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Carleton Place & District Memorial Hospital Foundation  
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**Local Realtor gives to Carleton Place Hospital**



*Sidney Thomson, CPDMH Nurse, John R. Southwell and Toni Surko, with the cheque representing Mr. Southwell's donation towards the purchase of a geri chair for the Nursing unit.*

The Carleton Place & District Memorial Hospital (CPDMH) Foundation is pleased to announce that local realtor, John R. Southwell has again made a donation to the Hospital. This most recent donation of \$1,000 is towards the purchase of new equipment. The funds will be used to purchase a geri chair for the Hospital's Nursing Unit.

"I am pleased to support the Carleton Place Hospital since it has provided excellent care to many members of my family over the years", stated Mr. Southwell. "The Hospital has always been very important to me and each year I donate a portion of my real estate commissions to the Hospital."

A geri chair is similar to a recliner with wheels and the back and seat are formed for patient comfort and support. The chair helps prevent patient falls and is typically used with patients who have mobility issues.

"The new geri chair will be a welcome addition to the nursing unit and will greatly add in patient care and comfort," stated Toni Surko, AED of patient Services. "On behalf of the staff and our patients, I would like to thank Mr. Southwell for his generosity."

Mr. Southwell has been a long time supporter of the Hospital and has continuously donated to the Hospital since 1997. In 2002, he donated to the Brick-by- Brick campaign which provided funds to the Hospital for a new roof, windows and elevator. More recently in 2004, Mr. Southwell also gave to the *Help Improve Tomorrow Today!* campaign, which has raised nearly \$1.7 million for new medial equipment, including an x-ray machine, for the Hospital.

“The continued success of the Foundation depends on the ongoing support of members of our community like John R. Southwell,” stated Ian Edwards, President of the CPDMH Foundation. “We would like to thank him for his ongoing commitment to our organization.”

“I know the hospital receives government funding for the majority of its operating expenses however the government rarely provides money for new equipment,” continued Mr. Southwell. “ I choose to continuously support the hospital because I want to make sure the hospital staff has the necessary tools to provide the best care possible to the community.”

Raised in Carleton Place, John R. Southwell has been a realtor since 1988. He works as a team with his wife, who is also a realtor.

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