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“You take things for granted until you really need them. I’d never thought about a CT scanner before – not until it saved my life.” ~ Nicola Leckie, Ladner resident

Dear Friend,

Like most of us, Nicola never had a reason to think that her life might depend on a CT scanner. She’s young, healthy and has never had a serious illness.

But one morning not long ago, she began feeling “weird pains” in her head. She thought maybe it was a migraine. “Then I felt a massive pain and I knew something was really wrong,” she says. “I knew I needed to go to the hospital.” By the time paramedics brought her to our Emergency Department, the pain was excruciating.

A CT scan was immediately arranged. It showed that Nicola had suffered a brain haemorrhage. Thanks to a quick diagnosis, Nicola was able to be treated immediately. Although she had to be hospitalized for over a week, she didn’t need surgery and, remarkably, had no lasting side effects.

“You take things for granted until you really need them,” says Nicola. **“I’d never thought about a CT scanner before, but I’m incredibly glad it was there.** While I was in hospital, my husband brought my children in to see me for the first time since I’d come in. I remember looking at them and thinking how their lives would have been changed forever if I hadn’t had received the care I needed, so quickly.”

I’m not exaggerating when I say Delta Hospital’s CT scanner has been a game-changer. Installed in 2009, it has transformed care – especially our ability to deliver outstanding emergency care, fast.

But our CT scanner is nearing the end of its lifespan. This hardworking machine, used in more than 7,000 cases alone last year, must be replaced so that we can continue providing cutting-edge health care to our community.

This holiday season will be extra special for Nicola and her family. “We have so much to be thankful for,” she says. “Delta Hospital has a very special place in my family’s hearts.”

I’m writing today to ask you to support our new CT scanner when making your holiday giving plans. Thanks to an anonymous donor whose recent health concern was caught sooner thanks to a CT scan, **your gift will be matched dollar for dollar, up to \$10,000,** doubling your impact and getting us closer to the new CT scanner our community needs. There has never been a better time to give.

Your support of Delta Hospital is so important to us. Today, please consider making a special holiday donation to help us purchase a new CT scanner. Your loyal support is what enables Delta Hospital to provide the best possible care now and in the future.

*Send in your gift
by December 14th
to have your
gift doubled!*



According to Dr. John Bining, Department Head, Radiology, "It's important to have a new machine that will give us another decade of service and provide us with even better imaging."



Our current CT scanner has already made such a difference to the depth of care we provide, and so many patients and their families are grateful for it.

Local high school teacher Doug Bamford counts himself among those grateful patients. One night, he woke with chest pain and was having trouble breathing. Thinking he was having a heart attack, Doug's wife rushed him to Delta Hospital. Blood tests showed no sign of a heart attack; however, Delta Hospital's Emergency physician also ordered a CT scan. It revealed that Doug had a dissected aorta, and he needed surgery fast.

Now fit and healthy, Doug says, "You see the world differently after something like this. That's why I'm supporting Delta Hospital. When you have this kind of experience, you realize how important it is to have a hospital close to home. It was a five-minute drive for us. If we'd had to travel farther, I don't know what might have happened."

Delta Hospital is important to our community. You and your loved ones deserve to have access to top quality services at your hospital, and donors like you play a key role in making this happen.

Today, as you plan your holiday activities, I hope you will continue the tradition of support that built Delta Hospital into the modern, well-equipped facility it is today. **Take advantage of the matching opportunity that will double the impact of your gift.**

On behalf of Delta Hospital, thank you!

Sincerely,

Lisa Hoglund
Executive Director

P.S. Doug told me, "It's in those moments you realize you're mortal and it can all be taken away. I'm thankful I live in a community where they have the technology and the people to help you. I believe Delta Hospital saved my life."

PPS: I'm pleased to include 2 holiday ornaments! I encourage you to add your personal holiday greeting to one and return it with your donation in the enclosed reply envelope. We will proudly display it in our office to bring holiday cheer to everyone in the hospital. The second ornament is for you and your family to enjoy.

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