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Carleton Place & District Memorial Hospital Foundation  
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**Auxiliary helps funds isolation room for Carleton Place Hospital**



*Des Kelley, Marg Leblanc, Betty Godfrey, Mike Gagne, Noreen Kelly, Mary de Francesco, Joan Haight and Flora Neave outside inpatient room 2007 which was converted to an isolation room for CPDMH with help from the MHAuxiliary.*

The Carleton Place & District Memorial Hospital (CPDMH) is pleased to announce that the MHAuxiliary has given \$50,000 towards the installation of an isolation room on the hospital's inpatient unit. Funding for the project was also received from the Ontario Ministry of Health & Long-term Care.

"The Auxiliary and its members are vital to the operation of our hospital. Not only do they help fund new equipment and building renovations, they also provide countless volunteer hours in many of the departments throughout our hospital", stated Mike Gagne, CEO of CPDMH. "I am always very appreciative of the support we receive from the Auxiliary and I was very pleased they decided to help us establish the isolation room."

After SARS, the Ministry of Health & Long-term Care mandated that hospitals and other healthcare facilities needed the necessary accommodations to physically isolate a patient if there is a known or suspected risk of transmitting certain infections. The isolation room installed in the inpatient unit of CPDMH has been designed with a ventilation system that protects both the hospital staff and its patients. Proper ventilation design reduces the risk of contamination by providing either deflection of contaminated air or efficient removal of impurities and toxins. The room can also be used as a standard treatment room.

“As a group the Auxiliary takes enormous pride in helping the hospital improve patient care,” stated Mary de Francesco, President of the MHAuxiliary. “It’s the reason we came into being and why we continue to work together as a group.”

Throughout the year the Auxiliary has various fundraising events to raise money to assist the hospital in patient care and general operations. Some of these events include the Annual Roast Beef Luncheon, Ride of Splendor, HELLP Lottery and the selling of tourtieres at Christmas time. The Auxiliary also manages “Our Gift Shoppe” in the front lobby of CPDMH and provides an average of 20,000 volunteer hours per year in support of the hospital.

For the 2007/08 fiscal year, the Auxiliary will be directing its fundraising towards the purchase of a cauterizing unit. The unit will be used in the Ambulatory Care department to stop bleeding during minor surgical procedures and the machine is estimated to cost \$40,000.

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