

# COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

Winter 2026



## Expanding Lakeridge Health Bowmanville to Meet Future Needs

To help advance another milestone of the Lakeridge Health Bowmanville Hospital Redevelopment Project, additional land is being prepared to become a new surface parking lot with activity on the site expected around March 2026.

The new surface parking lot on Queen Street will provide convenient, permanent parking and during the construction period.

This enabling work will bring us one step closer to building greater local health care capacity in Clarington.

Affected tenants and local businesses along Queen Street, St. George Street and King Street are being supported by Lakeridge and

the existing owner, to minimize disruption to the tenants, businesses and the local community.

This work is made possible through a partnership with the Rice family, through work with Andrew Rice, son of the late John and Janet Rice, whose generosity and personal effort will benefit local community health care for generations to come.

Stay tuned for more details as the project progresses.

Once complete, the fully redeveloped Bowmanville Hospital will help increase the number of beds and introduce modern, patient-centered facilities.

## Be a part of the 2026 Women's Health Symposium

Following a sold-out debut last year, Lakeridge Health returns on March 9 with its highly anticipated second annual Women's Health Symposium, presented by Suncity Development, elite sponsor of the *This is Lakeridge Health* campaign.



Join us for an evening filled with a speaker series on unique women's health topics, connections with community leaders, businesses and organizations, entertainment, delicious food and more!

We encourage women from all walks of life, including those who identify as Indigenous, Black, person of colour, and/or recent immigrant to attend.

This is a free event and open to everyone. Limited spots available so register NOW!

[Register online today](#)



Highlights from the 2025 Inaugural Women in Health Symposium

## Community Support Drives a Record-Breaking Year

2025 marked a standout year for third-party fundraising in support of Bowmanville Hospital, with more than \$200,000 raised for the *We Care, We Can* campaign – an inspiring show of community commitment to the once-in-a-generation hospital redevelopment.

Launched in 2022, the *We Care, We Can* Awareness Initiative empowers businesses, residents, and community groups to raise funds and awareness for local care. In 2025 alone, the Foundation was named beneficiary of 58 third-party fundraising events. Highlights included a community car wash hosted by Restored Auto Detailing, a holiday market at Clarington Place Fieldgate Retirement Living, and a private film screening organized by the Rotary Club of Courtice, each helping advance plans for critical equipment and the hospital rebuild.



As the Foundation celebrates its 50<sup>th</sup> year in 2026, this momentum reflects a community united around building better care – now and for generations to come.

**Interested in hosting your own fundraiser in 2026?** Call 905.623.3331 x 21855 or email [akleins@lh.ca](mailto:akleins@lh.ca).

## Indigenous Engagement Informs Project Plans

As part of our commitment to Indigenous engagement, Lakeridge Health is working together the Indigenous Advisory Committee (IAC), whose input helped inform the redevelopment strategic planning and conceptual designs.

The Indigenous Advisory Committee was initially convened Spring 2025 and has become a trusted and valued source of inspiration and information for the Lakeridge Health Bowmanville Hospital Redevelopment project team. We are grateful for the diverse community representation on the IAC team and for their open sharing and partnership.



*Together with the Indigenous community, Lakeridge Health Bowmanville Hospital celebrates Orange Shirt Day with a flag raising.*

Representatives from the IAC are attending key design presentation meetings to help ensure Indigenous perspectives and voices are present and actively participating in these discussions.

As we work together to further refine and finalize the design of the new hospital that reflects the principles and values discussed with IAC, we continue to embrace the IAC's collaborative guidance, and partnership on this important project.



## Local Go-to Resource

To meet all your community and local business needs, the Clarington Board of Trade is your trusted platform for connection, collaboration, learning, and promotion.

Browse through Clarington's local business directory for accommodations, amenities, great places to eat, retail, hospitality, and many other services.

Visit our website [members.cbote.ca/directory](https://members.cbote.ca/directory).

## Share Your Thoughts

Scan the QR code to share your thoughts.



As we prepare for the anniversaries of Lambert House, and the Bowmanville Hospital Foundation in 2026, we are seeking your input and stories!

**Q: What are you most grateful for regarding the care you or your family received at Lakeridge Health Bowmanville Hospital?**

**We're committed to keeping you informed, every step of the way.**

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