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Foundation

OUR COMMUNITY AT WORK

2025-2026 Impact Report



We Once Had a Dream

September 2023. A vision for South Kent.

In September 2023, a few people in our community will dare to imagine a different future for healthcare in South Kent. They will ask what might happen if we take a more active role in shaping it. What if we bring family physicians, healthcare services and community support together under one roof? What if more people can receive the care they need, close to the people they love? The road ahead will be demanding. But the belief will be simple: this community has the heart, the generosity and the determination to make it happen.

That dream will ask something of all of us. People will give their time, share their expertise and invest in a future they cannot yet see. A building will become a place of possibility. One day, we will stand inside it, look back on our first year and feel the extraordinary pride of seeing what we have made possible together. There will be more to do, and more to dream. But if any community can turn an impossible idea into a shared future, it will be this one. It will be ours.







Looking back on one year.

Ed O’Brien / Chair & Founding Member

As we reflect on the past year, it’s remarkable how much has changed, and how much we have to be proud of. At this time one year ago, the Health Hub had just opened its doors. It was an important milestone, but it was also only the beginning of a much bigger vision — creating a fully integrated healthcare network that would improve access to care for people in Blenheim and across South Kent.

Just one year later, we are seeing that vision begin to take shape. Today, the Health Hub is home to seven core services, bringing a growing range of health and wellness practitioners together in one place.

The impact is already significant. Through the work of our Foundation, and specifically our Doctor Recruitment Committee, we were able to welcome two new family physicians to join the Chatham-Kent Family Health Team, which has resulted in an additional 2,159 members of our community securing a family doctor in just one year. And since the Health Hub opened, there have been 33,380 visits to the medical clinic to access primary care services.

Those numbers tell an important story about the growing role the Health Hub is playing in our community — but more importantly, they represent thousands of people – families, friends, and neighbours, who are accessing care right here in their own community. That is the real measure of what we are building together.

And we are not finished. For the Foundation, this is exactly why the work matters. We know that building sustainable healthcare takes time, and it requires us to continually look ahead. Physician recruitment remains a top priority, and plans for future expansion and new services are already underway.

As our community grows and its healthcare needs continue to evolve, our focus remains on building a fully-integrated healthcare system that will serve our community not just today, but for generations to come.

None of this would be possible without the extraordinary support of our donors, volunteers, and partners. Your generosity, confidence and commitment are helping us turn a vision into something very real — and we are incredibly grateful for the role our community continues to play in building its own healthcare future.

