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Carleton Place & District Memorial Hospital Foundation
Carleton Place, ON

New Ultrasound Machine on Hospital's 2008/09 List of Needs

The Foundation has started another year of fundraising on the Hospital's behalf and has committed to raising approximately \$355,000 for new medical equipment including a new ultrasound machine estimated to cost \$200,000.

"Everyone is still waiting to hear whether we get the go-ahead for the new hospital and in the meantime the Foundation is committed to ensuring the community continues to have access to the best healthcare right here at home. Part of that is having the best technology for patient treatment and diagnosis and each year we do our best to raise the funds necessary to purchase the items on the Hospital's list of needs," said Sylvie Powell, President of CPDMH Foundation. "Last year we were very proud to have raised \$534,000 for new medical equipment for the Hospital and we hope we are able to raise the \$354,200 needed to purchase the items on this year's list."

Each of the items on the list of equipment needs has been approved by the Hospital's product evaluation committee which includes senior management, physicians, members of the nursing team, and other hospital staff. The committee assesses what equipment needs to be purchased based on current equipment reaching the end of its lifecycle, improvements in technology or changes in industry standards.

CPDMH currently has two ultrasound machines. However, the recent implementation of PACS (Picture Archiving

Communication System) which eliminates the need to store films and replaces it with digital storage, plus other changes in technology, have resulted in one of the machines needing to be replaced. The ultrasound is vital to patient treatment and diagnosis and failure to replace aging machines would result in a reduction in the service currently provided to the community – something the Hospital is not willing to do. Some of the other items on the equipment list include a new bed and bladder scanner for the inpatient unit and a cardiac transport monitor for the Emergency Department.

The Hospital has taken steps to purchase the ultrasound machine and will have it in service very soon. The Foundation will continue fundraising for it throughout the Summer and hopes to have the cost fully covered by the Fall.

2008/09 List of Equipment Needs for CPDMH	Cost
Ultrasound Machine	\$ 200,000
Grid	\$ 1,800
Portable ECG Machine with Trolley	\$ 25,000
Cardiac & Transport MP50 & Central Monitoring System	\$ 35,000
Triple & concurrent pumps x 2	\$ 17,000
Transfer Procedural Stretcher	\$ 8,200
Washer/Dryer	\$ 3,000
Dynamap 400 Allyn Vital Signs Monitor	\$ 5,100
IV Pump	\$ 3,500
Zonair Bed	\$ 12,000
Couch & Chair for Quiet Room on the Inpatient Unit	\$ 2,500
Bladder Scanner	\$ 20,000
2 Mayo Stands	\$ 2,000
Tourniquet Machine	\$ 18,000
Portable O ₂ Saturation Machine	\$ 1,100
Total for 2008/09 List of Needs	\$ 354,200

Anyone wanting to help purchase the ultrasound machine or any of the other items on the Hospital's list of needs is asked to contact the Foundation office at (613) 257 – 2200 ext 856 or e-mail ctroy@carletonplacehosp.com. Donations can also be made online by visiting the hospital's website at www.carletonplacehospital.com. Any and all help to improve the healthcare provided to the residents of Carleton Place and the surrounding area is greatly appreciated.

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