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Carleton Place & District Memorial Hospital Foundation  
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**Dragon Boat Festival celebrating its 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

On September 10<sup>th</sup> nearly 1000 paddlers will arrive in Riverside Park to participate in the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Carleton Place Dragon Boat Festival. Since this an important anniversary for the event, the committee is hoping to make the day very memorable and for the 5<sup>th</sup> time, the Hospital has been named as the primary recipient of the Festival's proceeds.

“We are honoured that the Dragon Boat Festival has once again chosen our organization to be the primary recipient of the event and so pleased to help the committee celebrate the 10<sup>th</sup>



The CPDMH's Dragon Boat team, Monsters of Medicine, going up the Mississippi River before the start of a race in the 2010 Dragon Boat Festival.

equipment such as tourniquet machine for the operating room and a platelet mixer for the lab. Depending on the funds raised at this year's event, the committee is hoping to help purchase either a bed for the inpatient unit, a cardiac monitor for the operating room or two stretchers for use in day to day patient care.

“When we started the Festival in 2002 our goal was to host the best (fun & well-run) small, one-day dragon-boat event in Eastern Ontario and each year we make slight changes to bring us closer to our target,” stated Ann Poynter, President of the Festival Committee. “As a group, the committee and I are thrilled with what we have been able to accomplish over the last nine years and we are really grateful to all of sponsors and our volunteers, especially the Civitan Club, who have donated thousands of hours to make the Festival the success that it is.”

The committee is pleased to once again have the Festival full with 44 boats participating in the event. For more information on the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Carleton Place Dragon Boat Festival, including sponsorship opportunities, please visit [www.fall400.com](http://www.fall400.com).

anniversary of the Festival,” stated Spencer Grabe, President of the CPDMH Foundation. “On behalf of everyone associated with the Hospital, I would like to congratulate the committee on reaching this significant milestone - I know that this is going to be another great year for Dragon Boating in Carleton Place.”

Since the Carleton Place Dragon Boat Festival began, it has contributed over \$70,000 to various charities in the community. In the past four years, the Festival has donated \$36,000 to the hospital to purchase new

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