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Brian Kilrea Shows Support for the Perley Rideau Foundation

By Brant Scott

Brian Kilrea does not reside at the Perley Rideau Seniors Village – but he cares deeply about the people who do. It wasn't until later in life that one of Canada's best-known hockey icons became intimately familiar with the renowned seniors health centre on Russell Road in Ottawa. Brian Kilrea spent most of his playing career in the minor leagues, although he was the first player to score for the Los Angeles Kings when the team joined the National Hockey League (NHL) in 1967. His greatest career accomplishments came off the ice, as the winningest junior coach in the history of the 60-team Canadian Hockey League (CHL)—an astounding 1,193 victories. About 100 of his junior players went on to careers in the NHL and Kilrea's accomplishments earned him a place in the Hockey Hall of Fame. Brian and his wife, Judy, have lived on Saunderson Drive in Alta Vista for 56 years and they hope to stay there for many more. As he made repeated visits to the Perley Rideau to see the friends he grew up with, Brian recognized that the city is fortunate to have such an excellent

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Brian Kilrea poses with his uncle Hec's medals from WWII.

Couple Honours Lives of Service with a Gift in their Will to Perley Rideau

By Peter McKinnon

One of Canada's most admired and decorated naval officers, along with his wife—an accomplished professional in her own right—chose to make a donation through their will to charity. "My late husband and I placed a high value on the concept of service before self," says Diana Hennessy. "Community service has always been an important part of our lives and our wills honour this commitment." One of their preferred charities is The Perley and Rideau Veterans' Health Centre Foundation, no surprise given the arc of their lives. Ralph Hennessy rose to the rank of Vice Admiral in the Royal Canadian Navy and had a Distinguished Service Cross medal pinned on his chest by King George VI. Diana Hennessy enjoyed a remarkable career in post-

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In Tribute to Brant Scott

By: Peter McKinnon



Brant Scott passed away on September 16. A devoted husband, father and community volunteer, Brant was also an important member of the Perley Rideau Foundation team. For nearly a decade, Brant provided his writing

and strategic-communications expertise to the Foundation; this edition of *Between Us* includes a few pieces Brant had worked on before his sudden and unexpected death.

As a freelance writer and photographer, Brant worked for many clients, but he often commented that projects for the Perley Rideau were especially close to his heart. His wife Susan speculates that one factor was that some residents reminded him of his father, who served in WWII, while friends suggest that Brant appreciated the opportunity—and challenge—to write honest, heartfelt stories celebrating the Perley's accomplishments as well as the lives of individual men and women. The Perley is immensely sad to lose a friend and supporter of such character and dedication.

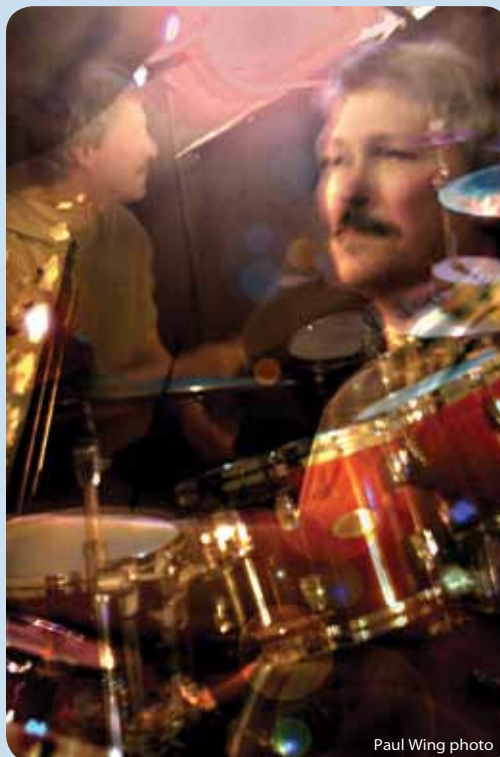
Brant also volunteered on the Perley Rideau Foundation's Communications Board, helping to support the establishment of the Seniors Village. Over the years, Brant's volunteerism also extended to numerous community groups and



Paul Wing photo

minor-hockey teams; a talented musician, Brant also performed with the fundraising rock band *The Verdict*.

