

Refurbished Equipment Will Increase Patient Access for Timely Diagnostic Imaging Services

Peterborough ON, November 13, 2018 - Earlier today GPHSF, Your Family Health Team Foundation, presented the Medical Centre with a \$16,000 cheque for refurbishments to an ultrasound machine, creating an additional clinical space which will increase patient access, result in shorter wait times, and ensure faster turnaround times for appropriate diagnosis and treatment.

“We are very grateful for the generous support of GPHSF, Your Family Health Team Foundation in providing us with the means to repurpose our ultrasound technology,” said Dr. Bob Neville. “We provide approximately 22,000 -23,000 patient exams each year in our diagnostic imaging department and having an additional ultrasound room and equipment will mean we can provide even more service to our community when they need it most.”

The Medical Centre Diagnostic Imaging Department provides service to patients across the community, accepting referrals from all clinicians as well as self referrals for the Ontario Breast Screening Program. It is a modern digitally based imaging facility, providing x-rays, mammography and General Ultrasound services. With highly qualified sonographers, ultrasounds for abdominal, pelvic, obstetrical and musculoskeletal (MSK) exams are available on a daily basis.

The department is also approved by [Cancer Care Ontario](#) as an affiliate site of the [Ontario Breast Screening Program](#), providing breast screening follow ups, providing approximately 7,700 mammograms a year. This program is available through self-referral or through a physician's office. A state of the art computer tracking system facilitates the registration and regular recall of OBSP patients. Diagnostic screening mammograms are available for patients ages 40 and up with a Doctor's signed requisition. As a C.A.R. accredited site for Breast Screening, meaning both the equipment and staff adhere to strict guidelines set out by the Canadian Association of Radiologists.

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“Improving patient access to healthcare is one of our core goals at the Foundation and we are so pleased to be able to support the expansion of services at the Medical Centre Diagnostic Imaging Department,” said Laura Kennedy, Executive Director, GPHSF, Your Family Health Team Foundation. “Repurposing existing equipment ensures we are maximizing donor dollars and offering enhanced services to patients across Peterborough City and County.”

About The Medical Centre

The Medical Centre was formally established in 1948 and throughout its history has had a solid reputation for dedicated service to the region. From a modest beginning of three physicians, the Medical Centre is now home to over thirty-five medical practices, 19 Family Medicine Specialists, working in a Family Health Team with 5 Nurse Practitioners, and several Allied Health Professionals, serving over 25,000 rostered family practice patients in the Peterborough area. 16 other Specialists provide services on a referral basis to patients from across the region. The Medical Centre, has grown considerably in scope over the years and it offers a broad spectrum of clinical specialties including: Allergy and Immunology, Cardiology, Family Medicine, Gastroenterology, General Surgery, Internal Medicine, Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Oto-Rhino-Laryngology, Pediatrics, Plastic Surgery and Urology.

About GPHSF, Your Family Health Team Foundation

Your Family Health Team Foundation supports patients in the community who rely on expert, compassionate care delivered by the Peterborough Family Health Team by raising funds for specialized programs, such as Mindfulness for Mental Health, INR/Stroke Prevention, Concussion Awareness, Diabetes Prevention, Trans Care Clinic and more, as well as research, capital equipment, training and continuing medical education for healthcare providers. The Foundation relies on the generosity of donors and community partners to help patients at all stages in life and continues to accomplish the mission that the Sisters of St. Joseph set in motion more than 30 years ago, bridging gaps in community healthcare.

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