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BMO Bank of Montreal Donates \$50,000 for Imaging Equipment

The Huntsville District Memorial Hospital Foundation is thrilled to announce that BMO Bank of Montreal has pledged \$50,000 in support of the Diagnostic Imaging Department at Huntsville District Memorial Hospital Site of Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare.

"At BMO, we have a long track record of supporting the communities in which we do business, and this latest donation underscores our ongoing commitment," said BMO Bank of Montreal Vice President, Lloyd Fleming.

BMO has been a partner of Huntsville Hospital for many years, donating more than \$65,000 in the past decade to help purchase vital medical equipment.

BMO's Andrew Warden, Huntsville Branch Manager; Jim Scriver, Area Manager Simcoe Muskoka; Brad Duckworth, Commercial Account Manager; and Mike Kuzmaski, Financial Advisor, visited the hospital in late December to bring the good news and to tour the newly digitized imaging department with Foundation Chair Rob Payne, Vice Chair Leyone Edmondson and Imaging Department representative Maurice LeBlond.

In addition, Warden, Scriver, Duckworth and Kuzmaski have been the driving forces behind the BMO Muskoka Golf for Health Tournament, which has already raised tens of thousands of dollars for hospitals in Huntsville and Bracebridge.

Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare (MAHC) operates Huntsville District Memorial Hospital. MAHC CEO Natalie Bubela recognizes the importance of a well equipped imaging department. "We are truly grateful to BMO for their support," said Bubela "Community support such as this has lasting impact on patient care at our hospital."

Foundation Chair, Rob Payne, stated, "The residents of North Muskoka and East Parry Sound are truly grateful for BMO's support. Huntsville Hospital needs community partners such as BMO who will help make sure our health care facility is second to none. We are proud of our community hospital and the first rate health services provided right here in Huntsville."

Debi Davis, Foundation Executive Director, talked about the gift from BMO and how it will help save lives. "Maurice and the staff of the imaging department love to share their excitement about the new digital equipment. Their eyes sparkle when they speak of the speed of service and increased safety for themselves and for their patients," said Davis. "I have personally experienced the cutting edge technology of the mammography unit and the x-ray suite and am proud to be part of an organization that reaches so high for our community. The imaging department at Huntsville Hospital is second to none, thanks to donors like BMO, Bank of Montreal."

Huntsville District Memorial Hospital Foundation is a registered charity whose mission is to be an effective organization providing funds for the capital and educational needs of Huntsville District Memorial Hospital. The Foundation office is at 4-100 Frank Miller Drive, right next door to Huntsville Hospital.

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The Cheque presentation was made in one of the digital x-ray rooms at Huntsville District Memorial Hospital.