



MEDIA RELEASE

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Toot Your Horn!

Canadians are known for being modest, but Foundation Chair Tom Dawson wants to change that. At the Annual General Meeting on June 20th, he encouraged generous donors to take a moment and congratulate themselves. “We want you to celebrate the incredible difference you are making at Winchester District Memorial Hospital (WDMH). In short, please toot your own horn!”

Tom went on to say that it has been a wonderful year for the Foundation, noting: “We have found our stride. And this is largely due to our donors and their incredible commitment to excellent, compassionate care – close to home.”

In the past year, 3,377 individual gifts were given to the Foundation. As a result, 21 new pieces of medical equipment were purchased, totaling more than \$770,000.

Foundation Managing Director Kristen Casselman echoed Tom’s comments. “I hope our donors and volunteers are proud of what they are accomplishing for patient care here. WDMH would not be what it is today without you.”

In her report, Kristen also reported on how things are going as the Foundation begins its next fiscal year. “We are off to a great start. Tonight, we will be giving about \$150,000 to WDMH for a new echocardiogram machine which will allow the hospital to expand its services. And we will be giving another \$1,700 for education for WDMH’s research program.”

As part of the meeting, the audited financial statements were presented by Andrew Newman from KPMG Chartered Professional Accountants. He noted that the Foundation is in very good financial shape. “I have the benefit of working with many organizations such as this and I love coming here. I love the passion of this community and you are well-served by Kristen Casselman who is leading the Foundation.”

Tom Dawson summed things up: “Thank you for the trust you have placed in our hands and for your ongoing commitment. We will continue tooting your horn – and we hope you will do the same.”

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