



Surgical Staff Grateful for Your Support!

"It is vital that the community knows how much their support means to people like me who work in the OR," explained Grace Crawford, Facilitating Nurse in Markham Stouffville Hospital's Operating Room.

"Each patient is important to us and deserves the very best care we can provide. It's satisfying to know that patients and their families appreciate us—it's the reason we do what we do."

Thanks to dedicated supporters like you, our front-line staff have the equipment they need to perform as many surgeries in our six operating rooms as a downtown hospital twice the size.

The number of procedures MSH performs increased by **30 per cent** in the

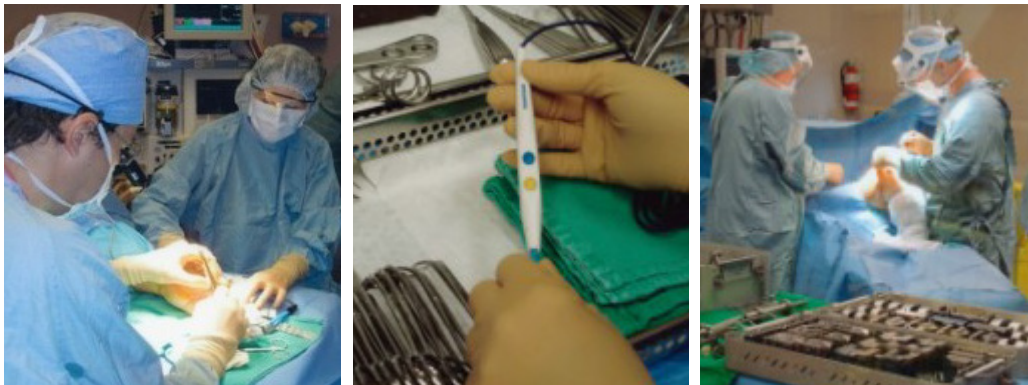
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past three years. We now perform **15,000 types of surgical procedures** per year.

This means we help patients live happy and healthy lives every day through the provision of progressive care close to home.



Grace Crawford, a registered nurse in the OR, explains how community support makes her feel that she really makes a difference in the lives of patients and their families.



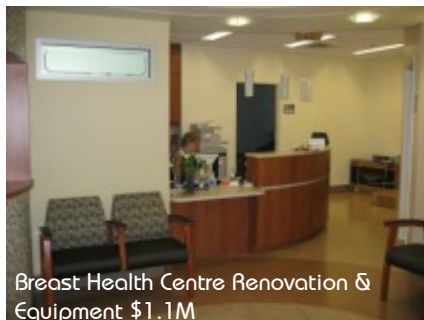
MSH physicians and nurses perform miracles in the Operating Room, thanks in part to your support and the equipment you help purchase.

Did you know...

- We have **27** surgeons at Markham Stouffville Hospital.
- Close to **70%** of our surgical patients return home on the same day as their procedure.
- MSH's length of stay after surgery is **4** days, exceeding the Canadian benchmark of 5 days.

You Helped Purchase \$3.6 Million in Equipment!

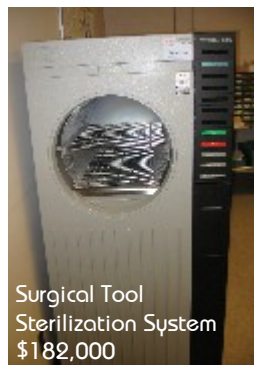
Thanks to our dedicated supporters, the Markham Stouffville Hospital Foundation was pleased to provide \$3.6 million to our Hospital in 2007-2008. These funds allow the Hospital to purchase much-needed equipment, including:



Breast Health Centre Renovation & Equipment \$1.1M



Paediatric Phototherapy Light \$6,300



Surgical Tool Sterilization System \$182,000



Blood Culture Incubator (Lab) \$61,000



Intensive Care Mechanical Ventilator \$61,000



Infant Heart Monitor \$17,000

Did you know, in 07-08 Markham Stouffville Hospital...

- Admitted almost **15,000** patients
- Treated **65,000** emergency visits
- Set almost **2,500** casts
- Completed **145,000** Diagnostic exams
- Performed over **9,000** MRIs
- Welcomed almost **3,000** babies
- Ran over **1.6 million** lab tests
- Performed almost **30,000** ECGs
- Treated **300,000** patients

Your support means **better health** and a **stronger community!**

Thank You for Making the 2008 Legacy Run Our Most Successful Yet!



Nathan & Winnie Ma, with SpongeBob SquarePants, cheered for runners and walkers from the sidelines on April 27.

This year, **3,000 participants** joined together to raise **over \$160,000**.

Students from **31 schools** participated, raising an incredible total of **\$77,200!**

This brings the eleven-year total to **\$1.2 million** in support of patient care for families in our community.

Funds help care for mothers and newborns, and support our renowned Dr. Bear Program to comfort the **18,000 children** who will visit the Hospital this year.

Check out photos of friends and neighbours supporting our Hospital at <http://legacy5k.ca/gallery.shtml>

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