It seems fitting that I take over Brant's work for the Perley Rideau. Brant was a friend of mine; we coached minor hockey, played music and occasionally worked together. Although I miss him dearly, I expect he'd be pleased to know that I've taken on some of his duties at the Foundation; and I'm sure he's cracking a cynical joke or two about it, as well. **BU**



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The Growing Popularity of Gifting by Will

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By Daniel Clapin, ACFRE, Executive Director
The Perley and Rideau Veterans' Health Centre Foundation



An increasingly popular trend among Canadians is gifting by will: leaving a donation in their will to charity when they pass away. While it is one of the most intensely personal decisions someone can make, most choose to gift by will because they believe that this final act of kindness leaves a legacy that will have a meaningful impact on the lives of others.

About twice a month, I hear from people interested in exploring a gift by will. Most want to know what's involved and how it works. In many cases, the caller drew up a will many years ago and would now like to make changes, such as leaving gifts to favourite charities.

The most beautiful parts of these conversations for me are the discussions about why someone chooses to make a gift by will to the Perley Rideau. Most often, it's because the Perley Rideau cared for someone special in their life and they want to offer a tribute that will brighten the life of another member of the community.

In my experience, few people recognize just how sizable their estate will become once all of their assets—real-estate holdings, life-insurance policies, etc.—have been liquidated. This helps explain why people who gift by will typically leave gifts from their estate to more than one charity,

often as many as four charities.

I typically share four pieces of advice with anyone who asks about a gift by will:

1. Consult a lawyer who specializes in estate planning.

Every individual's circumstances are unique, and ensuring that your wishes are properly executed requires meticulous, professional planning. Proper estate planning is also essential to minimize potential tax liabilities. In many cases, gifts by will significantly reduce the total amount of taxes due when an estate is settled.

2. Discuss your wishes with your family.

Every family's situation is different. Many who make a gift by will to the Perley Rideau have adult children with established careers and families of their own. While they want to leave something to each of their loved ones, they often consider charity as part of the family, as well.

3. A donor's wishes are of paramount importance.

A gift can be restricted; used only for a specific program, for example. While we obviously appreciate all gifts, unrestricted donations give us much more flexibility in meeting current needs. The population we serve changes constantly—and so do the Perley Rideau's needs.

4. It helps when you let us know that you plan to make a gift by will to the Perley Rideau.

We want to be able to express our appreciation while you're still alive—we're less interested in knowing the amount of your gift. We also want to make sure that your will lists the proper legal name of our organization—The Perley and Rideau Veterans' Health Centre Foundation—and our registration number: 12194 8038 RR0001. Unless these details are accurate, your wishes may not be fulfilled.

If you'd like to discuss gifting by will to the Perley Rideau Veterans' Health Centre Foundation, please contact me at your earliest convenience. If you don't have a lawyer or it's been many years since your will was drawn up, I would be happy to provide a list of experts in estate law.

The Perley Rideau is home to 450 residents, 250 of whom are war veterans

We appreciate your support in making a bequest in your will and/or making a donation

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Delphine Haslé determined to save the planet one person at a time

By Brant Scott

Some people are driven to make the world a better place. Such is the case with Delphine Haslé, the talented woman who filled the newly minted job of development officer a year ago with the Perley and Rideau Veterans' Health Centre Foundation.

At first glance, Delphine's résumé describes a rather circuitous route from her formative years in Europe to her arrival at the Foundation office. At closer look, however, reveals many recurring themes in her education and employment history that make her a logical choice as a Perley Rideau Foundation fundraiser.

Born and raised in southern France not far from the Spanish border, Delphine's sense of purpose arrived early in life. Concerned about the

deteriorating state of our little blue planet, Delphine first pursued a career in science, studying at the Florida Institute of Technology and earning a Master of Science in Oceanography.

Delphine shared her passion for the environment with boyfriend Fred, another native of France. They've since married and now live in Manotick where they're happily raising a son and daughter. In Canada, Delphine worked at Ottawa Riverkeeper and WorldHeart Corp, before moving into communications and fundraising at Carefor Health & Community Services. She also continued her studies, earning a Certificate in Fundraising Management at Algonquin College.

