in Niagara This Week on January 10, and on 610 CKTB.



EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT: TANYA VANDEKAMP



**Current Position:** Case Manager in the Social Work Department

**How long have you been with HDS?** Two and a half years.

**What is the best part about your job?** Working with the interdisciplinary team and meeting so many interesting and resilient patients. I also really like giving patients their discharge notices because it usually makes them very happy! I’ve even had patients take pictures of it.

**Any advice for someone coming into your line of work?** It helps to be organized, flexible, and able to multi-task. I also find communication is the key, since we are the point of contact for patients, families, community resources, and the interdisciplinary team.

**What are your hobbies/interests?** I’m just learning how to quilt and I’m a bit addicted. I also like cooking/baking, and I volunteer at my church with the worship/media team.

**If you could travel anywhere in the world, where would you go?** Japan, China or Thailand

**What is your favourite movie?** I could watch Armageddon over and over and over again! I can even recite some of the lines!

**If you could have one super power, what would it be & why?** I would be able to teleport myself, so I’m not 10-15 minutes late for everything.

**If you were stuck on an island what three things would you bring?** Chapstick, my husband and a People Magazine.

CELEBRITY ICE CUP CAPTAIN’S RECEPTION



A Captain’s Reception was held on January 17th as a precursor to the Celebrity Ice Cup. Sponsored by Sullivan Mahoney LLP, the reception welcomed all 18 team captains and

special guest NHLer Todd Harvey, to review the tournament rules and fund raising goals. White Oaks Resort & Spa once again sponsored the location and refreshments, and Jackson Triggs sponsored the wine.

# CAA NIAGARA ALLOWS HDS TO SHIFT GEARS



Hotel Dieu Shaver has upgraded its driving simulator thanks to a \$9,000 donation from CAA Niagara. A new window wrap was installed in the Courtyard Therapy space to thank CAA Niagara and also provide a real-life feel to the simulation area.

Peter Van Hezewyk, president and CEO of CAA Niagara, said the agency's donation and partnership is a perfect fit because the club has long advocated for safer roads. "Hotel Dieu Shaver's driving simulator is essential in getting patients who may have suffered a stroke, injury or accident, back on the roads safely."

# 5TH ANNUAL CELEBRITY ICE CUP



NHL Alumni laced-up their skates to face off with and against Niagara hockey amateurs for Hotel Dieu Shaver's Foundation 5th annual Rankin Celebrity Ice Cup. The two-day event brought in over \$268,000 for the rehabilitation hospital's Foundation – a record year for the organization.

The Rankin Construction hockey team along with 17 other teams across Niagara and Hamilton, joined NHL alumni Doug Gilmour, Darcy Tucker, Steve Thomas and many more, to kick off the tournament on Thursday, February 21st with a Draft Party at White Oaks Resort & Spa in Niagara-on-the-Lake where each team drafted an alumni to play on their team based on their fund raising totals. The tournament itself took place on Friday, February 22nd at the Gale Centre Arena in Niagara Falls.

Hotel Dieu Shaver's 5th milestone year marked a total of \$1 million raised since its inception. An announcement was marked by a celebratory After Party following the draft. The funds raised at the Celebrity Ice Cup purchases patient care equipment on the Hospital's most needed essentials list. These items include new electric beds, vital sign monitors, ceiling lifts, and upgrades to patient care areas at Hotel Dieu Shaver.

More information can be found at [celebrityicecup.ca](http://celebrityicecup.ca)

# HDS NIGHT AT THE ICEDOGS GAME

On January 31st, the Niagara Ice Dogs hosted the Sault Ste. Marie Greyhounds. Over 85 staff and family members of Hotel Dieu Shaver were in attendance, as well as feature patient, Fred, who did the ceremonial puck drop. The Foundation sold pucks for the Puck Toss, raising over \$635. Thanks to Board Member Teresa Bin for lending her time to help make the night a great success! Go Ice Dogs Go!

## ACCREDITATION 2018 WE DID IT!

Please join us for an Accreditation Celebration Luncheon for All Staff, Board of Trustees, Physicians, Patient Advisors, Volunteers & Auxilians

Thursday, March 28th 11:30 am - 1:00 pm Cahill A/B

"Such a nice team!"

"Yet to see this level of engagement!"

"Clever & innovative!"

"Passionate group of people!"

"Keep working hard like you are doing!"

"Established brand as a centre of excellence!"

### ACCREDITORS GIVE HDS TWO THUMBS UP!