

## **Community member makes a difference for local health care and the fight against COVID-19**

[New Tecumseth, ON – July 21, 2020] – The Stevenson Memorial Hospital Foundation (SMHF) has received \$2,800 generously donated by Carole Madsen from the sale of fabric masks to help fight the spread of COVID-19 in our community.

Carole began making fabric masks, first as a way to help keep close family and friends safe as the unprecedented virus began spreading through Ontario and our communities. It wasn't long after, that she realized there was a bigger need for the homemade personal protective equipment. The fabric masks are hand sewn and come in a variety of prints, colours and sizes. A portion of Carole's sales are used to support the COVID-19 Pandemic Response Fund for Stevenson Memorial Hospital (SMH).

The Madsen family are long-time supporters of the Hospital, and have a deep personal connection with eight children and nine grandchildren all being born at SMH.

Carole is a dedicated volunteer for the Hospital and the Foundation. She serves as a Stevenson Patient Family Advisory Council (PFAC) member and sits on the SMHF's Campaign Cabinet Community Gifts Committee.

"Making the masks is a great way to give back to the Hospital that has helped our family for generations. Turning the sale of the masks into a fundraiser is a wonderful way for people to be part of a bigger contribution, every little bit adds up!" Carole commented. "Supporting the Hospital was a natural choice during such a hard time for our health care workers, and is my way to give back, as we love having access to health care so close by."

The fabric masks are still available for \$6 each – to order yours today, please email: [madsen@sympatico.ca](mailto:madsen@sympatico.ca). Prints and colours are based on availability.

A special thank you to Sandi Nemenyi and Elsie Edgar who have also sewn handmade masks as fundraisers for the hospital during the pandemic, and raised \$1,900 combined.

As of May 1, The Morningview Foundation is matching all donations up to \$150,000 to the COVID-19 Pandemic Fund. This fund will cover costs such as equipment, supplies, and other priority needs as SMH fights this pandemic on the frontlines.

**Every gift made to the fund will be matched dollar for dollar, and we need your help to reach our goal! To make a gift to the COVID-19 Pandemic Fund and have your gift matched, please visit [transformingstevenson.ca](http://transformingstevenson.ca).**

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