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Carleton Place & District Memorial Hospital Foundation
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RBC Employees donate time and money to Carleton Place Hospital



Debra Bellevue and Angie Nicholas with a cheque representing the donation from RBC's Employee Volunteer Grants Program

The Carleton Place & District Memorial Hospital Foundation is pleased to announce that RBC has donated \$1500 to help purchase new medical equipment for the hospital. The donation was made on behalf of Debra Bellevue, Angie Nicholas and Andrew Staniforth through RBC's Employee Volunteer Grants Program. The three RBC employees were members of the organizing committee for the 5th Annual Bed Pan Classic Golf Tournament and Mrs. Bellevue is also a member of the Foundation Board of Directors.

“When I came to the Carleton Place branch of RBC, I wanted to get involved with the community and thought the Bed Pan Classic was a great way to start,” stated Debra Bellevue, Commercial Account Manager. “As I learned more about the Foundation and its goals, I realized that this was an organization I wanted to become more involved with. Fortunately RBC understands the importance of community involvement and provided this grant to support the Foundation's work.”

RBC's Employee Volunteer Grants Program was launched in 1999 to support their employee's community involvement. Employees and pensioners who volunteer a minimum of 40 hours a year to a registered charity are eligible for a \$500 grant to the organization in their honour. Since 1999, RBC has made over 10,700 grants and donated more than \$5.35 million to celebrate its employees' volunteer efforts.

“On behalf of the CPDMH Foundation I would like to thank Debra, Angie and Andrew for accessing these grants on our behalf and more importantly for giving their time to help our organization,” said Sylvie Powell President of CPDMH Foundation. “In the last few years the Bed Pan Classic has become our biggest annual fundraiser and I would like to thank all the members of the committee for making our tournament such a great event.”

“I very much believe in the importance of the Carleton Place Hospital and Foundation to the overall well being of the community. As a result I have been involved with the Bed Pan Classic since it began in 2003,” stated Andrew Staniforth, who recently relocated to RBC in North Bay. “I'm very pleased to see that the tournament has become an overwhelming success and would like to thank my employer, RBC for giving me the freedom to become involved with the event.”

“RBC believes in being a responsible corporate citizen and passes that belief on to its employees,” stated Angie Nicholas, currently with RBC Bells Corners. “I would like to thank RBC for giving this grant on my behalf to the CPDMH Foundation.”

In addition to the funds donated to the CPDMH Foundation, the MHAuxiliary has also been able to benefit from RBC's Employee Volunteer Grants Program. Auxilian, and retired RBC employee, Margaret McEwen has been accessing funds from the program and directing the donation to the Auxiliary's River of Life. To date, the Employee Volunteer Grants Program has donated \$3500 to the Auxiliary on Mrs. McEwen's behalf.

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