Yours in health,

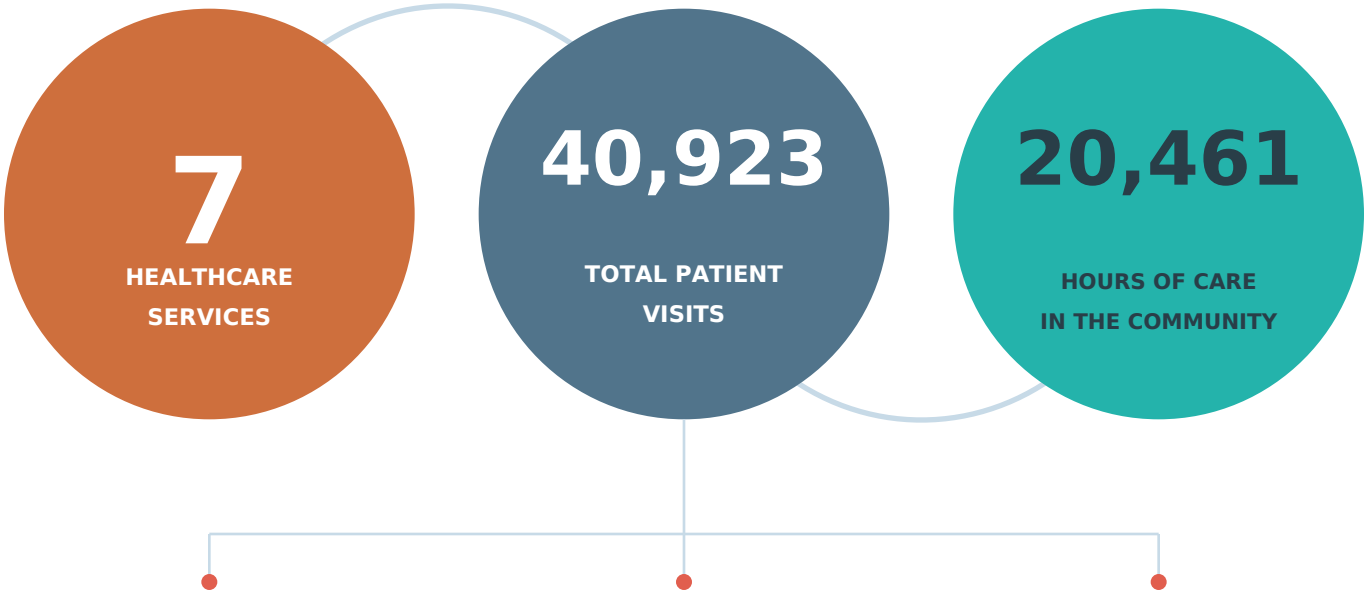


Edward O’Brien

Chair & Founding Member
Blenheim Medical Health Foundation Board of Directors

Caring for our community. In our community.

ACROSS THE HEALTH HUB



A CLOSER LOOK AT PRIMARY CARE

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NEW FAMILY PHYSICIANS

Welcomed to the Chatham-Kent Family Health Team.

2,159

PEOPLE CONNECTED TO A FAMILY DOCTOR

Additional community members who secured a family doctor.

33,380

PRIMARY-CARE VISITS

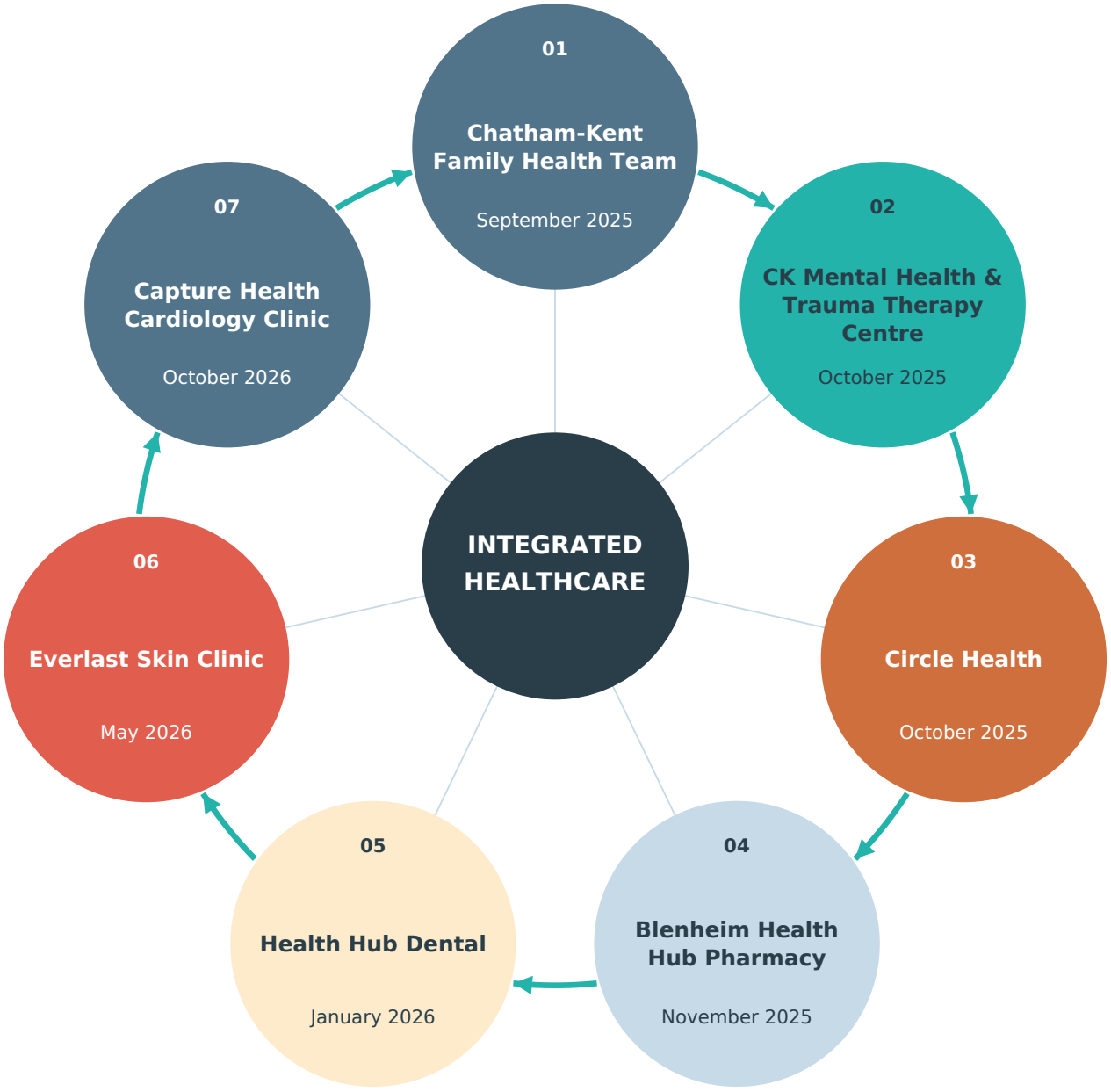
Medical-clinic visits since the Health Hub opened.