When Delphine learned about the Perley Rideau's plan to create a Seniors Village, she decided to join



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More Than Bricks and Mortar

By Akos Hoffer, Chief Executive Officer
The Perley and Rideau Veterans' Health Centre

There's a weekly Friday social gathering in the Perley Rideau apartments that has come to symbolize the success of the Foundation's Capital Campaign and fuel the Perley Rideau's commitment to expanding the Seniors Village. It may not look exceptional – eight or ten people sipping coffee and talking casually, but it clearly demonstrates the camaraderie and sense of community that has taken root here.

The idea of creating a seniors village was considered innovative by some – and perhaps even a little risky. However, we were convinced that if we created a top-quality environment designed for seniors, the units would quickly be snapped up. And that's precisely what happened. Although plenty of market research was conducted, a leap of faith was still required to construct new living options for the region's seniors while paying tribute to our roots by formally recognizing former members of the Canadian Armed Forces in our rental strategy.

In just under two years, our vision has been realized. The apartment units are fully subscribed and a waiting list has been created. Our commitment has been rewarded. Built around our mission as one of the province's largest long-term care centres, Perley Rideau is home to 250 veterans of World War Two and

the Korean War along with 200 seniors from the general public. Our convalescent-care program has helped introduce younger faces to our community while our 12-bed guesthouse provides the personal caregivers of seniors with dementia the short-term accommodation they need to recharge. Expanding on our variety of services, we have developed a respite-care program as well, advancing our commitment to provide a continuum of care. With connections throughout Ottawa South, we make available assisted-living services inside the Perley Rideau, while staff members support private homes in the neighbourhood.

The list of services available at the Perley Rideau Health Centre continues to grow to include hearing and vision care, oral hygiene and, in the coming months, the opening of a dermatologist's office.

It is the combination of our prime city location and the programs and services offered by the Perley Rideau that first attracted our pioneering apartment tenants. From flexible meal plans to private assisted-living services, such as personal care and housekeeping, tenants are able to customize the level of care to match their lifestyle. It's the welcoming environment and their great testimonials that have helped to fill our apartments. Both apartment buildings,

Commissionaires Ottawa Place and Building B, are now at 100-percent occupancy and there are waiting lists for all apartments, ranging from the large two-bedroom units with dens to the personal studio apartments.

As a community that is home to more than 600 seniors – making the Perley Rideau one of the largest centres for seniors in the country – there are many promising signs that the Seniors Village concept has evolved beyond the bricks and mortar; spouses have chosen to live in the apartments while their loved ones reside in the Perley Rideau long-term care centre. These links have been reinforced between the long-term care centre and the apartments, as Health Centre volunteers now support apartment tenants and tenants pay it forward by volunteering and participating in many of the Health Centre's services and programs, such as the Perley Rideau's resident, tenant, family and staff choir. The mix of residents, tenants, staff, volunteers and family members creates the chemistry of success that is embodied in the social interactions and weekly gatherings; they help to build and strengthen the Perley Rideau Village and set our roots deep within our community.

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independent and assisted-living home for seniors. He has generously lent his name and reputation to many great charities over the years, and is pleased to now champion the Perley Rideau Foundation, as well. "It wasn't until I started visiting old friends at the Perley Rideau that I realized the deep need to care for our seniors," explains Brian. "They deserve our payback for helping us when we were younger. It's where some of our greatest citizens spend their golden years. It's about paying our respect for the veterans and community citizens who live there. When people think about donating to a worthy charity, it's easy for the seniors' population to get lost in the shuffle. "I think Ottawa citizens would be amazed to see how many people at the Perley Rideau provide the excellent care for residents," he adds. "The first thing you notice is the cleanliness. It's always



Brian Kilrea Ottawa 67s 1978. Photo Scott Grant

spotless, whether it's the cafeteria, the hallways or the rooms. The staff deserves a lot of credit for the upkeep. I think everyone needs to know what a great

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Priority Needs for 2015

By renewing your support for 2015 today, you will help the Foundation ensure that the best resident care is always available for your family, friends and loved ones. Here are some of the ways that your generosity will enable us to carry on the Perley Rideau's tradition of excellence.

