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## LOCAL COMMUNITY WINS BIG

#### Carleton Place Catch the Ace brings in big dollars for the local hospital and Legion

CARLETON PLACE – (2022 – 06 – 01) \$294,610.53 has been raised for local charities, thanks to the Carleton Place Catch the Ace progressive raffles. Supporting both the Carleton Place & District Memorial Hospital (CDPMH) Foundation and the Captain A. Roy Brown Branch 192 Royal Canadian Legion (Legion), each of these charities will use these funds to give back to local residents.

The online provincial progressive raffle, which began in August 2021, wrapped-up recently in Week 37 on April 28, 2022 when 'Acey', the raffle's beloved Ace of Spades, was caught. The largest progressive pot to date of \$187,492.00 plus the weekly pot of \$8,337.00 was won by winning ticket #5405653 holder, Jacques Trottier.

Mr. Trottier had been supporting the raffle, purchasing numerous tickets per week, from the very beginning. The odds of winning are equal for each ticket purchased, but the probability of winning is increased with a greater number of tickets purchased in each draw. This was the strategy Mr. Trottier employed. As such, he had won several weekly pots before his big win at the end of April. When asked how he's been so lucky to win, he shared "if I win, I always invest a big portion of my winnings back into the following draw."

As open and transparent charitable organizations, the CPDMH Foundation and Legion have worked alongside the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO) – which oversees the raffle and issues the lottery licence – in the administration of the raffle. Proactive steps are taken with every weekly draw to ensure all winners are legitimate before they are announced.

As a provincial raffle overseen and approved by the AGCO, play is open to all eligible residents Ontario-wide. The Carleton Place Catch the Ace progressive raffle attracted multiple players from across the province with the winner being a resident of Alexandria, Ontario. When asked why he supported the raffles in Carleton Place, Mr. Trottier responded:

"I grew up in a small town and I have always felt that it is important to support small town events and lotteries... I know that the money is going locally to charities in need of the funds. I like to know that my money will help others if I purchase to support, unlike the larger provincial lotteries. The odds of winning are also higher than playing Lottario 649, but better yet, the money spent... has a real impact."

At the CPDMH Foundation, proceeds from the raffle support needed life-saving equipment purchases at the hospital. The Legion uses the funds to support a wide variety of services for Veterans, their families and the community.

The next Carleton Place Catch the Ace progressive raffle will be launched on September 1, 2022. For more information about this #1213474 raffle, please contact: <u>info@cpcatchtheace.ca</u> or call 613-257-2200 x ACE (223).

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### ABOUT THE CARLETON PLACE & DISTRICT MEMORIAL HOSPITAL FOUNDATION

Established in 1994, the Carleton Place & District Memorial Hospital (CPDMH) Foundation is a registered charity dedicated to raising funds for the CPDMH in support of providing the best healthcare possible to the residents of Carleton Place and surrounding communities. Each year the CPDMH Foundation inspires the community to support the needed purchase of modern and up-to-date patient care equipment which is needed for the hospital. In addition to providing vital equipment, the CPDMH Foundation also raises funds to support staff education and training; high school bursaries for students entering the medical field; and medical equipment and upgrades to the hospital facility. For more information, please visit www.cpdmhfoundation.ca or contact Alison Lunn, Donor Engagement and Communications Officer at **613-257-GIVE** (4483) or <u>alunn@carletonplacehosp.com</u>.

Charitable Registration No. 86610 5398 RR0001

### ABOUT THE CAPTAIN A. ROY BROWN BRANCH 192 ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION

Branch 192 of the Royal Canadian Legion, Carleton Place, is a non-profit organization which is very active in supporting Veterans and their dependents across the community. We also support seniors, youth and various other community organizations by holding events such as fundraisers, Ontario Senior Games, Celebrations of life, Sunset Club, Girl Guides of Canada, and Scouts Canada to name a few. As well we have donated the use of our facility to the following community services free of charge: Shriners Club, Civitan, Tops, Navy League, Quilts of Valour, People First and many various groups. Furthermore, in the past year the Branch has donated to the following groups within our community; Navy Cadet League, Lanark Interval House, Big Brother / Big Sister of Lanark County, Carleton Place & District Memorial Hospital Foundation, Student Bursaries, Canadian Diabetes Association, Canadian Cancer Society, Victims of Violence, T.R. Leger School of Carleton Place, Lanark Therapeutic Riding Program, Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing Canada, Project Trauma Support, and Hunger Stop - Lanark County Food Bank.



**Tagline:** CPDMH Foundation Board Member, Ian Grant along with CP Legion Branch 192 Capt. A. Roy Brown Branch President, Peter Schaffer are all smiles as they pose with the infamous "Acey" from CP Catch the Ace. The progressive raffles have raised \$294,610.53, supporting both CPDMH and the CP Legion with funds to give back to the local community.