A shared vision. Endless possibilities.

In our first year, seven healthcare services helped build an integrated network of care close to home. Together, they welcomed 40,923 patient visits and delivered approximately 20,461 hours of care, based on an average 30-minute appointment. This progress is made possible by the generosity of our donors and the support of our community.

An integrated healthcare network at work.

Different services. Shared purpose. Care closer to home.



More ways to access care. Better health outcomes.

Building the healthcare future our community needs.





Dr. Faith Moore

Family physician

The Blenheim Medical Health Foundation was pleased to welcome their first recruited physician, Dr. Faith Moore. Dr. Moore signed a Return of Service Agreement to locate her new Medical Practice in Blenheim with the Chatham Kent Family Health Team, and began practicing at the Health Hub in October of 2025.

Dr. Moore earned her Bachelor of Science in Biochemistry from the University of New Brunswick and her Doctor of Medicine from Dalhousie Medical School. She then completed her residency at Western University's Schulich School of Medicine and Dentistry, where she spent part of her residency serving the community of Chatham-Kent. She is passionate about holistic, evidence-based medicine and has a special interest in minor procedures. Dr. Moore is committed to delivering quality personalized care to people of all ages. She has a passion for service and is dedicated to meeting the needs of the community.

Dr. Kaelan Harwood

Family physician

Endorsed by the Chatham Kent Family Health Team, the Blenheim Medical Health Foundation was extremely excited by their successful recruitment of a 2nd family physician, Dr. Kaelan Harwood.

Dr. Harwood was born and raised in Toronto and spent her summers in Rondeau at her family cottage. She also holds fond memories of time spent with extended family in Chatham.

Dr. Harwood completed her undergraduate degree in Biological Sciences at the University of Guelph, followed by additional training through a Master’s Certificate Program in Global Health from the University of Edinburgh.

She earned her medical degree from University College Cork in Ireland, and completed her residency in Family Medicine at the University of Ottawa.

Dr. Harwood is excited to be a part of the Chatham-Kent community. Her practice focuses on providing comprehensive, evidence-based care to individuals across all stages of life, with a particular interest in all aspects of women’s health and preventative medicine. Her approach emphasizes collaboration, compassion, and continuity of care.

Dr. Harwood began her practice at the Health Hub in January, 2026.

A Walk Through the Health Hub.

Meet the people and organizations delivering care.









Take a guided tour of the Health Hub and meet the people behind its services. Through conversations with the teams inside, discover how their work connects to bring care closer to home.

See the impact we are making together. This is our community at work.

Watch the tour

Care is personal.



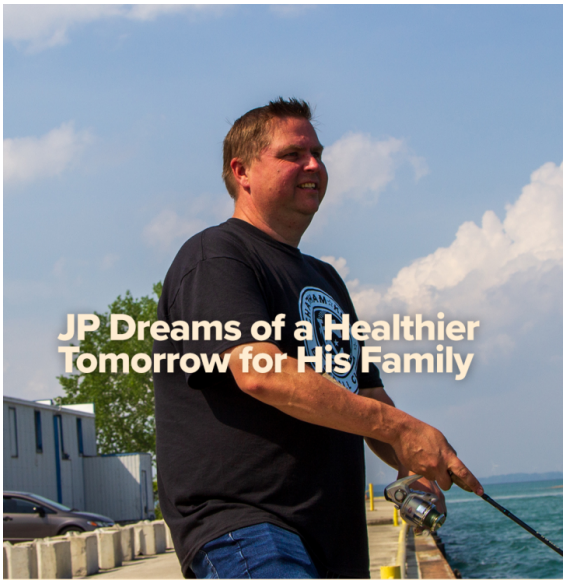
Scan to learn more about Marc's story.

