



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **Local Legions Support Local Health Care**

The Royal Canadian Legions in Greely and Winchester want to ensure that Winchester District Memorial Hospital (WDMH) has the tools needed to provide the very best care for local communities. Both Legions have recently made donations to the WDMH Foundation's General Equipment Fund. Funds will be used to buy much-needed medical equipment such as three new anesthetic machines for WDMH's Operating Rooms.

The Greely and District Branch 627 of the Royal Canadian Legion donated \$2,000 which was matched through the spring matching gift program. The donation was made from their Poppy Fund and the WDMH Foundation was one of seven charities who benefited from these fundraising efforts. This Branch has been supporting WDMH since 2002 and has donated almost \$40,000.

The Winchester Branch 108 of the Royal Canadian Legion donated \$1,500 for the General Equipment Fund. The money was raised through their 50/50 sales at dart and euchre tournaments. Since 2003, the Winchester branch has donated \$27,042 to WDMH.

Foundation Managing Director Kristen Casselman thanked both legions: "Many people are surprised to learn that the provincial government does not fund medical equipment purchases for Ontario hospitals. So please know how important these gifts are. Just like you can't change a tire without a jack, nurses and doctors cannot care for patients without medical equipment. Thank you for all of your hard work in raising these funds and for the difference you make in our local communities."

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Cutline: Greely and District Branch 627 President Linda Wyman presents a cheque to Kristen Casselman, WDMH Managing Director.



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