

Stevenson Memorial Hospital Auxiliary presents cheque for \$28,120 to Hospital Foundation

[New Tecumseth, ON – Monday, November 25, 2019] – On Thursday, November 21, 2019 the Stevenson Memorial Hospital (SMH) Auxiliary presented the SMH Foundation with a cheque for \$28,120. The donation will go towards purchasing 15 new Wall Mount Diagnostic Units for the Emergency Department, a Uroflowmeter and two Vital Signs Monitors for the Hospital's Ambulatory Clinic.

Wall Mount Diagnostic Units are used on all patients who come to SMH's Emergency Department experiencing chest pain. The Hospital currently only has two dated units, and the increase of these units will eliminate the need for frontline staff and patients to wait for their availability.

A Uroflowmeter is a vital piece of equipment used in the Ambulatory Clinic. It is a wireless unit with Bluetooth® technology that collects data immediately when a patient is providing a urine sample, creating a link between the unit and a computer to collect patient data.

Vital Signs Monitors are also critical and are in constant use in the Ambulatory Clinic. New monitors have wireless technology and the capacity to send patient data straight to their patient record, without the need for recording vital signs manually.

"I am thrilled with the success of our fundraising efforts to be able to support the Hospital in this way," says Gary Munro, President of the SMH Auxiliary. "We continue to focus on the priority equipment needs each year in support of patient care."

The Auxiliary's Tag Day in May, Fall Arts, Crafts and Bake Sale, Raffle and operation of the Coffee Corner at SMH raised the \$28,120 presented to the SMH Foundation. The SMH Auxiliary has continued to raise funds for the hospital since their inception in April, 1928. In total, the Auxiliary has contributed more than \$1 million to support the purchase of critical equipment for SMH.

"The Auxiliary continues to support the SMH Foundation and the Hospital with funds for capital equipment needs. We are grateful for their dedication and highly value the partnership that the Auxiliary and the Foundation has towards fundraising for SMH," says Margaret Barber, Chair, SMH Foundation Board of Directors.

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Stevenson Memorial Hospital Foundation is dedicated to raising funds in support of Stevenson Memorial Hospital, consistent with donor interests and enabling the Hospital to deliver excellent health care to our community.