Programs

- **Recreation and Creative Arts - \$135,000** will help us continue to provide residents with much appreciated recreation activities including arts and crafts, theatre, concerts, music and dance therapy.
- **Bursaries - \$10,000** to maintain the education and bursary fund. By investing in life-long learning for our staff, they will enhance their skills and stay at the forefront in caring.

Equipment

- **\$83,000** to purchase Hi Lo beds that provide the safety of a lower bed, and the adjustability needed to facilitate transfers. (**two bariatric @ \$4,000, 30 regular @ \$2,500**)
- **\$10,500** to purchase and install a new door alert-alarm system to enhance the security of residents at risk of roaming outside (**three @ \$3,500**)
- **\$36,000** to purchase specially designed mattresses to help with the prevention and healing of pressure ulcers (**five mattresses @ \$7,200**)

- **\$56,000** to replace and purchase eight new Sara Lifts, essential equipment used constantly throughout the day (**8 @ \$7,000**),
- **\$60,000** to purchase 12 tilt/recline positioning wheelchairs, particularly important in palliative care (**12 Broda Chairs @ \$5,000**)
- **\$12,000** to purchase 12 wheeled, height-adjustable commodes used to keep residents safe in bathrooms (**12 @ \$1,000**)
- **\$135,000** to renovate and furnish nine dining rooms for a more functional and enhanced dining experience (**nine furnishings @ \$10,000, nine renovations @ \$5,000**)

Outdoor Improvements

- **\$25,000** for furnishings, greenery and stonework to improve safety and revitalize the entrance way to the Veterans-occupied Rideau Home patio area
- **\$25,000** to make a courtyard safer and more attractive for residents and their families

Enhanced Services

- **\$3,000** for our Summer Youth and other Volunteer Programs
- **\$1,000** to help the Perley's Family and Friends Council carry out its mission of caring for our residents in many small but special ways

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place the Perley Rideau is. We need to create more awareness in the general public, so they can become more involved in helping the residents enjoy their lives day after day." The Perley Rideau Seniors Village is home not only to some of Brian Kilrea's personal friends, but also to some of his own sports heroes. He fondly recalls watching football star and war hero Tony "The Golden Boy" Golab play with the Ottawa Rough Riders after World War II. Tony Golab was profiled in the April 2014 edition of *Between Us* (and in the Ottawa edition of the *Fifty-Five Plus* second annual *Ultimate Guide to Retirement Living*.) Brian was too young to serve in the war, but like most Canadians, he felt its impact on a daily basis. One uncle died in WW II and another, Hector "Hurricane" Kilrea, was deemed too old to fight by the Canadian government. Uncle Hec played for the NHL's Ottawa Senators, Toronto Maple Leafs and Detroit Red Wings. When the Canadian army wouldn't accept him, he enlisted in the U.S. Army instead and went on to earn the Distinguished Service Cross and two Purple Hearts from the U.S. government, as well as the esteemed *Croix de guerre* from France. "It seems Uncle

Hec wasn't too old to be a really good soldier after all," chuckles Brian. "I was born in 1934, so I remember Barbara Ann Scott. It was wonderful to see her represent the Perley Rideau Capital Campaign before she died. It's an honour for me to help in any way I can, too." During our interview in the Kilrea home, the phone rings. It's the publisher of his popular book from 2011 entitled, *They Call Me Killer: Tales from Junior Hockey's Legendary Hall-of-Fame Coach*, co-written with TSN sportscaster James Duthie. The book has a foreword by Don Cherry, who played with Brian early in their careers. When Brian hangs up the phone, he explains that the proceeds from his book go to Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario – he refuses to profit from his charity work. "Don Cherry called me a few days ago to ask if I'd join him behind the bench again for the upcoming CHL Top Prospects game," says Brian. "We coach against Bobby Orr and it's great fun. Don Cherry is a real fan of Canadian Forces veterans and features them on Coach's Corner. I'm sure he would be interested in the great work that's being done at the Perley Rideau Seniors Village, too. In fact, I'll make sure he hears all about it." **BU**



14th Annual

Perley Rideau

Night at the Races

Thursday, May 7, 2015

Buffet dinner 6:00 p.m. Post time 6:30 p.m.

