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New Fetal Heart Monitors Aim of Christmas Appeal

The second annual Christmas appeal for the Yarmouth Hospital Foundation is well under way. The focus of this year's appeal is to raise funds to replace existing fetal heart monitors.

On an average 500 infants are born each year at the Yarmouth Regional Hospital. The Maternal Child Unit currently has three fetal heart monitors to assist before, during and after birth. Each one is ten years old. Although the units are fully functional, the technical support for these aging machines is proving to be a challenge.

At a cost of \$20,000 per unit the Yarmouth Hospital Foundation has pledged to raise funds to replace at least one machine. Currently the initial target has been surpassed and the Foundation is now working on replacing a second unit.

The annual Christmas appeal, launched in early November has resulted in just over \$26,000 being raised. In addition to the Christmas appeal, proceeds from the Celebration of Holiday Trees (December 9th), sponsored by Rudder's, combined with proceeds from a *Hockey for Health* game, set to take place on January 4th will ensure that two new fetal heart monitors will be on the way soon.

Hockey for Health is an initiative of Coastal Financial Credit Union. The game on January 4th will feature Saint Mary's Huskies and the Acadia Axemen. Tickets, available at the Mariners Center, are \$15 for adults and \$12 for ages seventeen and under.

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