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Dear Friend,

When a sudden pain started in her side, Erin a young mother of four daughters, was shocked at how fast it came on.

She thought she might have the flu or maybe food poisoning. But when she started burning up and the pain kept getting worse and worse, to the point where she could barely stand up, she knew it was time to go to the hospital.

Once arriving at the Bowmanville Hospital Emergency Department (ED), Erin was immediately triaged and after undergoing blood tests, an abdominal x-ray and a CT scan, the news was shocking.

Erin’s appendix was about to burst, and she needed immediate life-saving surgery.

“One day I was fine and the next day I was so sick I could barely move. I was so scared when they told me I needed surgery, all I could think about was my kids and husband and how I need to be here for them. But my doctor told me I’d gotten here in time, and they were going to take really great care of me, and everything was going to be okay,” recalls Erin.

And it was. Thankfully, Erin’s surgery was successful and just three days later, she was able to go back home to her family, just in time for the holidays, grateful for the care she received.

As Erin’s story demonstrates, anything can happen at any time, and our hospital needs to be ready. Last year, we had over 33,000 visits to our ED. And when a patient like Erin comes in experiencing discomfort, pain or trauma we need to be able to find the answers. And in order to find the answers and to diagnose and care for critical patients, when time is of the essence, we need the right equipment.

This is why in this season of giving, I hope you will consider making a special gift to our Holiday Campaign to help purchase urgently needed equipment to help our patients get the care they need.

Your gifts make great things happen at Bowmanville. Thanks to the support of caring donors like you over the years we purchased vital sign monitors, IV poles, syringe pumps and more. All of this equipment was immediately put to use, providing support and comfort to patients when they needed it most. And by donating today, you can help us purchase a mini C-Arm imaging system, diagnostic workstations for radiologists, blanket warmers, patient ceiling lifts, beds and other urgently needed equipment that is of high priority for the hospital.

As you may be aware, government funding does not cover any of the costs of medical equipment, IT equipment and other moveable equipment required for operations.

What this means is that equipment is the sole responsibility of our community. But what it also means, is your donation today will make an immediate and meaningful impact in the delivery of care and patient services at Bowmanville Hospital. And it will help improve and save the lives of patients like Erin, who had this message to share with you today:

“We are so lucky to have our community hospital. They saved my life. My family and I will be forever grateful to the hospital and to donors like you. Thank you for helping the hospital be prepared when I needed them most.”

With the busy holiday season approaching, there will be many more patients like Erin turning to us in urgent need of critical care in the upcoming months and year. Please help us find the answers our patients need by making a special holiday gift today to help purchase urgently needed equipment. Thank you and best wishes to you and your family for good health, peace, joy and happiness now and for the coming year.

With gratitude and thanks,



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P.S. Your donation today will help improve and save lives. Please donate now or give online at www.thebowmanvillehospitalfoundation.com

