

# Royal Canadian Legion makes donation to Headwaters Health Care Foundation

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The Royal Canadian Legion Ontario Command Branches and the Ladies Auxiliary Charitable Foundation made a donation of \$6,500 dollars to the Headwaters Health Care Foundation (HHCF) on Jan. 28.

The Orangeville Legion, acting on behalf of the two charitable bodies, presented a \$6,500 cheque to HHCF.

Shauna Santarossa, senior development officer of marketing, communications and donor relations at HHCF, said that donation initiatives like this one help ensure the hospital has everything it needs to serve its patients.

“The Foundation is the fundraising arm of Headwaters Health Care Centre,” Santarossa said. “We raise money to ensure the hospital can continue to keep up with equipment demands in our hospital.”

The foundation directly supports the hospital in acquiring funding for facility upgrades, new equipment as well as critical and long-term care.

She also thanked the Orangeville Legion for its continued support.

“We appreciate all donations made by the community,” she said. “It is especially great to have such strong support from local service clubs in our area, like the Royal Canadian Legion.”

The donation presented to Headwaters on Jan. 28 is going towards specialized equipment for cancer detection.

“This donation is directed towards the purchase of a colposcopy machine for the hospital,” Santarossa said. “A colposcopy is a diagnostic tool that helps with early detection of women's cervical cancer.”

A colposcopy machine is a vital diagnostic tool that helps detect precancerous lesions before they become cancerous. Once the tool detects these lesions, they can be treated before they develop further.

The current tool operated by Headwaters is outdated.

“The current machine we have is over 15 years old, and the imaging is not as accurate,” Santarossa said.

Representatives of the Orangeville Legion met their counterparts from the Headwaters Health Care Foundation at the front entrance of the Headwaters facility to present the cheque.

The Royal Canadian Legion and its affiliated branches run yearly charitable foundations like this one to pool resources normally beyond individuals or small groups.

“The Ontario Command Branches and Ladies' Auxiliary Charitable Foundation, a registered charity, is a partnership of the branches of the Royal Canadian Legion and their Auxiliaries in Ontario Command,” said the Legion in their 2025 Charitable Foundation statement.

“Branches and auxiliaries, through poppy tagging and activities such as bingo, break open tickets, raffles and clubhouse operations, fund the foundation,” they said. “Through our collective strength, we are able to fund projects, which are normally beyond the means of individual branches.”