MARC ESKRITT

Being there when it matters.

Through his work at The Blenheim Community Funeral Home, Marc supports families at some of their most difficult moments. His story connects that commitment to the importance of compassion, community and healthcare close to home.

Marc also dreams of creating memories with his granddaughter. That simple, personal hope speaks to what better healthcare makes possible: time with the people we love and the chance to be there for the moments that matter. Supporting local care is an investment in those relationships, and in the community that surrounds them.



Scan to learn more about JP's story.

JP HUGGINS

A community that has your back.

JP dreams of a healthier tomorrow for his family. His story brings a personal perspective to a shared ambition: a community where the people we love can access care and look ahead with greater confidence.

That hope gives the Health Hub's purpose a human face. Behind every service is a family with plans, relationships and dreams of its own. Care closer to home helps keep those lives connected to the community around them. JP's story invites us to consider the future we want for our own families, and the part we can play in building it together.

The gift that keeps on giving.

Community generosity. A new chapter in local care.







From our hearts, for our hearts.

Providing specialized care, thanks to you.





A community gives. Care grows.

The Gift That Keeps on Giving

In December 2025, an eight-foot Christmas gift on the Health Hub lawn invited the community to unwrap a surprise together. Every donation removed a piece of wrapping. The Blenheim Rotary Club made the first major donation.

In partnership with the Ridge Landfill Community Trust and the Blenheim Rotary Club, the campaign helped fund the retrofit of space for a cardiology clinic, turning holiday generosity into specialized care closer to home.

"This campaign is an opportunity for all of us to give to each other while helping secure better health outcomes for the future"

TYLER MERCER / EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, BLENHEIM MEDICAL HEALTH FOUNDATION

The ones who made it happen.

Every contribution is part of the story we are building together.











A community's generosity. A shared healthcare future.

To everyone who gave, volunteered and helped bring others together: your support is making a difference here.

The Howard J. Rees Foundation

A lifetime of care. A lasting community legacy.



Dr. Howard J. Rees established the Howard J. Rees Foundation in 1987, extending a commitment to South Kent and the surrounding area that included more than forty years as a family physician. He died on February 9, 2010.

With a mandate to support the arts, health and education in the Blenheim area, the Foundation contributed to community projects and initiatives, as well as educational scholarships.

In 2024, the Foundation decided to wind down its operations and distribute its assets, naming the Blenheim Medical Health Foundation as its primary beneficiary. This extraordinary generosity was instrumental in completing construction of the Health Hub.

Dr. Rees was also passionate about preserving our community’s medical history. The C-K Physician Tribute website, created with his Foundation’s support, continues to be maintained through volunteerism and BMHF in recognition of his legacy.

Explore our community’s medical history.

ckphysiciantribute.ca

Stronger, together.

Your commitment helps turn a shared vision for local healthcare into progress our community can see and feel.

Corporate Partners

Clarke Construction

Waste Connections of Canada

Ridge Gas Plant

Ridge Landfill Community Trust

Community Partners

Blenheim Chevrolet

Shrine Club of Blenheim

Blenheim Rotary

Thank you for helping build what comes next.

It takes a community to build a strong community.

People coming together. Supporting care in our community.





Blenheim Rotary 50/50

The Blenheim Rotary put their community support on full display through organization of a 50/50 fundraiser at the Blenheim Cherry Fest to support the Health Hub.





Blenheim Chevrolet Drive For A Cause

Drive for a Cause brings the BMHF team and Blenheim Chevrolet together in support of local healthcare.

Mustang & Mustangs





Mustang & Mustangs is a community fundraising event that brings together Second World War-era warbirds and several generations of the Ford Mustang for one spectacular show at the Chatham-Kent Municipal Airport. Fans of fast cars and faster planes flock to this event each year to catch a glimpse, and possibly a photo or two, of the infamous WWII 1944 P-51 Mustang.

The event also features several iconic planes from the Timmermans Legends of Flight collection on display, exhibitors and vendors, a revving competition and Mustang car club participants from across the province.

