

## Lights for Life -- 2008

It's hip to care!

This Christmas the St. Thomas Elgin General Hospital Foundation is seeking funds to help acquire orthopaedic equipment to let 'movement miracles' happen. Residents of Elgin County can take the opportunity to remember someone special through the Foundation's '*Lights for Life 2008*' initiative.

By filling out their 'Lights for Life' flyer and sending it back to the Foundation, donor's gifts will be directed towards the purchase of this vital equipment so people can become mobile again.

A new orthopaedic surgeon, Dr. Anthony Cervinka, recently arrived at the St. Thomas Elgin General Hospital and has already performed numerous 'movement miracles'. However, for him to do an even better job the Hospital needs the correct up-to-date equipment.

Elgin County's changing demographic means an increase in the number of those over 65 years of age who will live longer and healthier lives than their own parents. However, it also brings the inevitable increase in age related medical procedures, such as hip or knee replacement surgery.

"By honouring or remembering a loved one or friend with a special '*Lights for Life*' gift ... donors can help make hip or knee 'miracles' happen", stated Allan Weatherall, Director of Development at the Foundation. "Upgrading the orthopaedic equipment is a highest necessity to provide the utmost care... and the only way it can be acquired is through donations," he added.

This Christmas a special gift can help people get quickly back on their feet and living an active life once again. Make a special light glow on the St. Thomas Elgin General Hospital Foundation's Trees at Pinafore Park this Holiday Season.

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