

# Lake of the Woods District Hospital Foundation

## MONITOR

### Highway 17

December 15, 2004



On May 20, 2004 John Jones was involved in a horrific accident near Kenora. Mr. Jones was rushed to the Lake of the Woods District Hospital where his acute condition was immediately stabilized. "Mr. Jones required a head to toe assessment. It was truly a miracle that anyone could survive an accident in which they were thrown from a vehicle due to an explosion," said nurse Judy Carlson who was on duty at the time.

John tells his story to Monitor readers and expresses his sincere gratitude to the Hospital in the excerpts of his letter published below:

*"I don't know how the accident happened, all I know is that I was sleeping in the sleeper of the 18 wheeler that I was in, with my co-driver driving. The next thing I know is that I came too lying on the highway. At first I thought I was dreaming but soon realized that it was the start of a bad nightmare when I had heard one of the other 18 wheelers explode. I was later told that I was thrown clear from the wreckage landing on the highway.*

*I remember only bits and pieces from after the accident until I woke up in the ICU Ward at the Health Sciences Center in Winnipeg. I remember little bits of the ambulance ride to the Lake of the Woods Hospital, then being put into the caring hands of Dr. Snyder, Cherun Murray, Francine Petiquan in the ER, as well as other staff members that came down to assist in fixing me up.*

**Dr. Snyder, Cherun, Francine, and other staff not mention, I Thank You from the bottom of my heart for what you did for me.**

*What I do remember is being so scared lying there in bed not knowing what had happened, as well as not knowing what was going on. I do not know how long I was there in the ER, but deep down, I knew that I would be all right and would make it through this ordeal. I remember seeing nothing but white on everything (curtains were white and everyone was wearing white). I am assuming this is from the bright overhead white lights. I also remember having someone call my parents for me to tell them what happened. Whoever that was who did that for me, Thank You. I was also told that I had spoken to my father on the phone, but I do not remember that.*

*The last thing I remember is a terrible sharp pain in the ribs. I had learnt that this was from a chest tube being inserted into me as my left lung had collapsed. The next thing I remember is waking up two days later in the ICU Ward at the Health Sciences Center in Winnipeg with my father, brother and cousin at my side. While at the Hospital in Kenora, I didn't realize how bad of shape I was in, until three days later in Winnipeg when I was more coherent.*

*One thing I must say though is that since this accident, I have a new perspective on life, and now know that there is someone out there that care about you, even though you might not know them. I have also learned not to take life for granted, as for some, tomorrow may never come."*

John's rehabilitation continues. It will take time, but our healthcare



system is working. Your past support helped Mr. Jones survive an unfortunate accident. Your continued support is helping Mr. Jones to recover.

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## 2004/2005 Capital Needs

The Lake of the Woods District Hospital Board of Directors have approved for purchase a list of the most urgent hospital capital requirements. The capital budget of \$789,100 depends on the fundraising efforts of the Foundation and the support of its donors.

### Building Maintenance

Heat Pump Replacement / Windows / Fire Alarms / Water Tank Replacement / Roof Replacement

### Medical Equipment

Beds / Medication Cart / Bone Mineral Density / Blood Volume Monitors / Dryers / Central Monitoring Equipment / Platelet Incubator / Vending Machine / Laparoscopic Instrumentation / Gamma Probe / Arthroscopic Instrumentation

### Information Technology

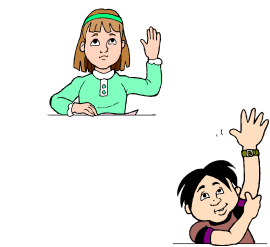
Computer & Server Upgrading  
Hazardous Goods Database

Please contact the Foundation office if you would like a further explanation on any of the items.

## Telling It Like It Is



It's been realized that effective communications make the difference in accomplishing goals. This is clearly the case with the dream of bringing a CT Scanner to Kenora.



The success of the Picture of Health Campaign benefited from the generosity of local residents & organizations as well as from the support received from our seasonal residents. "It is essential that we maintain our broad donor base into the future. Our community is much larger than the boundaries of the City of Kenora." said Patrick Matiowski, Managing Director of the Foundation.

To improve the dialogue in the community with the hospital, the Foundation is planning to survey residents of the area. These surveys will help obtain information and allow residents the opportunity to express concerns they may have with the healthcare system. "Participation in the healthcare system through feedback and suggestions can help us with our fundraising efforts. We are going to ask the community for ideas. It's a hospital for everyone and we want to learn how to better serve their needs," said Mr. John Fregeau, Chair of the Foundation.

## Tree of Life - Symbolizing Our Humanity



*The Tree of Life lights up the sky for all to celebrate.*

With the coming of winter, warm thoughts arise in the community as loved ones are remembered and friends are honored. The Tree of Life provides a wonderful way to rejoice in the true spirit of the Christmas season. Each dedicated bulb helps to address the ongoing financial pressures faced by the hospital.

