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Carleton Place Hospital receives gift from students of Arklan Public School



Students of Arklan Public School presenting a cheque to Toni Surko, AED of Patient Services at CPDMH

The Carleton Place & District Memorial Hospital (CPDMH) Foundation is pleased to announce that it has received a gift of \$1523 from the students of the Arklan Public School. The funds were raised during a walk-a-thon in June of this year and will be directed towards the purchase of new equipment for the hospital.

“We know most, if not all, of our students have had to use the services provided by the Carleton Place Hospital at some point in their young lives and we organized this walk-a-thon as a way to thank the hospital for the wonderful care they received”, stated Ken Gendron, Principal of Arklan Community Public School. “We also feel it’s important to instil a sense of community in our students and what better way to do that then to give to our Hospital.”

The Arklan School has approximately 300 students in junior kindergarten to grade 8. Since the walk-a-thon was organized as part of the phys-ed curriculum all students participated in the event. Obtaining pledges, however, was voluntary.

“I think it’s fantastic that the kids decided to participate in an exercise where they have the opportunity to improve the community in which they live”, stated Toni Surko, AED of Patient Services at CPDMH. “We are honoured to be the recipients of the walk-a-thon held in June by the Arklan Public School and I would like to thank everyone who participated in this event on our behalf.”

At the beginning of 2007/08 school year the students participated in the Annual Terry Fox Run and raised over \$2000 for cancer research. As well in 2005, the students also held a walk-a-thon on CPDMH's behalf and raised \$2530 for a new blood pressure machine for the Nursing Unit.

“The generosity of the students at the Arklan Public School has set a great example for the rest of the community to follow”, stated Sylvie Powell, President of the CPDMH Foundation. “On behalf of the CPDMH Foundation, I would like to thank the students for this wonderful gift.”

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