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Carleton Place & District Memorial Hospital Foundation  
Carleton Place, ON

**Dragon Boat Festival celebrates success of 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!**

The Carleton Place & District Memorial Hospital (CPDMH) Foundation is thrilled to announce that it has



received a gift of \$14,000 from the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Carleton Place Dragon Boat Festival. With the funds raised at this year's event, the Dragon Boat Festival has donated \$50,000 to the Hospital to help with equipment purchases over the last 5 years.

“This was a very important year for the committee and we are thrilled to be able to celebrate the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the festival with this donation to the Hospital,” stated Ann Poynter, President of the Festival Committee. “The festival has grown so much since its beginning and we are very grateful for the community's support over the last ten years.”

In addition to the funds donated to the Hospital, the Carleton Place Dragon Boat Festival maintains a bursary for both the Carleton Place High School and the Notre Dame High School. The Festival has also donated over \$35,000 to other charities in the community such as the Carleton Place Canoe Club, Lanark County Food Bank, Interval House and the Snowsuit Fund

*With a cheque representing the funds raised at the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Carleton Place Dragon Boat Festival are: (back l-r) Sidney Thomson; Brenda O'Malley, Steve O'Malley, Pete Leithead, (middle l-r) Cathy O'Reilly, Crystal Blackburn, Ann Poynter and Ben Brandino. Holding the cheque in the front row are future Dragon Boat participants (l-r) Sawyer Brandino, Tessa Brandino, Piper Brandino, Lucy Blackburn and Russell Blackburn.*

“The Dragon Boat Festival is an amazing event and the organizing committee should be very proud of the success they have been able to achieve over the last ten years,” stated Spencer Grabe, President of the CPDMH Foundation. “We are very honoured to be named as the recipient of the festival's proceeds and I would like to thank the committee for their past and current support of our organization.”

The organizing committee would like to thank all the team and volunteers, especially the Carleton Place & District Civitan Club, that have helped make the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Dragon Boat Festival a success. Gratitude is also extended to the partners and associate sponsors as well as the friends of the festival listed below:

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The Festival's Annual General Meeting will be held at the Carleton Place Arena on Monday, November 21 at 7pm and the meeting is open to all who would like to attend.