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Foundation Achieves More Than 75% of Campaign Target

The Yarmouth Hospital Foundation's Diagnostic Imaging campaign received a major boost from six municipalities who have committed a total of \$250,000 towards the purchase of new diagnostic imaging equipment for the Yarmouth Regional Hospital.

The Municipalities who have provided support include Argyle, Barrington, Clare, Yarmouth, Town of Yarmouth, and the Town of Clark's Harbour. Contributions from each area were based on the Municipalities own funding formula of hospital admissions per municipal unit.

The contributions from municipalities, a major gift of \$100,000 from the Women's Auxiliary of the Yarmouth Regional Hospital, plus other donations, have brought the total of the Diagnostic Imaging Campaign to \$405,400. The goal is to raise \$500,000 towards the purchase of a new CT Scanner and Digital X-Ray Unit. The remaining funds will be raised through a Major Gifts Campaign, Special Events, Direct mail, and a Hospital Family Appeal.

The funding initiative is a direct response to a request from South West Health for the Foundation to commit 25% of the \$2 million – dollar cost for new equipment, as required by the Department of Health.

“The commitment of the Municipalities puts the residents of Southwestern Nova Scotia a major step closer to new state-of-the-art equipment to aid in diagnosis. The end result of the Diagnostic Imaging Campaign will be enhanced patient service.” says Gordon Wood, Chair of the Yarmouth Hospital Foundation.

“A new CT Scanner will replace an out-dated scanner, allowing for much improved imaging of patients”, says Radiologist, Dr. Eric Woods. “Since multiple images can be obtained at the same time, this CT Scanner will allow for imaging of patients much

quicker than in the past and it will also result in the ability to examine for diseases more accurately and with greater sensitivity than before.”

The major advantages of a new Digital X-Ray Unit are speed and accuracy in obtaining x-ray studies and the potential for sending images anywhere they are needed (i.e. doctors office, specialist) via digital links.

The Foundation approached the Municipalities in February requesting financial support. “The positive response indicated that every unit clearly understood the benefits of new diagnostic equipment for the residents of the Tri-Counties.” says Gordon Wood.

The Yarmouth Hospital Foundation, established in 1970, exists to support and enhance our hospital as a community and regional centre of excellence in health care.

The Yarmouth Regional Hospital is part of the South West Health. South West Health is responsible for delivering a wide range of health services and programs to more than 65,000 residents Digby, Shelburne and Yarmouth .

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