



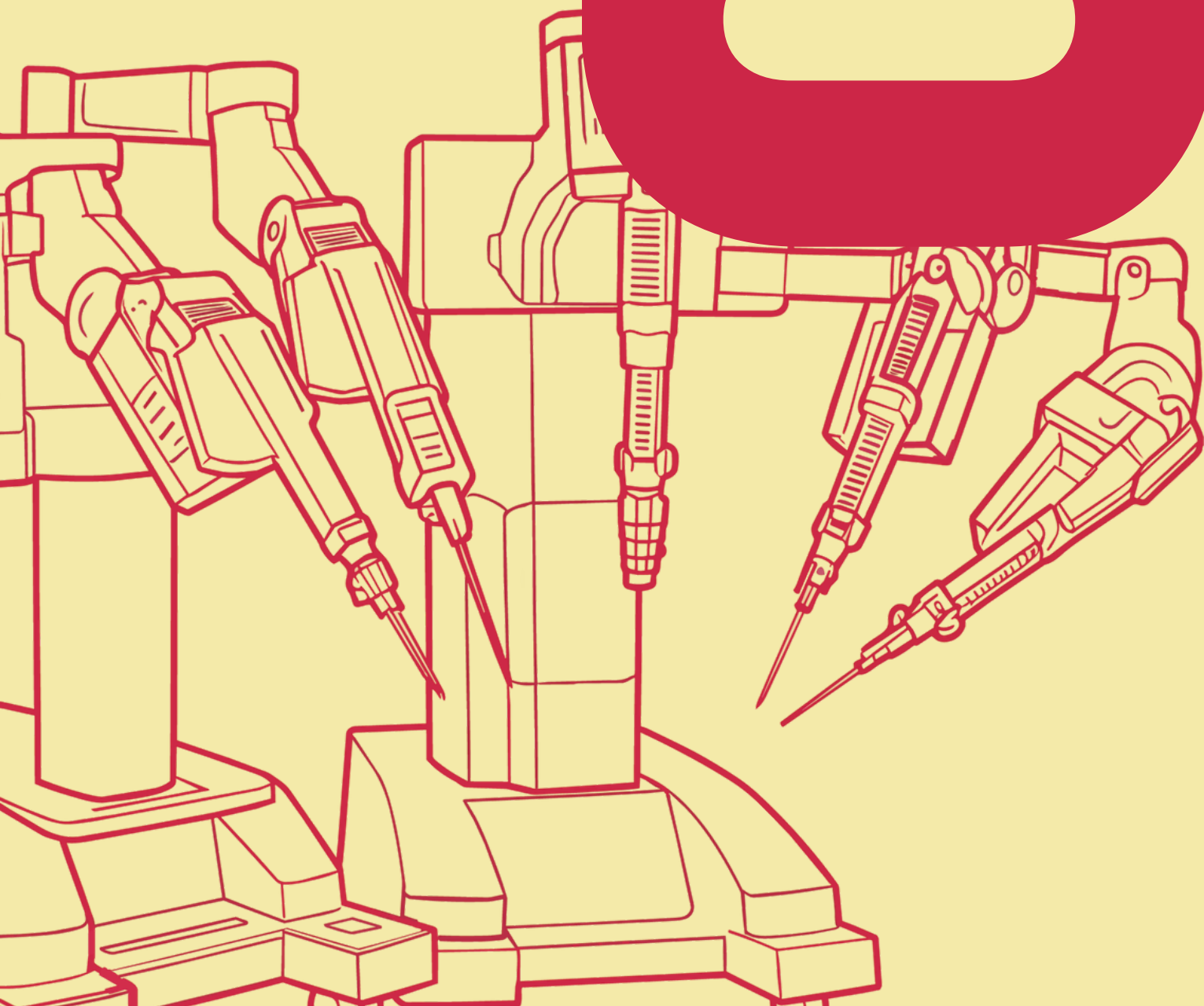
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BEHIND

Looking back on 30 years of impact, London Health Sciences Foundation's (LHSF) second decade, from 2006 to 2016, marked an important period of growth. With construction of the North Tower underway, LHSF entered this chapter energized with hope and purpose. During this time, hospitals faced growing pressure to modernize and keep pace with new possibilities in medicine.

Recognizing this need to innovate, LHSF began an ambitious \$200-million campaign in 2011, the largest hospital campaign in Southwestern Ontario. From there, momentum built quickly. In what's known as the quiet phase in fundraising, priorities were identified around cancer care, cardiac care, orthopaedics, mental health and women's health. Generous and influential community leaders formed campaign cabinets, inspiring others to invest in this transformation.

THE WHY

However, this time was anything but quiet for LHSF. In collaboration with partners and various committees, staff worked behind the scenes to build cases for support, capture stories, schedule meetings and host presentations to inspire both the community and donors alike.

When the campaign went public in 2016, an astonishing \$170 million had already been raised. After years of preparation, all the pieces were coming together and the years of work finally came into view. Campaign branding appeared across the city on buses, billboards and buildings, centred around one question: *What's your why?*

KIRK BAINES

Thanks to a transformational \$1-million gift from the Gerald C. Baines Foundation, the Gerald C. Baines Centre for Translational Cancer Research was established in 2010 around an idea that was unique for its time: bringing discovery and care together under one roof. Located within the Verspeeten Family Cancer Centre (formerly the London Regional Cancer Program), it unites scientists and clinicians in a purpose-built space designed to move breakthroughs from bench to bedside.

