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Our Caring Communities Make the Difference

Winchester District Memorial Hospital (WDMH) is surrounded by caring communities who truly support health care close to home. Over the past few months, several individuals and groups have come together to raise funds for patient care at WDMH. Here are just a few examples:

The *100 Women Who Care* movement is gaining momentum and the **100 Women Who Care North Dundas** are leading the way. \$2,000 was awarded to the Foundation's General Equipment Fund in support of equipment like a new wireless fetal monitor to support moms and babies during labour. What a wonderful night for so many worthy charities.

Hulse, Playfair & McGarry in Winchester hosted a BBQ in support of the WDMH Foundation. Many burgers and hot dogs later, close to \$900 raised by the community which was then topped up to \$1,000 by Hulse, Playfair & McGarry. They also decided to support equipment purchases such as a new wireless fetal monitor. The WDMH Foundation is applying for several grants to raise the remaining funds.

Kelly Runions Kennedy loves to give back. Kelly works at WDMH and is also a Thirty-One Independent Consultant, selling fashionable, functional products such as handbags and storage containers. During National Nursing Week, Kelly donated her commission from an on-site sale, presenting the WDMH Foundation with a cheque for \$1,027. The money was directed to the Spring Matching Gift program for equipment purchases like three new anesthetic machines. Kelly says she plans to make this an annual fundraiser for WDMH during Nursing Week.

Their motto of 'Helping Others' rings true. The **Provincial Grand Black Chapter of Eastern Ontario** has donated \$1,000 toward WDMH's Dialysis Unit. As part of The Loyal Orange Association, the money was raised through their 'Dimes for Dialysis' program. In the last 18 years, they have raised over \$36,000 for dialysis units in Ontario East.

"All of these generous donations prove one thing," sums up Kristen Casselman, the WDMH Foundation's Managing Director. "We have amazing communities doing amazing things to support excellent health care right here. Thank you to everyone involved in these important community fundraising events."



Cutline: Thank you to the 100 Women Who Care North Dundas. Shown at the event with other recipients are (at far left): Kristen Casselman, Managing Director, WDMH Foundation and Cindy Peters, Manager of Direct Mail & Events.



Cutline: Shown at the Hulse, Playfair & McGarry BBQ cheque presentation are Pauline Scheepers (employee); Natasha Hodge (employee); Cindy Peters, Manager of Direct Mail & Events; and Sharon McGarry (co-owner).



Cutline: Kelly Runions Kennedy (right), Thirty-One Independent Consultant, presents a cheque to Cindy Peters, Manager of Direct Mail & Events.



Cutline: Thank you to the Provincial Grand Black Chapter of Eastern Ontario (l-r): John Arksey; Terry Good, Cindy Peters, Manager of Direct Mail & Events, WDMH Foundation; Edgar Carman; and Reg Connors.

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