

"Q and A" Information Sheet Hotel Dieu Hospital Foundation 2010 Fundraising Campaign

Goal: \$25,000 by December 31, 2010 for surgical and cardiac care equipment

1. What is Hotel Dieu of St. Joseph Hospital in Perth-Andover, NB?

It is one of 12 Hospitals of the "HORIZON HEALTH NETWORK" of NB, the largest Health Authority in Atlantic Canada and one of Canada's largest. The new Network is one of NB's largest employers with 14,000 staff including 1000 physicians and 5000 nurses, 3500 volunteers like the Hotel Dieu Foundation, covering about $\frac{3}{4}$ of the province of NB. Hotel Dieu Hospital itself is the largest employer in Perth-Andover (185 employees, including about 60 RNs, 30 LPNs, but excluding EMP and Clinic staff and Physicians). The Hospital serves patients from a wide radius.

2. What services are offered by Hotel Dieu Hospital?

- Modern, full service, acute care, 24 hour ER
- General surgery and day surgery
- Obstetrics
- Pediatrics
- Palliative Care
- 8 Physician Clinic and Optometrist
- 14 Visiting Specialists
- Laboratory, Social Work, Pastoral Care, Diagnostic Imaging, etc.

(See website www.hdsjf.ca for complete list)

3. Why does Hotel Dieu need new equipment in surgery and cardiac care?

To carry out our tradition of quality health care, the Hospital needs the most up-to-date equipment to complement the compassionate care that patients have come to expect from a faith-based facility founded by the Religious Hospitalers of St. Joseph. The RHSJ has been taking care of the sick in Canada for 350 years, since 1659!

A. Laparo-scopic Surgical Equipment- \$13,000

In 2009 so far, the Foundation has spent over \$80,000 to start the upgrades to the surgical equipment. We purchased the Exera II tower and various scopes from Olympus Canada. However our Hospital needs an

additional Exera II workstation and roll stand with an LCD High Definition (HD) monitor, HD cables, etc.

This new equipment makes surgery safer since the HD cameras inside the patient send crystal clear images to the surgeon's large HD TV monitor. Laparoscopic surgery (by using tiny incisions) is better for patients than open surgery since there is less post-operative discomfort and quicker return to regular activities. This equipment is cutting edge, so it allows our surgeons to connect to the QE 2 Hospital in Halifax for training sessions. Since it is the same equipment used at our neighbouring Upper River Valley Hospital in Waterville 45 minutes away, it would allow for efficient networking and sharing of surgeons between the 2 facilities.

B. Cardiac Care Network- \$12,200

With 2 new Holter Monitors and 2 Ambulatory Blood Pressure Monitors, Hotel Dieu patients will be connected to the Cardiac Diagnosis Network Centre at the Chalmers Hospital in Fredericton.

The new equipment will allow

- Our patients to be monitored remotely and safely and to receive diagnosis and treatment more quickly
- Hotel Dieu Hospital to join the new advanced cardiac network, costing \$874,000 and involving 14 facilities from Oromocto north to Plaster Rock.

4. Who is being invited to contribute?

Besides the contributions made by Doctors, staff and others connected to the Hospital, we are asking for the support of friends, local merchants, regional and national companies, business people, private foundations, families and anyone who wants to help buy the best equipment for patients.

5. Are donations tax deductible?

Yes, you will receive an official receipt for donations of \$20 or more.

6. Will there be any recognition of donors' generosity?

Yes. In addition to tax receipts for the full amount of \$20 or more, 4 levels of contribution will be recognized on a plaque in the Hospital foyer as follows:

- Bronze- \$200 to \$749
- Silver- \$750 to \$1499
- Gold- \$1500 to 1999
- Platinum- \$2000 or more

You may choose not to have your name included on the plaque if you wish, and only receive the tax receipt for 100% of your donation.

We are happy to acknowledge our first major donor - the Youth Group of the Perth-Andover Calvary Tabernacle Church at the "Gold" level !

In addition, our second major gift is from the Sisters of the Religious Hospitalers of St. Joseph in Montreal at the "Platinum" level in each of 2 years - 2009 and again in 2010! We are thrilled at the generous response to our appeal from people in the local area and across Canada.

Please make all cheques to "Perth-Andover Hotel Dieu Foundation Inc." and send to:

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7. How do I get further information if I can't reach John Lang, Chair of the Foundation?

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