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Carleton Place & District Memorial Hospital Foundation
Carleton Place, ON

Thruway Restaurant gives \$1000 to Hospital Foundation

The Carleton Place & District Memorial Hospital (CPDMH) Foundation is thrilled to announce that the Thruway Restaurant has made a donation of \$1000 towards the purchase of a geri chair for the hospital's inpatient unit.

“Last summer marked our 30th anniversary and to thank the community for their support over the past 30 years, we decided to do a little fundraising for the Carleton Place Hospital”, stated Tom Katsoulis. “We are very pleased with the success we achieved which allowed us to give \$1000 to the hospital last year and another \$1000 this year.”

Established in 1977 by the Katsoulis family, the Thruway Restaurant celebrated its 30th anniversary in July of last year. As part of the celebrations, the restaurant encouraged customers to have their picture taken with some of the huskies featured in Disney's *Snow Dogs* movie, with the proceeds going to the CPDMH Foundation. At the end of the day, approximately \$400 was raised and the family decided to add to the funds to bring the total donation to \$1000.



The Katsoulis Family with their donation to the CPDMH Foundation

“We really appreciate the continued support we have received from the Thruway Restaurant and the Katsoulis family,” stated Sylvie Powell. “On behalf of the Foundation, I would like to thank the family for their generosity. I would also like to offer our congratulations on reaching such a significant milestone and I wish them many more years of business.”

“We have always done our best to support the hospital because our kids were born in Carleton Place and this is their home,” stated Tom Katsoulis. “Over the years our family received wonderful care from the hospital and our donation will help the hospital to continue providing great care to the community.”

The Thruway Restaurant has approximately 30 employees and is a true family business since the entire Katsoulis family - husband and wife, Tom and Voula, and children, Billy, Dean and Jimmy – are involved in the business in some way.

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