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Carleton Place & District Memorial Hospital Foundation
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Carleton Place Hospital receives donation from Ramsay Women's Institute



Members of the Ramsay Women's Institute with a cheque representing their gift to the CPDMH Foundation

The Carleton Place & District Memorial Hospital (CPDMH) Foundation is pleased to announce that a donation of \$200 has been received from the Ramsay Women's Institute. The donation will be directed to the purchase of new medical equipment for the hospital and the group gave a similar donation to the Almonte General Hospital's current fundraising campaign.

"We believe that it's important to support healthcare because we know at some point in our lives our members and our families will need the services provided by the hospitals in our area", stated Cindy Zorgel, President of the Ramsay Women's Institute. "Since most of our members live on the borders of Carleton Place and Almonte, we feel it's important to support the hospital in both communities."

The Ramsay Women's Institute is very focused on fundraising and donates its money back into the community. In addition to donating to the Carleton Place Hospital and the Almonte General Hospital, the Ramsay Women's Institute are strong supporters of the Mill of Kintail Conversation Area. Every Wednesday and Saturday during July and August, the Institute hosts a Tea-on-the-Lawn at the Mill of Kintail from 2pm to 4pm. As well, the Institutes hosts an Annual Strawberry Social which was held on July 8th in the Almonte Civitan Hall.

"On behalf of the Hospital and Foundation, I would like to thank the members of the Ramsay Women's Institute for their generosity to our organization," stated Ian Edwards, President of the CPDMH Foundation. "I know that the members of the Institute work very hard to raise their funds and we are thrilled to be the recipient of their goodwill."

The Ramsay Women's Institute currently has 19 members and meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of the month. Meetings offer great food and a variety of guest speakers usually focused on education and betterment of the women and their communities, as well as agriculture, citizenship and health.

The Women's Institute was started in Ontario 110 years ago with the motto 'For Home and Country'. With branches throughout Canada and many other countries of the world, the Women's Institute encourages women to improve their lives and the lives of other women. The organization is a not-for-profit charitable organization with affiliates around the world working with rural and urban women and their families. The original focus - domestic science education - quickly expanded to include personal growth opportunities, government lobbying and health and community wellness initiatives.

Anyone interested in becoming a member or requiring more information on the Ramsay Women's Institute is asked to contact Cindy Zorgel at 613-256-5155. New members are always welcome!

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