Each year, proceeds from Mustang & Mustangs have supported the Blenheim Medical Health Foundation.

It started with one.

Remembering Mel Goddard, our first monthly donor.



One person. A lasting example.

Mel Goddard was the Foundation's first monthly donor. His story is a reminder that a commitment to community can begin with one person choosing to help.

Mel's example invites us to think beyond our own lifetimes. We may never see every life our generosity touches, but we can help make better care possible for the people who come after us.

A future we may not see. A future we believe in.

To dream of a healthier community is to believe in what comes next. To support that dream is to give it a chance to become real, for families we may never meet and generations still to come.

In their own words.

The people behind the support. The reasons they give.

“Mary and I donate to the Health Hub because we want health services in Blenheim to be the best it can be today, and for the future.”

BILL DORSSERS

The William and Mary Dorssers Foundation

“We decided to make donations to the new Blenheim Health Hub because having access to healthcare in our community benefits us personally, and also helps others who are aging or may have difficulty driving out of town for appointments. The one stop facility for Doctor, Dentist, Diabetic counseling, drugstore and other services, is a win, win for all of us. And, we always run into someone we know for a little social visit!”

JUDY GREY & JOE WATTS

“My wife and I support the Blenheim Medical Health Foundation because we know that not all health care related expenses are covered by the government. For Blenheim to have a modern medical facility the residents of our community need to contribute to the upkeep of the facility and help in acquiring new medical equipment. Additionally we find that having a medical facility in Blenheim is so much more convenient than having to go to Chatham or further for routine tests or procedures. As a community we can be proud of the new and modern facility staffed by very competent people always ready to help. We encourage anyone who has the means, to support our local Health Foundation”

ANONYMOUS

Together, for a healthier tomorrow.

TOTAL DONATIONS RAISED

$1,082,999

Every donation helps build the future of healthcare in our community. Your generosity creates the spaces that attract the services we need to revitalize local care, supports the recruitment of the best possible partners to move that care forward, and helps provide the technology needed to improve healthcare outcomes across Chatham-Kent. Together, we are creating the conditions for more people to receive the care they need, closer to home.

This support takes many forms: donations through community events, the steady commitment of monthly donors, one-time gifts, planned giving and gifts of securities. Campaigns such as The Gift That Keeps on Giving bring neighbours, businesses and families together around a shared purpose. However people choose to give, every contribution becomes part of a collective investment in a healthier community, today and for generations to come.

Your contributions at work:

Building & Construction

$—

Equipment

$82,231

Physician Recruitment

$45,000

To view the 2025/2026 Audited Financial Statement, please scan here

With sincere gratitude.

This past year we all witnessed, that at the heart of healthcare is community. And when there is a belief that we can do better for one another, the willingness to take action, and the shared commitment to building a healthier future for everyone, we can make a tremendous impact.

As you walk through the Health Hub, you will see the names of some of our very first supporters on our donor wall. These individuals and families were among the first to believe in what our Founders envisioned. They saw the potential before it became a reality and helped give an idea the foundation it needed to grow. Their generosity and confidence in our vision helped set everything in motion, and their place on that wall is a lasting reminder that meaningful change often begins with a few people believing in the idea that more is possible. We are deeply grateful to them, and to every person who has joined them along the way.

Every contribution matters. Every dollar donated, every volunteer hour given, every word of encouragement, every act of advocacy, and every expression of support has helped move us forward. There is no contribution too small to make a difference, and no act of generosity that goes unnoticed. To everyone who has supported this work in any way, thank you. You are an important part of this story, and you are making a lasting impact on the future of healthcare in our community.

On a personal note, I feel incredibly fortunate to be part of a community that shows up for one another, that recognizes when something needs to change, and that has the courage to imagine a new way forward. To witness people come together, invest in a shared vision, and turn that vision into something tangible has been both humbling and inspiring.

The Health Hub is a powerful example of what we can achieve when we work together. It represents not only what our community needs today, but also what we want for our children, and their children, who will call this community home long after us.

Thank you for believing in this vision, for taking action, and for helping to build a healthier future together. I am proud of what we have accomplished, grateful for everyone who has played a part, and excited for what lies ahead. Our work continues, and I know that with this community behind us, we have every reason to be ambitious about what is possible.

With sincere gratitude,



Tyler Mercer
Executive Director
Blenheim Medical Health Foundation

Thank you