**Rideau Carleton Raceway and Slots
4837 Albion Road**

\$60 includes \$25 income tax receipt, live race program, \$2 betting voucher, \$10 slot token

\$30 Staff Association Members and 1 guest only

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**Purchase your TICKET today at the Foundation Office or
phone 613-526-7173. Deadline is Friday April 24 for tickets.**



Order of St. George Investiture for 2014: Several Perley Rideau residents, tenants and volunteers who were placed in "honor"



At its 40th anniversary celebration, the Royal Canadian Legion Greely & District Branch 627 presented a cheque for \$2,000 to the Perley Rideau Foundation. From L to R: Arlene Preston, Comrade, Daniel Clapin, Foundation Executive Director, Anne Dutcher, Zone Commander, Lynda Wyman, President, Bruce Sherritt, Comrade, Vicki Teetley, Deputy Zone Comander



Staff from National Defence, Director General Major Project Delivery visited veterans and presented a donation of \$1,040. L to R: CPO2 Tim Tyson, MWO Keith Sexstone, Charles Lemieux, Foundation Chair, Col Bruce Cooke, Capt Jean-Sebastien Blais, Daniel Clapin, Foundation Executive Director



ms's way" in serving their country were honoured with being invested into the Order of St. George on November 3, 2014.



The Royal Naval Engineers Quart Club presented a record donation of \$3,710 to the Perley Rideau Foundation. L to R: Dave McCracken, Honorary Secretary, Gib McElroy, President of the Veteran Resident Council and Daniel Clapin, Foundation Executive Director



Every new resident receives a quilt as a welcome gift thanks to the many quilters who support the Perley Rideau. Special thank you to the Busy Hands group of the Brookville Bethel Christian Reformed Church, who dropped off many beautiful colourful quilts. L to R: Maggi Sportel, Daniel Clapin and Lydia VanDyke.



2014 Navy Senior Men's Invitational Bonspiel in support of the Perley Rideau was another great success. The Royal Canadian Navy Curling Club presented a donation of \$1,925 to the Perley Rideau Foundation. Club members John Mayes, Bob Prasow and Alan Bentley (first, third and fifth from left, respectively) join Foundation Board Director Keith de Bellefeuille Percy (holding cheque) and Executive Director Daniel Clapin.



Once again, Canadian Forces Morale and Welfare Services/ Support our Troops made a generous donation of \$50,876 to ensure the best resident care is always available for veterans who call the Perley Rideau Home. L to R: Barb Wilson, PSW Supervisor, Dan Clapin, Foundation Executive Director, Keith de Bellefeuille Percy, Foundation Director, Jo-Anne MacDonald, Director Strategic Outreach and Initiatives, Commodore Mark Watson, Director General Morale and Welfare Services, Gib McElroy, President of Veteran Resident Council, Charles Lemieux, Foundation Chair, Sandy Gauthier, National Manager Support Our Troops Funds, Doris Jenkis, Director of Nursing Operation



During the Royal Canadian Legion Seminar held on October 6, Flora Riley and Joel Vansnick of RCL Bells Corner Branch 593 visited one of the new sub-stations re-designed to be more efficient for staff and more accessible for residents and their families.

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the fundraising effort needed to support it. It also helped that the Perley Rideau is well known for the quality of care it provides to those suffering from dementia. There is a history of Alzheimer's disease in Delphine's family, and she's long been interested in its treatment and research. She was also keen to work with Daniel Clapin, executive director of the Perley Rideau Foundation, who enjoys a sterling reputation in local fundraising circles.

"I was eager to have Dan as a mentor, because I wanted to learn from the best," explains Delphine. "In the Ottawa fundraiser community, he's known as a generous teacher who shares his knowledge. I was also interested because the Perley Rideau has an excellent reputation for its work with Alzheimer's and other dementias. My grandmother was living with it, so I understand the effects of the disease on the entire family. The concept of a Seniors Village is important to me because I may be dealing with it myself some day, too."

Donations escalate

Delphine has helped The Foundation cope with a huge growth spurt in the past year. Its \$5 million Capital Campaign obligation to help cover the cost of the 139 new apartment units required more "feet in the street." Daniel Clapin and administrative assistant Sherri Coates had been carrying the entire load; Delphine has helped ramp up fundraising efforts.

