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WELCOME FUNDING FROM LANARK COUNTY

Patients and residents at Almonte General Hospital (AGH) and Carleton Place & District Memorial Hospital (CPDMH) will be receiving a welcome gift from Lanark County Council. The Council is earmarking \$100,000 for each hospital for capital needs.

Every day, the two hospitals use specialized equipment to care for patients and residents. There is always a need to update and replace current equipment, and to purchase additional equipment for new programs and services.

“Many people are surprised to learn that the provincial government does not fund equipment purchases,” notes Randy Larkin, AGH Board Chair. “That is why our Foundations in Almonte and Carleton Place work so hard to raise funds. In Almonte, the contribution from Lanark County Council will support the Foundation’s CT Scanner fundraising project this year. More donations are still needed but this is nice boost to the fund. This is very welcome news.”

CPDMH Board Chair Rob Clayton agrees. “Like every hospital in Ontario, our redevelopment project is funded mostly by the government but does need community support as well. This gift will contribute to our local share of the new Emergency Department. A fundraising campaign is currently in the planning stages. We are grateful to Lanark County Council and our local communities for their support.”

“Thank you to Lanark County Council for investing in excellent care for the residents of Lanark County,” sums up Mary Wilson Trider, President & CEO. “Each hospital has its own Foundation – led by Al Roberts in Almonte and Robyn Arseneau in Carleton Place – that raises money to support ongoing equipment needs, as well as large projects like the CT Scanner and Emergency Department. Along with our generous donors, an annual contribution from County Council will help to ensure that modern, up-to-date equipment and facilities are available close to home.”

The Lanark County Council is supporting all four hospitals in the region. The money is in reserve until Council approves the criteria and will be distributed later this year. It is hoped that this hospital capital funding will be provided on an annual basis.

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