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Carleton Place & District Memorial Hospital Foundation  
Carleton Place, ON

**Carleton Place Hospital Foundation receives gift from Snowmobile Club**

The Carleton Place & District Memorial Hospital (CPDMH) Foundation is please to announce that it has received a \$1000 gift from the Beautiful Eastern Association of Snowmobile Trails (BEAST). The donation was given to the Foundation during the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Snowmobile Poker Run held in March of this year.

“We wanted to give to a local charity and since most of our members live around Carleton Place and the surrounding area, we decided as a group that the donation should go to the Carleton Place Hospital”, stated

Jim Lackey, BEAST President. “Many of our members participated in the poker run and we saw the event as a perfect opportunity to present the hospital with our donation.”



“We were thrilled to receive this great donation from BEAST,” stated Ian Edwards, Member of the CPDMH Board of Directors. “On behalf of the Hospital and Foundation I would like to thank the members of BEAST for their generosity and offer my gratitude for their help in making the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Snowmobile Poker Run an overwhelming success.”

*Ian Edwards, member of the CPDMH Board of Directors, accepting a cheque from the members of the BEAST (Beautiful Eastern Association of the Snowmobile Trails).*

BEAST is incorporated as a non-profit organization complete with constitution/bylaw regulations and is registered with the Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs (OFSC). BEAST was formed in 1999 by merging the

volunteers as well as the financial and operational planning from 3 local snowmobile clubs - the Ashton District Snowmobile Association (ADSA), Stittsville & Dwyer Hill Snowmobile Association (SDHSA), and Richmond Snow Rovers (RSR).

Currently, BEAST is registered with 400Kms + of trail with perimeter towns including Smith Falls, Franktown, Carleton Place, Clayton, White Lake, Lanark, Almonte, Stittsville, Munster, Ashton, Barrhaven and Richmond. The association has over 1000 permit members, and is the largest group in the district and in the top 10 out of 200 plus snowmobile groups for the province.

“We want the community to know that we are responsible sledders and our recent donation to the Carleton Place Hospital allowed us to contribute to a very worthwhile cause while doing something we love,” continued Mr. Lackey. “As BEAST continues to grow we will do our best to help the community whenever we can.”

The association is continually looking for volunteers and anyone interested is asked to contact the Volunteer Coordinator, Anna Mould at 613-257-5545. For more information on BEAST please visit <http://www.snowmobile.dnsalias.net>.

The poker run in February raised a total of \$5969 for the Foundation. Snow conditions permitting, organizers for the event are planning the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Poker Run for Saturday February 21, 2009.

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