The capital requirements of the hospital this year include expenditures for building maintenance, information technology and of

course for medical equipment.

Gifts in memoriam provide a lasting tribute that is befitting your loved ones. By dedicating a bulb on the Tree of Life, you are remembering a soul and at the same time helping to improve the care we can provide to our patients.

Bulbs are offered to you for \$10 each. If your donation is received on or before December 31, a charitable receipt will be issued for the 2004 taxation year.



## Challenging the Dragon

On August 8, the Lake of the Woods District Hospital entered a team in the 2004 Kenora Dragon Boat Festival.

Competition was fierce but members of the hospital team paddled a respectable finish. A social atmosphere was apparent as the community came out to cheer on all of the teams entered.

Debbie MacDonald, Volunteer Coordinator for the hospital was pleased with the enthusiasm of staff and turnout from the community. "The energy at the Kenora Rowing Club was great to experience. I'm glad that we got involved

and had the chance to have some fun. The benefits of team building can not be understated."

Dragon boat racing provided participants with the pride of accomplishment, working together for a common goal and the pride felt in representing the organization as a team. "We are a team dedicated to doing our best," beamed Cheryl O'Flaherty, Manager of Finance at the Hospital. An accurate statement applied to the hospital dragon boat and to the daily services provided by the hospital.



The passion of hospital staff was demonstrated on Rabbit Lake.

## Your Hospital

The Monitor would like to introduce readers to a couple members of the Hospital Management team. Dr. Sean Moore is the Chief of Staff and Director of the Emergency Department. Mrs. Marg Stevenson, RN, BScN is the Ambulatory Care Manager for the Emergency Department at the Lake of the Woods District Hospital.

Over 28,000 persons each year requiring immediate or urgent assessment, diagnosis and treatment for injury and/or illness pass through the department.

Mrs. Stevenson highlighted during an in-

terview how staff deserves recognition for their efforts to provide the best care possible to patients. "Our healthcare team is a multidisciplinary team comprised of highly trained and skilled personnel in emergency care. Patients are triaged according to the Canadian Triage Acuity System and seen in priority of their presenting complaint."

Mrs. Stevenson added, "In acute situations that require care in speciality areas patients are stabilized in the department and transferred by land or air."



Emergency Department medical staff includes in front: Marg Stevenson RN, BScN & Bev Hutton, RN. In back row : Evelyn Palmer, RN, Lauri Ann Marshall, RN & Dr. Hanna Hulsbosch.

### I Wish To Support The Lake Of The Woods District Hospital Foundation

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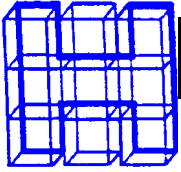
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The Lake of the Woods District Hospital Foundation raises funds for capital needs at Lake of the Woods District Hospital in Kenora, Ontario. Capital projects include the replacement of medical equipment and repairs to infrastructure. The reality of limited public funding for health-care continues to increase the financial pressure faced by our hospital. The objective of our annual fundraising campaign is to maintain and purchase equipment essential for offering patients healthcare comparable to any facility across the country.

## Thinking About Tomorrow

The Lake of the Woods District Hospital Foundation is building an endowment fund. Donors to the annual fundraising campaign have expressed their interest in making contributions for the long term needs of the hospital.



*There is no limit to the growth of an endowment.*

An endowment is a gift, made in one's lifetime or bequeathed in a will which provides a never-ending source of income to a Foundation. It differs from other types of contributions in that it remains actively invested allowing the Foundation to draw on it in perpetuity. Financial support is drawn only from the income generated by the initial donation. The principal gift remains untouched.

The Lake of the Woods District Hospital Foundation Endowment Fund will accumulate general donations but shall also include named endowments that carry the name of the persons or persons for whom

they have been established.

A named endowment can be established either by a lifetime gift or by bequest. When it is created by a lifetime gift the donor and the Foundation will sign an agreement that sets forth the terms of the endowment. When a donor executes a will containing language directing that a named endowment be established, no other documentation is required.

Contributions for the general endowment require only a transmittal letter or bequest language stating the donor's intention. If you have questions about how to contribute to the Endowment Fund, please contact the Hospital Foundation. When contemplating a gift to the Foundation, please discuss this information with your tax advisor or investment professional to determine how to maximize the advantages associated with Planned Giving.

## Social Responsibility

As a good corporate citizen, Abitibi-Consolidated recognizes the needs and interests of the communities in which it operates and uses a structured approach in its donations and sponsorships program. The Lake of the Woods District Hospital Foundation is pleased to announce that Abitibi Consolidated has made a donation of

\$20,000 in support of the hospital's annual campaign. In the photo, Derrick Lindgren, Mill Manager of the Kenora mill is presenting a cheque to Patrick Matiwski of the Foundation. Dale Munro, Woodlands Manager joined the presentation at the Kenora mill.



**"We make a living by what we get, we make a life by what we give." --Unknown**