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After time at the Ottawa Hospital Trauma unit following a serious car accident, I was relieved to learn that I would finally be coming home... to our hospital here in Carleton Place. Being back in my own community was the next best thing to being in my own home. I've always known that how a person feels mentally and emotionally has a huge impact on their ability to heal. **I've now experienced that firsthand.** I felt at home at CPDMH. I felt like a human being, not just a name on a patient roster. I felt visible and someone worth caring for. It meant a lot to be close to home – less travel time and stress for family and friends wanting to visit.

I've spent times throughout my life appreciating our hospital here in the community. I have memories of being comforted as a seven year old having her tonsils out – terrified at the prospect of being in hospital and staying alone overnight. Many years later I was made to feel welcome by the nurses when I was there with my dying mom 24/7 in her room, wanting to continue caring for her even though she was no longer able to be at home. I have spent many a visit as a mom myself in the emergency room, seeking help and advice to sooth my kids' ailments – ranging from high fevers to all manner of sports injuries. And now I have yet another experience to add to my gratitude list... support and care during my own physically and emotionally traumatic experience, including learning how to walk again.



There are so many communities less fortunate than ours – that don't have a local hospital close to home. Access to quality health care is a corner stone of a healthy community. It's one of the many reasons people choose to live here or want to move here. I am eternally grateful to the team of dedicated, skilled and compassionate individuals who I was fortunate enough to have caring for me during my stay. I have a lifetime of reasons to be grateful for our hospital and the people who work at CPDMH... staff and volunteers alike.

I'm embarrassed to admit that I didn't realize until recently that the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care **does not** fund the vital and necessary life-saving patient care equipment in our hospital and that instead we rely on donations. I am SO grateful to everyone who has helped the hospital buy this equipment that is critical to caring for patients – people like me or my family members or friends. Without these donations, our hospital couldn't function and I would not have been able to come back to my own community to heal... so **THANK YOU** for joining me in making a gesture – big or small -- to show that you care about having quality care here in our community... that you want the best equipment available to treat you or someone you love.

*A grateful patient, **Tracy Lamb***

Photo : Tracy Lamb with RPN, Sarah Bunker, at the Carleton Place and District Memorial Hospital.

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