

Lions Club Fulfills \$15,000 Pledge to Community Health

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(Pembroke) Four days before his 100th birthday, Verner Stresman accompanied his fellow Pembroke-Petawawa Lions Club members to make their third annual \$5,000 gift to the Pembroke Regional Hospital Foundation, concluding their \$15,000 pledge to the *Cutting Edge Campaign*.

To date, the Lions have invested almost \$47,000 to expand health care services at the Pembroke Regional Hospital.

As one of the longest-standing members of the club, Mr. Stresman spoke of the group's mission: "At our core, the Lions Club believes in serving its community."

Joining the presentation, Lions Club President, Mike Potvin said, "The events and activities that we run, like bingo and trivia, are opportunities for people to get together and take part in their community, while shaping the future for the better."

The \$2.5 million *Cutting Edge Campaign* supports the modernization of the surgical floor and equipment purchases for the orthopaedic program.

In the past year alone, nearly 6,500 surgeries were performed at the Pembroke Regional Hospital – surgeries such as diagnostic procedures (for example, endoscopies), trauma or hernia repairs, joint replacements, and cancer surgeries, to name a few.

Receiving the gift was PRHF Executive Director, Roger Martin, who thanked the club for their dedicated generosity. "The Pembroke-Petawawa Lions Club is helping to change lives for the better. This gift will help enable local families to benefit from modern inpatient space on our surgical floor at the Pembroke Regional Hospital."

With only \$165,000 left to raise of the \$2.5 million campaign goal, donations towards the *Cutting Edge Campaign* are welcome at any time by contacting the Foundation office at (613) 732-2811 extension 7408 or by visiting <u>www.prhfoundation.com</u>.

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