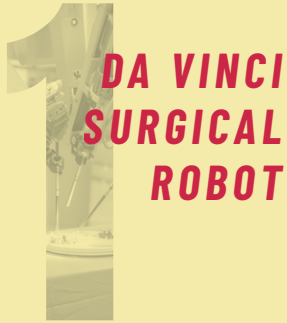
Home to advanced imaging labs, the Ontario Tumour Bank and a dedicated Clinical Research Unit, the Centre supports early-phase clinical trials and personalized treatment approaches. The result is a powerful engine for innovation to ensure discoveries made in London reach patients across southwestern Ontario.



**Kirk Baines, Generous Donor,
Former Board Member &
Gerald C. Baines Foundation Chair**

FOUNDATIONS | A glimpse at a few milestones that helped shape our second decade.

1 DA VINCI SURGICAL ROBOT



Throughout the first and second decades of the new millennium, donor support helped transform the da Vinci surgical robot from a bold investment into a catalyst for innovation across London Health Sciences Centre (LHSC). At CSTAR (Canadian Surgical Technologies & Advanced Robotics), surgeons achieved a series of Canadian firsts—from complex cardiac and colorectal procedures to single-site surgeries performed through a single hidden incision.

These breakthroughs made surgery less invasive, reduced recovery times and expanded what was possible for patients. As results gained national attention, teams from across Canada came to London for training, expanding the program's influence far beyond our region.

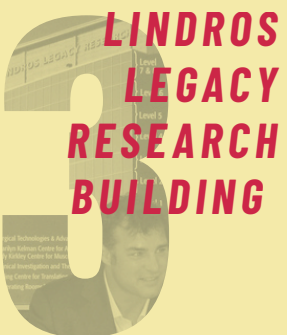
2 FIRST EPISODE MOOD & ANXIETY PROGRAM



For more than 20 years, the First Episode Mood & Anxiety Program (FEMAP) has been helping transform mental health care for young people experiencing the early signs of mood and anxiety disorders. Launched in 2006 as the first program of its kind in Canada, and sustained entirely through donor support and research grants, FEMAP combines early intervention, specialized care and leading-edge research to help youth access treatment before challenges become lifelong barriers.

In 2009, the program expanded into a welcoming, stigma-free Richmond Street home, creating a warm and accessible space where young people could receive the care they needed. During this period, FEMAP also advanced important research into depression, bipolar disorder, self-injurious behaviour and web-based approaches to reducing stigma for youth experiencing mental illness.

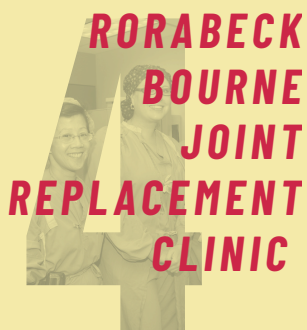
3 LINDROS LEGACY RESEARCH BUILDING



Thanks to millions of dollars of donor generosity, the Lindros Legacy Research building became a cornerstone for innovation at LHSC, bringing researchers, clinicians and trainees together in a state-of-the-art "lab-to-bedside" environment focused on improving patient care.

Located at University Hospital, the facility unites leading programs in transplantation, clinical investigation, surgical simulation, musculoskeletal research and CSTAR under one roof, helping accelerate discoveries into real-world treatments. Designed to foster collaboration across disciplines, the building created new opportunities for discovery, education and minimally invasive surgical innovation.

4 RORABECK BOURNE JOINT REPLACEMENT CLINIC



Inspired by the vision of orthopaedic surgeons Dr. Robert Bourne and Dr. Cecil Rorabeck, the Rorabeck Bourne Joint Replacement Clinic opened in 2009 as a state-of-the-art centre designed to improve the patient experience from consultation through recovery. Supported by donor generosity, the clinic brought assessments, procedures and follow-up care together in one modern, patient-focused space at University Hospital. Created to meet the growing demand for orthopaedic care across Southwestern Ontario, the clinic helped advance timely access to joint replacement surgery while reinforcing London's reputation as a leader in orthopaedic innovation and excellence.

HEAR
FROM
DR.
BOURNE



Past. Present. Purpose.

Across Ontario, families, patients, hospital staff and organizations generously dedicate their time and expertise to support LHSC.

Some plan walks, runs, golf tournaments or concerts. Others raise funds by creating and selling anything from seasonally specific trinkets to handmade artwork. Many of these initiatives are born from personal experiences of grief, gratitude, hope or all the above, as people choose to turn difficult chapters into truly meaningful opportunities for patients.

Community spirit and belief in LHSF as being an effective vehicle for change permeated London's fundraising landscape in the late 2000s and 2010s. It was a time of record-breaking activity and the start of many long-standing events, including several that have each raised more than one million dollars to date.

LHSF remains deeply grateful for every volunteer, organizer and participant who has shared their passion and creativity to effect change. These efforts prove how when people unite for a cause they believe in, the impact is limitless.

30 YEARS OF COMMUNITY GENEROSITY

1996-2026



\$38,000,491

raised through community
event initiatives



1,729

total community events held



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