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Carleton Place & District Memorial Hospital Foundation
Carleton Place, ON

2009 Dragon Boat Festival a Huge Success!

The Carleton Place & District Memorial Hospital (CPDMH) Foundation is thrilled to announce that it has received a gift of \$12,000 from the 2009 Carleton Place Dragon Boat Festival.

“The Dragon Boat Festival is an amazing community event and I can’t thank the committee enough for naming the Foundation as the recipient of the event’s proceeds”, said Norma Hamilton, President of the CPDMH Foundation. “In the last three years, the Dragon Boat Festival has donated \$23,000 towards the purchase of medical equipment and on behalf of the Hospital and the Foundation, I would also like to thank the Dragon Boat committee for their ongoing commitment to the health of our community.”

This recent gift from the Dragon Boat Festival will be directed towards the purchase of a platelet mixer and other equipment for the Hospital’s laboratory. The platelet mixer, estimated to cost \$10,000, is just one of the planned updates to the lab equipment. In total, a little over \$100,000 is needed to replace aging laboratory equipment including a hematology analyzer, biochemistry analyzer and a plasma thawing system.



The Dragon Boat Committee presenting the proceeds of the 2009 Festival to members of the CPDMH Foundation.

“Each year we work very hard to ensure that our Festival is a fun, enjoyable day and at the end of the event we hope to have some funds to distribute throughout our community”, stated Ann Poynter, President of the Festival Committee. “This year everything seemed to come together and we are so thrilled that we were able to give this wonderful gift to the Carleton Place Hospital. On behalf of the committee I would like to thank all teams for participating in our event as well as the volunteers who contributed to the overall success of the Festival.”

The organizing committee would also like to thank its event sponsors who include The Heritage Community Fitness Centre, Fendock, Rogers TV, Carleton Place & District Civitan Club, Carleton Place Canoe Club, Rivington Suzuki, Motion Creative Printing, Giant Tiger, DRS Technologies, Carleton Place IDA, Rental Village, Walmart Carleton Place and the EMC.

Additional thanks are also extended to the friends of the festival which include the 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, Sharon Mousseau, Art Quartermain, Scotiabank, Lambden Window & Door; Staples Business Depot, The Cheddar Shop.

Race Day 2010 has been scheduled for Saturday, September 11. Please visit www.fall400.com for more information.

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