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Carleton Place & District Memorial Hospital Foundation  
Carleton Place, ON

**Carleton Place Hospital Foundation and Auxiliary looking forward to the Christmas Season**

The Carleton Place & District Memorial Hospital (CPDMH) Foundation and Auxiliary are preparing for a festive Christmas Season and would like to invite the community to participate in the events scheduled in support of the Hospital. The first event on the calendar is the Foundation's *14<sup>th</sup> Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony* on Saturday, November 26 at the Hospital following the Santa Claus Parade.

The Tree Lighting is the Foundation's biggest annual fundraiser and we have partnered with the Carleton Place BIA once again to host the ceremony after the Carleton Place Santa Claus Parade, stated Chantelle Troy, Manager/Community Relations Officer of the CPDMH Foundation. The Foundation is always so grateful for the community's response to this event and we hope to see a lot of people at our Tree Lighting so we can properly kick off the Christmas Season at the Hospital.

The Tree Lighting provides the community with the opportunity to spread the true spirit of the Christmas season by sponsoring a light on our Tree in memory of a loved one, or in honour of friends and family, hospital physicians and staff, or anyone that has touched your life in a meaningful way. The ceremony will be held shortly after the Santa Claus parade and will include an appearance from Santa and Mrs. Claus. The Town Singers will also be at the event to lead the crowd in the singing of Christmas Carols.

All donations received from the Tree Lighting will be directed to buying a new ultrasound unit for the Emergency Department. The new ultrasound machine will allow our Hospital to better treat and diagnosis the patients visiting our Emergency Department and is estimated to cost \$79,000. Gifts to the Tree Lighting may be made online at <http://www.carletonplacehospital.ca>, in person at the Foundation Office or by mailing your donation to the Foundation (211 Lake Ave East, Carleton Place, K7C 1J4). Tax receipts will be issued for donations of \$10 or more.

The CPDMH Auxiliary is hosting a Bake Sale in support of the Hospital on Saturday December 3. The event will be held in the Moore House at 170 Bridge Street starting at 9:00 a.m. until noon. All items available for purchase at the sale will be made by members of the Auxiliary.

And finally, Our Gift Shoppe, located in the front lobby of CPDMH and operated by the CPDMH Auxiliary, has unveiled its Christmas merchandise. The Auxiliary encourages the community to stop by to purchase the perfect gift for someone on your Christmas list.

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