



CARLETON PLACE & DISTRICT MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

## Everyone Has a Story to Tell

As part of Carleton Place & District Memorial Hospital's 60th Anniversary Gala tonight at Stonefields Heritage Farm, a few patients will be telling their stories - and talking about the care they have received at CPDMH.

"Our patients are at the centre of everything we do," explains Toni Surko, CEO. "So it just seems fitting to involve them in tonight's festivities. There are six decades of stories to share."

For example, meet Jim MacGregor (top right). A month ago, he was diagnosed with pulmonary fibrosis. Since then, he can't say enough about CPDMH's respirology department and its telemedicine program. "My goodness, it's marvelous to have this care so close. I can call the nurse coordinator anytime and my video appointments with my respirologist in Pembroke are as close to being in the same room as you could want. People really need to appreciate what we have right here in Carleton Place."

Ron Goebel (bottom right) is also well aware of the benefits of care close to home at CPDMH. After a serious accident, his long road to recovery was supported by CPDMH's physiotherapy staff. "I can not say enough about the very professional quality of care and service that we have received by all of the staff, physicians, nursing staff, x-ray department, physiotherapists and also all of the volunteers. It has been exceptional."

At CPDMH, the patient's voice is the most important one and we are looking for new ways to ensure patients and their families are heard. In fact, we are creating a new Patient and Family Advisory Committee this fall. "The ideas that they provide will help to shape the care we deliver," adds Toni. "This committee is a key part of our commitment to patient and family-centred care."

Thank you to Jim and Ron for sharing their stories - just two of many that chronicle CPDMH's 60 years of caring.

