

Even with all the social distancing rules in place, it is a wondrous thing to see how we can still come together and do extraordinary things!

Our community and communities all over the world have come together to stand up, help out, give back and heal.

We've seen this through donations to our hospital, large corporations donating boxes of PPE and individual community members celebrating our doctors and nurses with posters, painted rocks or even banging on pots and pans to make noise and show their solidarity. This generosity has been helping all of us get through this global pandemic together.

Today, May 5 2020, the Ajax Pickering Hospital Foundation is participating in #GivingTuesdayNow, a global day of unity and giving.

Here are some amazing examples of how our community has rallied together.

We're starting off this #GivingTuesdayNow with a personal gift from the Ajax Pickering Hospital Foundation Board of Directors.



They have been looking for a way to recognize and pay tribute to staff at Ajax Pickering Hospital.

Thanks to their generous donations, we have purchased coffee machines and coffee starter packs to share around the hospital.

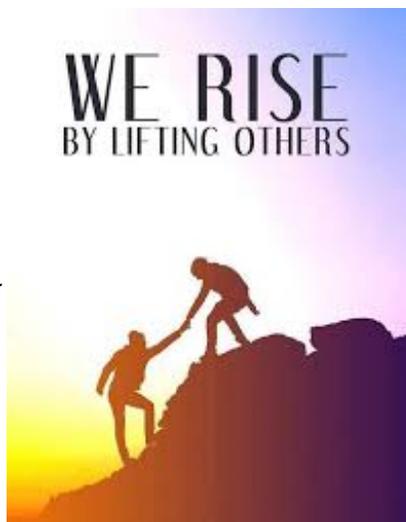
This is a tremendous example of how, in tough times, we feel the advantage of being #durhamstrong

#givingtuesdaynow.

We've also received some very touching messages with online donations that we have been sharing on our social media and with the staff.

"Thank you for being our real life modern day heroes having the strength and courage to help out the community especially in these trying times. Your historic efforts will not go unnoticed. We can never repay but only pray, thank, follow hygiene policies and cheer you all on till the end! Keep on saving the world!"

"Thank you for what you are doing for all of us during these trying times. Your community supports and thanks you."

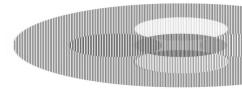


The staff across Lakeridge Health have been so touched by the unwavering support they have received we are collectively stronger knowing that they are behind us 100 per cent of the way. *We are in this together.* And now, *together* we need to help the communities and people who have been so generous to us.

Each team member has been asked to pay it forward and spread this kindness through the giving of non-perishable food items. The Food Drive will be held May 1st to May 11th.

There is still time to give back and we can't do this without you!

Not only do we need your support, we need your help to spread the word. Please tell your friends and family why you believe in our work and encourage them to support us too!



Here is how you can make an impact:

1. [Click here](#) to donate.
2. **Follow.** Please follow us on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#) and invite your friends to do the same.
3. **Show your support** for our frontline heroes with photos and messages, share on social media and make sure to tag us!

Yours in Philanthropy,

Tracy Paterson
CEO, Ajax Pickering Hospital Foundation

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