"My role is to create opportunities for people to support the Foundation," Delphine explains. "I really enjoyed working on the lottery for Barbara Ann Scott's Mercedes-Benz. I also create direct-mail programs and special events. We're still just a small three-person team, but as long as I concentrate on my duties, it frees Dan up to focus on major gift donors. That's very important and it has been quite successful. We have some very generous donations from several sources that required Dan's personal touch."

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An Afternoon with John McDermott

in support of The Perley and Rideau Veterans' Health Centre Foundation and McDermott House Canada.

Sunday, June 14, 2015
Reception 2:00 - 3:00 pm, Concert begins at 3:15 pm
at the Beechwood National Cemetery Sacred Space
280 Beechwood Ave, Ottawa

An intimate musical afternoon with celebrated Celtic Tenor John McDermott. In addition to his musical performance, the program will involve an opportunity to mingle with John and other guests at a meet and greet cocktail reception.

Tickets: \$150.00 person, includes \$80 income tax receipt

Tickets available at 613 526-7173
or foundation@prvhc.com



Perley Rideau

Please join us and support the health and well-being of the seniors and veterans in our community.
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Witness the \$1 million donation from Commissionaires Ottawa in support of the new independent and assisted-living apartment buildings. The Capital Campaign has refocused the Foundation to seek larger donations in addition to appealing for annual and legacy donations.

"I focus more on annual giving from donors," says Delphine. "We have very loyal donors, many of whom have a loved one residing at the Perley Rideau. We have good community recognition because of our longstanding military reputation. The Seniors Village concept further enhances our reputation. Everyone knows that more and more seniors will soon need to live in places that offer some assistance.

"The health centre has a great reputation for quality care and services," she adds. "It's so encouraging to hear people talk about how caring the staff is here, and how they'll do anything for residents. I think this job found me."

Seniors Village has much to offer

Delphine Haslé believes the Recreation and Creative Arts Service at the Perley Rideau makes the Seniors Village unique. The program helps residents learn and expand their horizons in their golden years, many of whom had no idea they were artistic before they arrived here. She says it can be hard to locate

some Seniors Village residents, because they spend more time attending programs and events than they do in their rooms.

Delphine invites prospective donors to visit the Seniors Village and see the impacts it has on the lives of residents. She says that most visitors are pleasantly surprised by the impressive array of programs and amenities. First-time visitors are also impressed by the in-house pharmacy, hearing clinic, dentist, physiotherapy clinic, classic pub, multi-denominational religious services, music and dance therapy, entertainment, bingo games and much more.

"The Seniors Village itself is our greatest selling point," Delphine beams. "We provide tours and most people say they had no idea there was such a wonderful place for seniors in Ottawa. They love to see the "memory cabinets" outside each resident's room where old photographs and family memorabilia are on display. Visitors also love the creative arts studios, art gallery, Lupton Hall, cafeteria, library, the Tree of Life covered with memorial leaves and the new apartment buildings. The Seniors Village leaves many people speechless – and they recognize it makes good sense to contribute to the care and comfort of the people who helped build this nation." **BU**

The Impacts of Your Giving in 2014

At the Perley Rideau, we are dedicated to providing excellence in resident care, and your support is key to making it happen. Each year, your thoughtful donations enable us to purchase essential items and fund activities that enhance the care and enrich the lives of those who call the Perley Rideau "home." Here are a few highlights from 2014.

Programs

\$132,089 for our very popular Recreation and Creative Arts Program

\$10,000 for the Education Bursary

\$3,000 for our Summer Youth Program

Equipment

\$40,000 for 100 regular Optimat 2400 mattresses

\$18,500 for one new and much needed bathtub and bathroom renovation

\$17,500 for five commercial microwaves

\$10,876 for one Sara Lift

\$10,600 for one specialized shower chair

\$7,200 for one specialized therapeutic RIK fluid overlay mattress for the prevention and healing of pressure ulcers

In addition, to date \$2.8M pledged and received has been raised for the \$5M *Building Choices, Enriching Lives* Capital Campaign; \$2.5M of this has been transferred to the Health Centre's Seniors' Village Independent and Assisted Living housing initiative..



