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Carleton Place & District Memorial Hospital Foundation
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Premier Bus Lines completes pledge to Carleton Place Hospital

The Carleton Place & District Memorial Hospital (CPDMH) Foundation is pleased to announce that Premier Bus Lines has fulfilled its two year commitment of \$4000 towards new equipment for the hospital. The funds were directed to purchasing a heart monitor for CPDMH's trauma room in the Emergency Department.

“On behalf of the Hospital and the Foundation I would like to thank Premier Bus Lines for honouring their commitment to our hospital,” stated Sylvie Powell, President of the CPDMH Foundation. “Their commitment has helped to improve the level of care to the patients that visit our Emergency room and we are very grateful for their generosity.”

The new heart monitor complements the cardiac monitoring system purchased by the *Help Improve Tomorrow Today!* campaign in 2006. The new monitor will attach to the current system to view and interpret heart rhythms for patients in cardiac distress as well as any other patient that needs close monitoring for treatment and diagnosis. In 2007/08 CPDMH's Emergency Department treated over 21,940 patients with a significant percentage of these patients experiencing chest pains or other symptoms of cardiac distress.

“This is a wonderful donation from Premier Bus Lines that will assist the Emergency Department in providing quality care to all our patients”, stated Toni Surko, AED of Patient Services. “On behalf of all the Emergency staff and physicians, I offer my sincere appreciation for this gift.”

Premier Bus Lines provides school bussing as well as charter services and is owned by Eric and Colleen Hochgeschurz. The company began operating in January 1997 with 15 bus runs. Today the company has 45 employees and has 45 bus runs in Carleton Place, Kanata, Merrickville, Almonte and all areas in between.

“Our donation was made on behalf of our employees that have contributed to the success of our business over the last 12 years,” stated Eric Hochgeschurz, President of Pre Bus Lines Inc. “We are very happy to help the hospital provide quality care to the community and I would like to thank our employees for their ongoing support.”

Anyone requiring more information about CPDMH, its needs, or wanting to donate is asked to contact the Foundation Office at (613) 257-2200 x 856, e-mail ctroy@carletonplacehosp.com or visit the hospital's website at www.carletonplacehospital.ca.



Eric and Colleen Hochgeschurz presenting a cheque to Ian Edwards, Past President of the CPDMH Foundation.

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