

Warm Spring Greetings from the Women's Giving Circle



Spring 2026

generosity continue to shape the future of our giving. I look forward to seeing many of you at our upcoming events.

With appreciation,

Rachel Koven, Chair



Message from the Chair

Dear Members and Friends,

As we welcome the arrival of spring, I am filled with gratitude and excitement for the continued growth and energy within our Women's Giving Circle. This season of renewal feels especially fitting as our community expands and our impact deepens. Over the past months, we have seen a wonderful increase in membership. Each new member brings a shared commitment to making a meaningful difference to health-related research in Kingston. Our growing circle strengthens not only our giving power but also the connections and friendships that make this group so special.

Looking ahead, we have two exciting events on the horizon that I hope many of you will join us for. Our Spring Tour will offer members a chance to connect, learn more about the research we support, and see firsthand the impact of our collective philanthropy. These experiences remind us why our work matters and bring our mission to life in powerful ways.

We are also looking forward to our upcoming Luncheon, which will feature a special presentation by Dr. Doris Jabs. Dr. Jabs brings a wealth of knowledge and insight, and her talk promises to be both engaging and inspiring. It will be a wonderful opportunity for members to gather, learn, and celebrate the spirit of generosity that defines our circle.

Thank you for being part of this remarkable community. Your dedication, enthusiasm and

WGC Spring Research Tour

**Mark your calendars: April 16, 2026
4 - 6 pm**

**W.J. Henderson Centre for Patient-Oriented
Research, KHSC
Connell 4, KGH campus**

Join us for an exclusive behind-the-scenes tour of the W.J. Henderson Centre for Patient-Oriented Research -- a dedicated 10,000 sq ft research space where patients and families collaborate with scientists, doctors and treatment teams to improve health care. We encourage you to bring a guest and recommend footwear that will allow you to walk comfortably.

An invitation has been sent to all members. If you would like to join the tour and have not already replied, please contact the office by April 9.

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Membership update

The membership of the Women's Giving Circle continues to grow exponentially. We are presently sitting at 121 members - the largest number in our 14-year history! This uptick is so heartening. With this growing swell of support, we continue to pursue our mandate to fund groundbreaking research, raise awareness of medical projects, and empower women

in philanthropy -- all of which directly impact patient care. Members of the WGC are made privy, in real time, to many of the advances which are taking hold in our local healthcare system. The spring and fall luncheons offer opportunities for members and their guests to hear researchers speak about exciting inroads which are being made in their respective areas of expertise. Similarly, the spring research tour allows for a behind-the-curtain look at some of the finest patient care facilities that our illustrious city has to offer. Your support is fostering growth in all manner of healthcare initiatives and is having a direct impact on the breadth of research which can be undertaken. Please know that your support is making a difference! Spread the word. Our door is always open and we welcome new members wholeheartedly.

Submitted by Barb Hammond, Executive Committee

Dr. Curtis Nickel named to the Order of Canada

Dr. J. Curtis Nickel, a world-leading urologist and professor emeritus at Queen's, whose research transformed the treatment of bladder and prostate pain and inflammatory diseases, was recently among 10 Queen's community members named to the Order of Canada. A past president of the Canadian Urological Association, Dr. Nickel has published over 625 articles and presented in more than 50 countries. His work, recognized with a CIHR Tier 1 Canada Research Chair, has improved quality of life for millions of patients worldwide. Dr. Nickel attended a recent gathering of the Women's Giving Circle at which he introduced colleague Dr. Christopher Dorion, who along with his colleague Dr. Amber Simpson, were the recipients of the 2023 grant from the WGC.

Save the date!

Spring luncheon

June 4, 2026, 11:30 am – 1 pm

Presentation by:

**Dr. Doris Jabs, Rose of Hope Clinical
Chair in Breast Health, KHSC**



Dr. Doris Jabs, Assistant Professor, Diagnostic Radiology, Queen's University, and KHSC Rose of Hope Chair in Breast Health



Dr. Curtis Nickel, Professor Emeritus, Department of Urology, Queen's University, addressing a gathering of the WGC in October, 2023, where he introduced the recipients of the 2023 WGC grant

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Join us at the Women's Giving Circle!

Membership in the WGC currently stands at 121. We welcome new members to join us in our efforts to support state-of-the-art medical research taking place right here in our local hospitals. Every dollar of our membership dues goes directly to research through our annual research grants. Please check out our webpage for more information and click 'Join'!

Our webpage:

<https://www.uhkf.ca/Ways-To-Give/Women-s-Giving-Circle>

Link to sign up or renew:

<https://uhkf.akaraisin.com/ui/womensgivingcircle/donations/start>

Membership is \$42 a month for women 40 and over. The monthly membership of \$21 is for women under the age of 40. If you would prefer to pay once a year, please contact our office by email foundation@uhkf.ca or by phone 613-549-5452.

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Research
today for
better
health care
tomorrow



Women's Giving Circle

In support of research at Kingston's hospitals

