



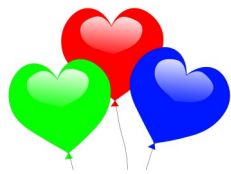
CARLETON PLACE & DISTRICT MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

## Sixty years of volunteering at CPDMH

The CPDMH Auxiliary was created on May 22, 1953 - almost two years before the new hospital opened. Ninety ladies attended the first meeting and elected Mrs. Annie Johnston as the first president. These industrious ladies got right to work, raising funds for the proposed hospital.

Their first event was a giant carnival held in the old skating rink on Beckwith Street in late September. Almost \$3000 was raised and the carnival became an annual event for several years, raising \$21,400 in total. The Auxiliary also ran the Superfluity Shop for three years. That venture raised \$3700 which was used to purchase a Hobard dishwasher and dividing curtains for between hospital beds. And the Auxiliary gathered feathers, including mattresses, ticks and pillows. They were taken to the Ottawa Feather Mattress Company where they were cleaned and manufactured into pillows for the hospital.

Today, our wonderful volunteers provide an estimated 20,000 hours each year to support patients and their families. And they continue to raise funds to support the hospital. During Volunteer week - and every week - we say thank you to all of you!



*Join us for a birthday celebration on **Saturday May 30th** from 11 to 2 at Beckwith Recreation Complex.*

*The **CPDMH Family Day** will include fun for the whole family - complete with health displays, demos, kids' events, a Teddy Bear Hospital, skating, a BBQ and much more. Watch for all the details at [www.carletonplacehospital.ca](http://www.carletonplacehospital.ca)*