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Carleton Place & District Memorial Hospital Foundation  
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### **Customers of Steve's Your Independent Grocer raise funds for Carleton Place Hospital**

The Carleton Place & District Memorial Hospital (CPDMH) Foundation is pleased to announce that Steve's Your Independent Grocer has donated \$2424.00 to help the hospital purchase a procedural stretcher for the for the Emergency Department. The funds were raised through a program asking customers to round up their grocery bill during the week of August 23 – 30.

"I've always believed that we had the best customers, however, I was overwhelmed with the support we received from the top up program organized on the hospital's behalf," stated Steve Houle, co-owner of Steve's Your Independent Grocer. "I would like to thank all our customers who responded to the program – this donation was given in your honour."



"On behalf of the Foundation and the Hospital I would like to thank Steve and Tracey Houle for directing their fundraising efforts to our hospital and more importantly, the customers of the Independent for their generosity," said Sylvie Powell, CPDMH President. "With the potential for a new hospital in our community, it's now more important than ever for the community to support the hospital in providing the best possible care to the residents of our area."

*CPDMH CEO, Malcolm Robinson, and Foundation President, Sylvie Powell, accepting the proceeds of the top up program from Tracey and Steven Houle, owners of Steve's Your Independent Grocer.*

In April of this year the hospital, submitted a proposal to the Ministry of Health and Long term care, seeking approval to build a new CPDMH at the intersection of Lake Avenue and Maple Lane. The new facility would substantially increase the space in the Emergency Department, the Ambulatory Care Unit and the Operating Suite. The estimated cost of the new hospital is \$86 million with the community responsible for raising \$17 million. When the necessary approvals are received, the Foundation will start fundraising for the project.

"We were very glad to do this program on the hospital's behalf because we've always believed it's important to support the local community" stated Tracey Houle, co-owner of the Steve's Your Independent Grocer. "We know the importance of the hospital to the community and we are glad to do our part to help the hospital provide great care to our customers."

Steve's Your Independent Grocer opened in Carleton Place in November 2004 and is owned by husband and wife team, Steve and Tracey Houle. The store is part of the network of National Grocers Retailers which employs more than 8,000 people and has over 170 stores across Ontario predominantly in northern Ontario, Sudbury, and Ottawa.

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