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Carleton Place & District Memorial Hospital Foundation
Carleton Place, ON

2008 Dragon Boat Festival a roaring success!

The Carleton Place & District Memorial Hospital (CPDMH) Foundation is thrilled to announce that it has received a gift of \$6,000 from the 2008 Carleton Place Dragon Boat Festival.

“On behalf of our Board of Directors I would like to thank everyone associated with the Dragon Boat Festival for organizing a great day and for naming the Foundation as the recipient of the Festival’s proceeds”, said Sylvie Powell, President of the CPDMH Foundation. “This is a fantastic community event and I would like to congratulate the organizing committee on their success.”



Participating in the cheque presentation picture are Ben Brandino, Pete Leithead, Norma Hamilton, CPDMH Foundation Vice President, Sidney Thomson, Ann Poynter, Susan Thurston, Crystal Devlin and Neil Shannon. Also included are future Dragon Boaters Russell and Luci Blackburn.

The gift to the hospital will be directed towards the purchase of a tourniquet machine for the operating room. The machine, estimated to cost \$18,000, is used to temporarily create a bloodless operation field during surgical procedures by blocking blood flow to a patient's limbs. The Festival also donated \$1000 to the Carleton Place Canoe Club and raised funds to maintain bursaries for the Carleton Place High School and the Notre Dame High School.

“We are very pleased with the results from this year’s festival and very proud to help the hospital purchase this important piece of equipment”, stated Ann Poynter, President of the Festival

Committee. “On behalf of the committee I would like to thank all teams for participating in our event and the volunteers who contributed to the overall success of the Festival.”

The organizing committee would also like to thank Fendock, Rogers TV, Carleton Place Canoe Club, Motion Creative Printing, DRS Technologies, Giant Tiger, Carleton Place Canadian, Rental Village, Coldwell Banker and Carleton Place IDA for sponsoring the Carleton Place Dragon Boat Festival. Thanks are also extended to the friends of the festival which includes the following businesses, individuals and organizations: Corporation of the Town of Carleton Place, Sign Design, Bernie Amyotte, G.A. Smith Surveying, Mary Jane Lancaster, Eastern Ontario Division of the Canadian Canoe Association, Royal Bank of Canada (CP), Body Graphics Tattoo, Sharon Mousseau, Art Quartermain, 7 West Motel, Scotiabank, Lambden Window & Door; Kevin Price and Beth Hollihan, Staples Business Depot, EMC Newspaper, Wal-Mart.

Since the festival began in 2002, the Fall 400 has raised over \$40,000 which has been given back to various organizations throughout the community. Some of these organizations include Community Home Support, Carleton Place Public Library, Lanark County Food Bank, Breast Cancer Action Group, Interval House, Carleton Place District Youth Center, Carleton Place Water Dragons and many more. To see a full listing of the organizations that have benefited from the Carleton Place Dragon Boat Festival or to learn more about the event please visit www.fall400.com.

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