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Carleton Place & District Memorial Hospital Foundation
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Carleton Place resident celebrates birthday with a gift to Carleton Place Hospital

The Carleton Place & District Memorial Hospital (CPDMH) Foundation is thrilled to announce that it has received a gift of \$8,000 from Orm Giles and his family. The gift was given in celebration of Mr. Giles' 80th birthday.

"When I turned 80, I wanted to mark the occasion in a special way and thought it would be nice to give \$100 to the hospital to celebrate every year of my life," stated Mr. Giles. "This gift is also given in thanks for the great care provided to my family over the years. I would especially like to thank the hospital for the wonderful care given to my wife Mary, who passed away in 2006."

Mr. Giles was born in Carleton Place and has lived in the community for most of his life. With his wife Mary, Mr. Giles raised two children, Sylvia and Stephen. Sylvia now lives in Carleton Place, with her husband Chris Jones, and operates The Massage Therapy Clinic; Stephen resides in Ottawa and is a federal government employee.

Mr. Giles has been involved with community service for most of his life. He was a council member with the Town of Carleton Place for 32 years and served as Deputy Mayor for a few years. Mr. Giles was appointed Warden in 1985 and spent 22 years on the County Council. In 1994, Mr. Giles retired after 32 years of employment with Computing Devices of Canada (now General Dynamics).



Norma Hamilton, President of the CPDMH Foundation, accepting a donation from the Giles Family. The gift was given to celebrate the 80th birthday of Orm Giles. Participating in the picture are (l-r) Norma Hamilton, Chris Jones, Sylvia Giles, Orm Giles and Stephen Giles.

In addition to his contribution to municipal government, Mr. Giles has been a member of the St. John's Lodge 63 A.F. & A.M. since 1963 and a Shriner for 31 years. Mr. Giles also serves on the Board of Directors for Elizabeth Court and was elected to the CPDMH Board of Trustees for nine years as well as the CPDMH Foundation Board of Directors from 1997 – 2000.

"I had hoped that my gift of \$8,000 would kick start the fundraising campaign for the new hospital, however we all know now that the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care has delayed the decision to move forward for a little while," stated Mr. Giles. "Hopefully the hospital will receive the necessary

approvals to move forward soon and in the meantime the Foundation has agreed to hold my gift in trust for the new facility.”

This is a wonderful gift and I am so thrilled that Orm and his family included our hospital in his birthday celebrations,” stated Norma Hamilton, President of the CPDMH Foundation. “On behalf of everyone associated with the hospital, I would like to thank the Giles family for their generosity. I would also like to wish Orm a belated happy birthday and I hope he has many more birthday celebrations.”

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