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Giving Tuesday campaign aims to fund 100 vital signs monitors for Hamilton Health Sciences hospitals

HAMILTON, Nov.17, 2026 –- On Giving Tuesday, the impact of donor generosity to Hamilton Health Sciences Foundation's (HHSF) annual Gift of Health campaign will be tripled. Donations made to the campaign from Nov. 24, 2026, to Giving Tuesday on Dec. 01, 2026, will receive a three times match towards a $100,000 goal. Funds raised from the day will be used to purchase a total of 100 new vital signs monitors for Hamilton Health Sciences (HHS) hospital sites. These crucial pieces of equipment will help ensure that even more patients are able to receive life-saving care.

"We've seen the incredible difference one day can make," says Anissa Hilborn, CEO of HHSF. "This year, we want to make certain that even more patients and their families have access to these critical tools. The generosity of our region can help ensure that the peace of mind these machines bring becomes a reality for every person who depends on them."

Jayashree Dighe is one patient who has been on the receiving end of the expert health care that Giving Tuesday and the Gift of Health Campaign enables.

After an angiogram at Hamilton General Hospital (HGH) revealed a serious blockage in Jayashree's aorta, cardiac care teams performed an aortic valve replacement and double bypass surgery, significantly reducing her risk of serious cardiac failure.

Inspired by the compassion and skill of her care team, Jayashree and her husband, Subhash, made a generous donation to HHS and want to encourage others to give back as well.

"A lot of people feel that they should do something after they receive such good care, but don't know what," says Jayashree. "So, it's a good way to show that, OK, you could do this because this is what is needed."

This year, Jayashree is the Gift of Health patient ambassador for HGH. She is joined by Benjamin Chute- Pelosini, patient ambassador for McMaster Children's Hospital, and Forge FC captain Kyle Bekker, patient ambassador for Juravinski Hospital and Cancer Centre, representing the diversity of gratitude across HHS's specialized hospital sites.

The Gift of Health campaign runs from Oct. 19, 2026, to Dec. 31, 2026.

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From Nov. 24, 2026 until Dec. 01, 2026, visit giftofhealth.ca or call (905) 522-3863 to donate and triple the impact of the change you will make.

About Hamilton Health Sciences Foundation:

Celebrating 50 years of supporting excellence in health care, Hamilton Health Sciences Foundation provides vital funding to enable the best possible patient care. We inspire and motivate gifts that fund medical equipment and patient amenities, innovative research initiatives, essential redevelopment of clinical care spaces, and the education and training of health care providers.

As a registered charitable organization, we proudly support patients and families across south-central Ontario, and from outside the region, who receive specialized care at Hamilton Health Sciences including Hamilton General Hospital, Juravinski Hospital and Cancer Centre, McMaster Children's Hospital, and St. Peter's Hospital. The associated programs at the Regional Rehabilitation Centre, McMaster University Medical Centre and Ron Joyce Children's Health Centre are also included.

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