Lieutenant Ralph L. Hennessy, Royal Canadian Navy, on destroyer HMCS Assiniboine in september 1940. Hennessy enjoyed a brilliant career in the RCN from 1936 to 1970. He was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for the sinking of U-210 in August 1942.

secondary education. She worked at several post-secondary institutions, including 25 years at Ryerson Polytechnical Institute (now Ryerson University), where she developed the first degree-level course in meeting and conference management. The couple's individual and collective accomplishments are rooted in long family histories of selflessness and dedication. "My great-grandfather was a doctor in rural Ontario," says Diana Hennessy. "He always kept two horses so that if one pulled up lame, he'd still be able to make house calls." Both of Diana's parents served during WWII and as a girl she accompanied her mother on various community-service activities. One day, a dashing young naval officer visited the family home to confer with Diana's father; it marked the first time Diana met the man she would later

marry. Vice Admiral Ralph L. Hennessy, DSC, CD, RCN, came from a long line of distinguished military men—his father, Colonel Patrick Hennessy was killed defending Hong Kong. Ralph joined the Royal Canadian Navy and rose rapidly through the ranks, assuming his first command at the tender age of 24. He spent much of WWII escorting convoys across the North Atlantic aboard the destroyer HMCS Assiniboine. During one of the 80 convoy-escort missions Hennessy would eventually complete, Assiniboine engaged a German submarine in a harrowing battle at close quarters. Assiniboine dispatched submarine U-210 to the bottom of the sea and rescued 37 prisoners of war from the chilly waters. Vice Admiral Hennessy was no less successful after retiring from the Royal Canadian

Navy in 1971. He served as the founding Executive Director of the Standards Council of Canada, and as Vice-President of the International Organization for Standardization (ISO). He was also a family man, raising four children with his first wife, Constance O'Neil, who passed away in 1991. Shortly after his wife's death, he reconnected with Diana; they later married and moved to Ottawa, where they continued their community service. For many years, they supported the Perley and Rideau Foundation. When Ralph needed long-term care after suffering a stroke, it was a foregone conclusion that their first choice would be the Perley Rideau. Ralph lived at the Perley Rideau for the last few years of his life and Diana was with him daily, continuing their life as a couple, until he died in 2014. "Being a senior and having seen first hand the wonderful, caring work of the Perley staff has opened my eyes wider than ever to the importance of long-term care and in particular the quality of care provided at the Perley Rideau," Diana says. "Ralph and I agreed that giving to the Perley would not only set an example for others but also acknowledge the care received at the Perley and honour our values and those of our families." Diana Hennessy structured her will to designate the Perley Rideau Foundation as a beneficiary. "Making a donation through my will to the Perley is not exceptional, in my view," says Diana. "It's an expression of who we are and what my husband and I stand for. Ralph and I have enjoyed rich, full lives; it's our responsibility to share our good fortune with others." **BU**



Diana and Ralph Hennessy celebrate his 90th birthday in 2008.



The Perley Rideau Curling Team participated in the inaugural National Defence Directorate of Aerospace Equipment Perley Rideau Veterans' Bonspiel on Friday, January 30 at the Nepean Sportsplex. Left to right: Vicki Einarsson, Terri Reeve, Daniel Clapin, Bobby Thomson.

The Perley and Rideau Veterans' Health Centre Foundation

Memorial Tributes

June 17, 2014 to February 6, 2015

Honour someone special with a donation to
The Perley and Rideau Veterans' Health Centre Foundation

Russell Alderson • Lillian Alefounder • Victoria Belsher • Elta Blair
Raoul Blais • Maureen Boisclair • Gerard Boissonneault • Hani Boulos
Louisa Bourgault • Annabelle Bradley • Annette Breault • Claire Brunet
Kenneth Brynaert • James Buchanan • Nina Budd • William Burt
V. Douglas Calder • William Calladine • Mary Calvert • Leona Carter
Jean-Marie Charette • Phyllis Childs • John Christison • Myrtle Clarke
Walter Compton • John Connolly • Annie Cooper • H. Cosman
Diana Coultish • Murray Cowan • Roy Cowell • Garfield Craig
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Irene Fisher-Smith • Jean Fitzwater • John G. Fortier • Sheila Foster
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