RBC Foundation Presents Cheque for $225,000

L-R back: Roger Quinn, Commercial Account Manager, Stratford Main, Tom Parisi, Regional VP, Huron Perth Oxford; Rob Bryan, Branch Manager, Dominion Securities; Tom Orr Campaign co-chair; Bill Predinchuk, VP, Huron Perth Oxford Commercial/Agriculture; Jeremiah Pike, Commercial Account Manager, Stratford Main; Clive Slade, Branch Manager, Stratford Main. L-R front: Mayor Dan Mathieson; Beth Compton, Branch Manager C.H. Meier; Laura Gainey, Regional President, Ontario South West; Andrew Williams CEO HPHA

During the officially proclaimed Stratford Paediatrics Day celebration, the RBC Foundation presented a cheque for $225,000 to support the new Paediatrics Unit with the naming of the RBC Paediatric Nursing Station and 2 specialized care rooms and the establishment of the RBC Heart & Soul Staff Technology Training & Transition Fund.

RBC Foundation’s establishment of a technology training and transition fund will help ensure that knowledge and skills are up-to-date and hospital staff are confident and trained on all the new technology.

“Our hospital is committed to creating a work environment where learning is promoted and investment in training/education is just as important as investment in technology. Training and support contributes to the creation of a healthy and effective workplace – where people lead by example, feel valued for what they do, and provide excellent care and service,” according to Jimmy Trieu, Director of Training & Development, Huron Perth Healthcare Alliance.

The RBC Foundation commitment also supports the paediatric nursing station, the hub of care for the new paediatric unit. A nursing station is the point of contact for parents; essential for the work of nursing staff and doctors alike; and with new information and monitoring technology critical for the care of our young patients. Two private paediatric Isolation rooms are especially equipped to treat respiratory illnesses. The key location of these two rooms beside the nursing station ensures our most critical children are close to our nursing hub.

RBC’s support is an investment in a project that will provide true dividends—touching the lives of countless families throughout Huron, Perth and Oxford counties. We can never say thank you enough,” said Andrea Page, Executive Director of Stratford General Hospital Foundation.

“We believe that healthy communities start with healthy citizens and these funds are targeted at assisting the wonderful team of nurses and doctors who take care of the most valuable and precious gift of our community: our children,” said Tom Parisi, RBC Regional Vice-President for Huron, Perth and Oxford.
REDUCING THE STIGMA OF MENTAL HEALTH

Margaret Trudeau joins Rotary Club in reducing the stigma of mental illness. The Stratford Rotary Club has a long-standing pledge to the Heart & Soul campaign, which aims to tackle the issue of mental health. The club has been instrumental in raising awareness and funds to support those with mental health issues. The club's efforts have been crucial in destigmatizing mental illness and encouraging people to seek help when they need it.

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- paediatric treatment room
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- a paediatric nursing sub-station and support areas.

With the aim to make the unit warm and child friendly, providing the best care is also paramount. The very latest in technology including vital signs monitors, specialized stretchers and medical gases will be ready at a moment’s notice. The new unit will also help us retain and recruit the best medical professionals…adding to our hospital’s staff who are second to none in their care, dedication and compassion.

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Thank You for Caring ~ A Salute to Our Community’s Generosity!


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“People Caring for People”

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W.G. Young Funeral Home Continues Tradition of Caring. We salute the Young’s for their commitment to the community and their support of our hospital. (L-R) Jim Burns – SGH Foundation, Tom Orr – campaign co-chair, Wayne Young, Greg Young, Bill Preston – campaign co-chair.

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Ready, set. GO! Festival City 10K run a great success again this year raising a net total of $15,000 towards cardiac equipment for the redevelopment project. A special thanks to Physiotherapy Alliance and Stratford Sports Medicine for their continued dedication to quality health care and to all sponsors, volunteers and runners.

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 Orr Insurance answering the call. Orr Insurance Brokers and the Orr Family continue their strong commitment to the community with a gift of $30,000 to name the Registration Area in the new Emergency Department. Approximately 27,000 people are registered in our Emergency Dept yearly. L-R Jim Burns, SGH Foundation, Jeff Orr, Rick Orr, Tom Orr and Bill Preston, campaign co-chair.

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A salute to the Golf for the Health of it team for a successful 9th annual Hiller Royal LePage golf tournament. A total net of $18,000 was raised towards the redevelopment project. Back (l-r) Peter Hiller, Barb Thibeault, Andrea Page, Allison Hiller, Brent Hiller, Bob Guilliford, Steve Culliton.Front (l-r) Jane Landreth, Dianne Hiller, Bill Preston. Absent: Paul Krstman, Debbie Edwards, Rick Kutzner.

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Our Plans
State-of-the-art equipment for a state-of-the-art facility for:
• Even better patient care
• Retention & recruitment of physicians and other healthcare professionals
• Reduction of wait times
• An increase in surgeries (hip, knee, cancer)

The Project includes:
– Moving and doubling the size of our Emergency Department
– New Operating Rooms and Recovery Room (Surgical Services)
– Intensive Care Unit and Telemetry
– Relocation of Medical Imaging
– Relocation and expansion of Mental Health Services
– Larger Maternal Child Unit

The Heart & Soul Campaign Team will also be fundraising for new and replacement equipment and all required furnishings.

Progress continues inside the East Building.

Watch the construction live!

