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Carleton Place & District Memorial Hospital Foundation
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Help Improve Tomorrow Today! campaign receives pledge from IODE



Members of the Captain Hooper Chapter of the IODE available for the cheque presentation are: (back) Marilyn Sparling, Peggy Gallipeau, Barbara Nauss (front) Hilda Docker, Audrey Proulx, Barbara Stapley and Lee-Ann Legault

The Captain Hooper Chapter of the IODE (Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire) has made a three-year pledge of \$2200 to the Help Improve Tomorrow Today! campaign. The pledge will be used to purchase one of the treatment beds on the hospital's list of needs.

"The IODE is a very community minded organization and since the hospital is such an integral part of our community it seemed clear that the IODE would contribute to the campaign," stated Hilda Docker, IODE Treasurer. "As many of our members age, we have come to appreciate the benefits of having the hospital in the area and we want to make sure it continues offering the best care possible."

The IODE is a non-denominational women's organization founded in 1900 by Margaret Polson Murray. The mission of IODE is to improve the quality of life for children, youth, and those in need, through educational, social service, and citizenship programs. There are approximately 7,855 members working in 369 primary chapters all across Canada. Members across the country raise approximately \$3,000,000 every year and reinvest it in Canada's children, families and communities.

The Captain Hooper Chapter of the IODE began in Carleton Place on February 12, 1917 and is one of the oldest continuous chapters of the IODE. Throughout the year the organization supports many community activities such as the Therapeutic Riding Programme, National/Provincial Cancer Camp, Interval House, Lanark County Food Bank, breakfast, snack and lunch programs at Caldwell and Carambeck Schools and bursaries and awards at the Notre Dame, Carleton Place and Almonte High Schools. The Captain Hooper Chapter has 32 members and has donated \$21,100 to the community since 2002

"The members of the IODE contribute a lot of time and money to make a positive contribution to many organizations throughout our community," stated Barbara Lough, Help Improve Tomorrow Today! campaign committee member. "I am thrilled that the IODE has decided to lend their hand to help achieve the goal of \$1.5 million by adding the campaign to their list of charities."

With the gift from the IODE, the Help Improve Tomorrow Today! campaign has received \$1,141,683.79 in cash and pledges. The goal of the campaign is to raise \$1.5 million over a three-year period for new equipment for the Carleton Place & District Memorial Hospital including a cardiac central monitor, laboratory bar coding system and clinical stretchers.

"I know that the Help Improve Tomorrow Today! campaign is making a significant impact on the hospital and will continue to do so as we get closer to reaching the goal," stated Dereck Hicks, President of the Carleton Place & District Memorial Hospital Foundation. "I am very pleased with the success the campaign has received to date and I'm anxious to announce that we have reached the \$1.5 million mark to the community."

Anyone requiring more information regarding the campaign, the hospital's needs or wanting to make a contribution is asked to contact the campaign office at (613) 257-2200 x 856, visit the campaign section of the hospital's website at www.carletonplacehospital.ca or e-mail ctroy@carletonplacehosp.com.

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