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Carleton Place & District Memorial Hospital Foundation
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Mississippi Squares Dance Club Donate To Carleton Place Hospital



Chantelle Troy, Foundation Manager/ Community Relations Officer, and Debra Bellevue, Member of the CPDMH Foundation Board or Directors with Donna Jonas, President of the Mississippi Squares

The Carleton Place & District Memorial Hospital (CPDMH) Foundation is thrilled to announce that it has received a \$300 donation from the Mississippi Squares Dance Club. The donation was the proceeds from the organization's annual Halfway Dance and a similar donation was presented to the Almonte General Hospital – Fairview Manor Foundation.

“When we held our Halfway Dance last year we decided to donate the proceeds to the Carleton Place Hospital and this year we wanted to include the Almonte General Hospital”, stated Donna Jonas, President of the Mississippi Squares. “Since our membership is becoming older we know the importance of having a great hospital available to us and as a community we are very fortunate to have both the Carleton Place Hospital and the Almonte Hospital close by to look after our healthcare needs.”

“The Foundation is very pleased that the Mississippi Squares have once again chosen our hospital to be the recipient of their Halfway Dance,” stated Ian Edwards, President of the CPDMH Foundation. “On behalf of everyone associated with the Carleton Place Hospital and Foundation, I would like to thank the Club and its members for their generosity.”

The Mississippi Squares Dance Club has been dancing for 21 years in Carleton Place and this year the 18th Annual Halfway Dance was held Saturday January 6. Every Tuesday from September to the end of April the Mississippi Square hosts a regular Basic/Mainstream dance evening at Carambeck School and Plus dancing is held on Friday nights. A seven week workshop to ‘Improve your Plus’ began on May 8 and continues until June 12.

With 66 members, the Mississippi Square Dance Club has one of the larger memberships in the Eastern Ontario Square and Round Dancing Association. In addition to donating to the hospitals in the area, the Mississippi

Squares has always been involved in community outreach, including providing entertainment at area seniors' homes, hosting square dance teaching in local schools, entering a float in the Santa Claus Parade, and sponsoring the cleanup of a 3 km stretch of Highway 7 every spring, summer and fall.

New members are always welcome at the Mississippi Squares and anyone interested in becoming involved with the group is asked to contact Donna Jonas at 613-623-6698. Further information on the club, including the upcoming dance schedule can be found on its website at <http://www.mississippisquares.ca>.

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