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Hospital Foundation Makes Commitment to New Medical Equipment

Deep River, ON, April 12, 2010- The Deep River and District Hospital Foundation recently provided \$180,000 from its reserves to address medical equipment purchases for the Deep River and District Hospital in the 2009-10 business year.

“The Foundation is delighted to continue its past tradition of assisting the Hospital with capital equipment funding. This decision provides another example of why we exist - to raise community funds to ensure that the Hospital has the tools and equipment necessary to provide the best possible patient care,” said Mike Watson, Deep River and District Hospital Foundation Chair. “The Foundation’s goal is to work in partnership with the Hospital and the communities that it serves to ensure the required level of community financial support is made available to health care.”

“Although the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care (MOHLTC) provides funding for the operations of the hospital, it assumes that the local communities will provide the financial support to purchase new or replacement equipment so critical to the provision of quality health care,” said Hospital CEO Larry Schruder. “This decision by the Foundation to step in and cover the financial gap between our necessary equipment expenses and our available community donations for 2009-10 fiscal year provides a major stabilizing influence on our longer term financial stability as a Hospital Corporation.”

These funds were immediately applied to cover equipment purchases in the emergency and medical departments, in diagnostic imaging and lab, and will enable the Hospital to upgrade its telephone system. The Deep River and District Hospital and the Foundation are always looking for individual donations and community fund-raising support to help fund capital equipment. The Foundation is taking the necessary steps to ensure ongoing support for the Hospital’s needs through the hiring of a dedicated fund-raising director to lead its community efforts.

For more information on the Foundation, how to donate to local Health Care or the current list of capital equipment needs, please contact Mike Watson or Larry Schruder, Hospital CEO at 613-584-1266 ext. 132.