

# Rose of Hope Golf Tournament Supporting Breast Cancer and Patient Care

The 26th annual Rose of Hope golf tournament is helping Kingston Health Sciences Centre's (KHSC) Breast Imaging Kingston (BIK) facility get one step closer to dramatically improving cancer and patient care in the region.

Tournament organizers have committed to raising \$1 million to help purchase a Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) machine to be located at BIK, which is expected to cost \$6 million.

**"It's a huge step forward," says Dr. Omar Islam, Department head of Radiology, KHSC. "We will be able to improve a patient's access to breast MRIs in a welcoming and friendly environment thanks to the hard work of an amazing team at KHSC and the Rose of Hope."**



Supporters from Rose of Hope's 25th Anniversary Golf Tournament.



Dr. Omar Islam

The BIK site opened in 2022 with a significant portion of the funding for the \$7 million facility coming from local donors. The facility brings breast-imaging services and procedures together under one roof in a state-of-the-art facility that is streamlining patient care.

Currently, breast MRIs are only available at KHSC's Kingston General Hospital (KGH) site. There are more than 5,000 patients waiting for an MRI appointment at KHSC, and currently 2,500 breast MRI scans are performed at the KGH site every year. Those 2,500 exams will eventually shift over to BIK when the new MRI machine is purchased.

The impact of a new MRI machine goes beyond breast cancer as the BIK MRI machine will help improve wait times at KHSC for people with brain, spine and other disorders.

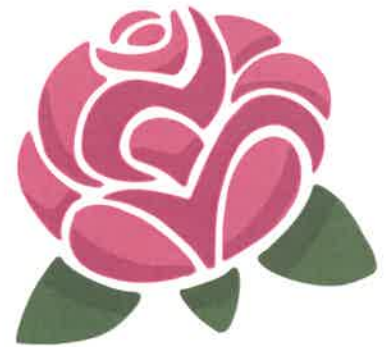
For the past 26 years, the Rose of Hope golf tournament has raised more than \$3 million to help fight breast cancer for people in the Kingston area. It's one of the most significant fundraising golf tournaments for University Hospitals Kingston Foundation, with last year's event raising \$387,000.

**"Breast cancer touches absolutely everyone at some point and you never know when it's going to be your turn," says Rose of Hope event chair, Sherri McCullough. "Hope cannot be shattered. Women have this innate need to help. We are nurturers so that is why we're determined to reach our fundraising goal this year."**

The 2024 Rose of Hope golf tournament takes place on July 30 at the Cataraqui Golf and Country Club. For sponsorship inquiries or general questions, contact Sherri at [Sherri.McCullough@kingstonhsc.ca](mailto:Sherri.McCullough@kingstonhsc.ca) or 613-572-0656.

# Help Us Reach Our Goal

Help the Rose of Hope committee and the women of Cataraqui Golf and Country Club raise \$1 million to help cover the expected \$6 million cost of a future MRI at the BIK. It will allow patients to have an MRI in an environment that is designed specifically to meet their clinical, as well as emotional needs. We are grateful for your tremendous support and hope we can continue to work together to make Kingston a centre of excellence for breast imaging.



## Stats and Facts

- A new MRI machine at Breast Imaging Kingston will help approximately 200 patients per month get their breast MRIs.
- In the Kingston area, approximately 11,900 residents are screened annually for breast cancer at Kingston Health Sciences Centre. On average, 400 of those patients are diagnosed with cancer.
- Breast cancer is one the most common cancers among Canadian women (excluding non-melanoma skin cancers).
- It is the second-leading cause of death from cancer in Canadian women.



**The new welcoming lobby at Breast Imaging Kingston**



**Example photo of a new MRI machine**

- It is estimated that about one in eight Canadian women will develop breast cancer during their lifetime and one in 36 will die from it.
- On average, 80 Canadian women will be diagnosed with breast cancer every day and 15 Canadian women will die.
- Although rare, men also get breast cancer. An average of 260 Canadian men will be diagnosed annually and 55 will die from breast cancer.