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Carleton Place & District Memorial Hospital Foundation  
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**Walker helps raise funds for Cancer Care in Carleton Place**

The Carleton Place & District Memorial Hospital (CPDMH) Foundation is pleased to announce that it has received a gift of \$1409.01 from the Ottawa Regional Cancer Foundation. The funds were given in honour of Liz Taylor's participation in the Weekend to End Women's Cancers in June. Ms Taylor opted to participate in the one-day 30 km walk and directed her fundraising efforts to CPDMH.



“The Cancer Foundation has allowed the hospitals in the National Capital Region and the Ottawa Valley to enter teams in the Weekend to End Women’s Cancers and have 75% of the funds raised by the team allocated to their local hospital”, stated Toni Surko, CEO of CPDMH. “We are so honoured that Liz decided to become involved in the walk and we are grateful to both the Cancer Foundation and Liz for helping to improve cancer care in our community.”

*Toni Surko, CEO of CPDMH, Liz Taylor, Marketing Director with the Carleton Place Manor and Chantale Hendley, Governance & Accountability Officer with the Ottawa Regional Cancer Foundation with a cheque representing the funds raised by Ms. Taylor's participation in the Weekend to End Women's Cancers.*

The funds raised by Ms. Taylor will be used to help purchase items for the

Hospital’s colonoscopy program. In the coming months, the hospital will be purchasing a new a video tower and camera heads for the program and the items are expected to cost \$70,000.

“I decided to participate in the Weekend to End Women’s Cancers to support a very good friend of mine who was diagnosed with a very rare type cancer last year. However, when I discovered that the majority of the funds that I raised could be directed to the Carleton Place Hospital, it strengthened my desire to take part in the event,” stated Ms. Taylor. “For the past three years, I have been the Marketing Director with the Carleton Place Manor and as a result I have been able to develop a strong relationship with the Carleton Place Hospital. Now that I am an official resident of the community, I am so glad that I have been able to help the Hospital improve the care available to my neighbours and friends.”

“Our organization is focused on ensuring that residents in our region have the best possible cancer care closer to home; offering our local hospitals the ability to access funds from the Weekend to End Women’s Cancers is one way we are able to accomplish this goal ,” stated Chantale Hendley, Governance & Accountability Officer with the ORCF. “We are very pleased to continue this arrangement for the 2011 Weekend to End Women’s Cancers and I hope to see a larger team from Carleton Place taking us up on this wonderful opportunity.”

There were 1000 participants in Ottawa’s 2010 Weekend to End Women’s Cancers and together they raised \$2.1 million for cancer care. The next Weekend to End Women’s Cancers is scheduled for June 4-5, 2011 and anyone interested in entering the event on behalf of CPDMH is asked to contact the Foundation Office at 613-257-2200 ext or e-mail [ctroy@carletonplacehosp.com](mailto:ctroy@carletonplacehosp.com).

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