

## 2007/2008 Report from the Chair

Lake of the Woods District Hospital Foundation is dedicated to fundraising in partnership with our community to meet the medical equipment and facility needs of the Lake of the Woods District Hospital.

In the 2007/2008 fiscal year, the Lake of the Woods District Hospital Foundation generated \$1,852,566 in fundraising revenues. Cumulative receipts for the organization since November 1992 total \$12,692,754.

The Lake of the Woods District Hospital Foundation transferred \$405,572.26 to the Lake of the Woods District Hospital over the past twelve months. Hospital programs, services and departments that benefited from community gifts and donations included: Psychiatry, Morningstar Centre, Acute Care, Environmental & Plant Services, Chemotherapy, Intensive Care Unit, Diagnostic Imaging, Nutrition & Food Services, Surgical Services, Laboratory and Cardiac Diagnostics.

Our charity had a good year. We were fortunate to work with some incredible individuals and organizations. Their demonstrated commitment to the hospital was truly inspirational. Donations were received through a number of annual campaign initiatives, leadership gifts, capital campaign solicitations and planned contributions.

All donors are special to the Hospital Foundation. There are some who really went the extra mile for our charity. At this time, we would like to acknowledge the generosity of Richard & Millie Stovel, Robert & Deirdre Kozminski, Nicki & Bryce Douglas, Weyerhaeuser Company Ltd., Kenora Lake of the Woods Lions Club, Lucy Coletti, Caroline Schabler, Barton & Linda Stevenson, TransCanada, Kim Ratuski, Kris Goold, Moffat Family, Standard Insurance, Safeway Charity Challenge Team, Kenora Rotary Club, Ken & Lesley Powell, Brian & Ruth Hastings and Kinsmen Club of Kenora.

Over the past twelve months, the board dedicated itself towards strategic planning. A review of strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats was undertaken. The organization discussed who it is, what has been accomplished, established priorities, examined why the priorities exist and how the objectives for the future will be met.

There are challenges ahead for the Lake of the Woods District Hospital Foundation but the future looks bright. The charity has considered its sustainability by investing in computer software to help manage the donor database. A website has been launched to improve communications with the public and to permit donations through the internet. Visitors to the hospital might also notice that a 4th donor recognition board has been added to the lobby. The bronze strips are wonderful indicator of the community's sense of philanthropy.

The hospital's capital requirements are ongoing. I feel it is important to note that Lake of the Woods District Hospital depends on its charitable foundation. This charitable foundation in turn depends on the community. Without a doubt the community has been generous. I hope this continues as our healthcare system depends on it.

It was my honour to work with a strong board of Directors that included:

Mrs. Thelma Wilkins-Page, Mrs. Patty McLeod, Mr. Gordon Horne, Mrs. Sylvia Yanchishyn, Mr. Stephen Lundin, Mrs. Donna Wallace, Mr. Bill Scribilo and Mrs. Elaine Pearce. Also, staff member Carol Christmas and Managing Director Patrick Matiwski.

Truly yours,

Charles Strachan, Chair