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There comes a time where quite bluntly, “you have to put your money where your mouth is.” It’s a time where you ask the question, “What is important to me and my family”? Those of you who know me, know that fundraising to support Stratford General is not just a job to me…it’s a passion. I literally owe my life to my hospital. So when it came to supporting the Heart & Soul campaign…there was never a question…we had to support the project. Like many people with a young family, lots of expenses and a mortgage—dollars are tight. We found a way over several years and with payroll deduction to make it happen. To my family it meant getting our priorities right. And ultimately that meant supporting a hospital and staff who are always there giving their best care when we needed them the most. This is a “gift of health” to my family for Christmas. While it’s tough to wrap and put under a tree…it is the most precious gift of all.

Building for Your Health – Construction Underway

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Your Donation COUNTS! Your Gift = Medical Equipment
100% of all medical equipment must be raised locally. You can help give our doctors, nurses and staff the tools they need to care for those who walk through our doors. From wheelchairs to pain pumps from surgical equipment to trauma stretchers, cardiac monitors and x-ray machines our equipment pieces range from $300 to $600,000 each.

A salute to the Knights of Columbus, Kilroy Council #1431 for their tremendous continued support of our hospital! Their pacesetting pledge of $100,000 will name the Maternal/Child Visitor’s Lounge and Quiet Room in the revitalized and expanded Maternal Child Unit. This commitment supports their family values and their focus of caring for the community. This additional gift to our hospital follows fulfillment of a $50,000 pledge which purchased a Medi Lift, Light Source, AO Sagittal Saw, Drill for Hip Surgery, 3 Ortho Clinic Stretchers, Arthroscopic Instruments/Osorthopedic Instrument Sets, High Flow Cannular Arthroscope, and Ortho Clinic Surgery Table. (L-R) Jim Burns – SGH Foundation, Tony Vigar, Frank Flood, Tom Orr – campaign co-chair, Jim Gaylor, John Walsh, Bill Preston – campaign co-chair.

Governance & Stewardship — Volunteer Board

STRATFORD GENERAL HOSPITAL FOUNDATION BOARD OF TRUSTEES, 2008 - 2009
L-R Jim McMillan, Chair - Chris Thomson, Vice Chair - Dave Carter – Rick Orr - Jim Burns, Past Chair - Paul Roulston - Ray Waller - Andrea Page, Executive Director – Dr. Miriam Mann - Bob Gulliford - Heather Lennon - Debbie Reece - Mary McTavish - Tom Parisi - Carol Rock. Absent: Diana Henry - Jeff Skubowius, Treasurer - Andrew Williams

Page’s Page

The Page family names the new ER Physician on-call room with a $10,000 pledge. L-R: Jim Burns, Bill Preston, Dr. Miriam Mann Chief of Emergency, Tom Orr, Andrea & Carl Page, Andrew Williams, Jim McMillan.

Florence Nightingale Gives Gift to Help Nurses

Directors of the Florence Nightingale Home Foundation and members of the Order of the Eastern Star Chapter No. 134 where on hand for an equipment demonstration of a Vital Signs Monitor they purchased for the hospital. Anne Houben RN and Anne Graul RN from the E3E Surgical Unit demonstrated the monitor by taking blood pressure readings of several members. Director Judi Aitken presented a cheque for $4,000 noting that five Ontario hospitals will receive a gift of $4,000.
Every Dollar Counts . . . Monthly Giving

Monthly giving is a tremendous way to ensure your gift works harder. It’s the most effective way to provide steady, on-going funds to help Stratford General Hospital site. Not only is a monthly debit amount a more manageable way to give a generous gift — it saves envelopes and postage too.

**YES, I WANT TO JOIN YOUR MONTHLY GIVING PROGRAMME!**

Yes, I authorize Stratford General Hospital Foundation to withdraw the following amount from my bank account monthly. I may change the amount or cancel my monthly contribution at any time by notifying Stratford General Hospital Foundation.

Once a month I will give:  

- $10  
- $20  
- $50  
- $100  

- **Other $ ___________________**

Signature __________________________________________ Date _______________________________________

**I authorize the Stratford General Hospital Foundation to draw on my bank account through my financial institution on the 1st of each month beginning __________________________.**

**I have enclosed a cheque with VOID written across it for __________________________.**

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**At the end of the year, we will issue you an official receipt for the total amount of your donations.**

**YOUR DONATION COUNTS!**

Please take a moment and reflect on what our community would be like without our hospital. Our health care team has one main focus - YOU - the patient. In the last year the health care team has touched the lives of countless people and their families with their compassion, skill and expertise. Every gift you give impacts the care we are able to provide. Your support purchases essential medical equipment - equipment we can’t afford to be without. We count on you to help us provide quality and patient-focused care. Thank you!

**STRATFORD GENERAL HOSPITAL FOUNDATION**

“People Caring for People”

- **YES, I care! I wish to support our Hospital.**

Name: __________________________________________ Address: __________________________________________

City: __________________________ Postal Code: __________________________ Telephone: __________________________

Enclosed is my cheque to Stratford General Hospital Foundation.  

- $1,000  
- $500  
- $250  
- $100  
- $50  
- $25  

- I prefer to give  $ _________________

- Other $ _________________

I wish to support our Hospital.  

- Visa  
- MasterCard  

Card #: __________________________ Expiry Date __________________________

I’d like to pledge my support of $ _________________ each year over the next ____________ years.

Signature __________________________________________ Date __________________________

A receipt will be issued for tax purposes. Charitable Registration # BN 11920 0004 RR0001

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Thank you for caring!
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