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Carleton Place & District Memorial Hospital Foundation
Carleton Place, ON

Carleton Place Hospital received an additional \$1000 from Rural Expo 2003



Mike Gagne, CEO of CPDMH, accepting a cheque from Bud MacMillan, Vice-Chair Rural Expo 2003, and David Brunton, Treasurer Rural Expo 2003

The Carleton Place & District Memorial Hospital Foundation is thrilled to announce that an additional \$1000 donation was given by the Rural Expo 2003 - Lanark County International Plowing Match. The gift was the result of the executive closing the books in October 2007 and has resulted in the Foundation receiving a total of \$91,000 from the event.

“Receiving this additional money was a very pleasant surprise and on behalf of the Hospital and Foundation I would like to thank the organizers of Rural Expo 2003 for thinking of us yet again,” stated Mike Gagne, CEO of CPDMH. “The funds received previously were instrumental in us being able to purchase our current x-ray machine and this recent donation will also be used to improve patient care.”

Rural Expo 2003 - Lanark County International Plowing Match was the largest event ever held in the county of Lanark. Through a balloting process, the volunteers determined that the net proceeds would be given to the healthcare facilities in Lanark County. In June of 2004, the organizers made the first instalment and presented cheques of \$86,000 to each of the four hospitals in the county - Almonte General Hospital, Carleton Place & District Memorial Hospital, Perth and Smiths Falls District Hospital, and \$77,000 to the North Lanark Community Health Centre. The committee also donated \$50,000 to the County for GPS upgrades to the Ambulance Service.

In August 2004, each hospital received an additional \$4000 and with the necessary approvals to proceed with construction, the North Lanark Community Health Centre received an additional \$3500 in August 2006. Like CPDMH, the Almonte General Hospital, Perth and Smiths Falls District Hospital, and the North Lanark Community Health Centre also received an additional \$1000 in October.

“It was such an incredible experience to work with so many people on this project. The many friendships that were made and continue to thrive is incredible”, stated Bud MacMillan, Vice-Chair Rural Expo 2003. “All the

more exciting, is knowing that all our hard work provided this amazing legacy to our local hospitals that any number of us will benefit from along with the surrounding population. What better gift can we leave in our name than to assist the place that provides so much assistance and comfort for us all when we need it.”

With all the proceeds now disbursed, the total contribution to health care in Lanark County from Rural Expo 2003 is \$495,500. This money was used by the facilities for renovation/expansion or equipment upgrades to better serve their clients and be of lasting benefit to the people of Lanark County. This amount coupled with the \$60,000 directed to the service clubs and organizations that assisted at the match, has resulted in an infusion of over \$555,000 into Lanark County.

The executive, coordinators, team leaders and committee members are proud to have been associated with such a worthwhile event and are excited to be part of this important legacy for the residents of Lanark County.

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