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Dear Friends,

By way of this letter, we would like to update you on the success of our recently acquired CT Scanner at the North Hastings Hospital. We are particularly proud of the financial support our community at large has been able to provide to our local hospital. Over the last 22 years, we have raised almost \$10 million to ensure our communities have excellent healthcare as close to home as possible. As you can appreciate, given the current economic climate and that of the last number of years, we have an incredibly generous community that recognizes healthcare is not only life-saving but also an economic driver and reason for people to live in our rural communities. The other reality is equipment is not supported by the government, so we have to do what we can on our own.

Our most recent capital campaign, Back the Cat, raised \$2.8 million to renovate space and purchase a CT Scanner. This important diagnostic tool has been in operation since the end of January and has already completed over 2200 scans. On day one, the staff and Physicians were able to deliver a life-saving diagnosis. Not only is the hospital able to offer this critical testing, but it is also serving as a recruitment tool for Physicians. Just recently interviews were held with a candidate who said he was attracted by having access to a CT Scan 24/7. We hope you are proud of the contribution you were able to make towards this advancement in local healthcare.

Every year, we are faced with requests to purchase thousands of dollars in new and replacement equipment. Gone are the days we dealt with "wish lists." The equipment needs are critical and cannot be deferred. With our partners, including Municipalities, we strive to do our best to meet the needs. We realize that with the improvements in technology and the health of communities, equipment needs will increase in need and cost. The Fund Development Committee is committed to raising \$271,000 for 24/25 and will need to embark on a capital campaign for new x-ray equipment in 25/26 for a cost of over \$700,000. This year's needs include items ranging from a stretcher costing \$12,000 to a portable ultrasound machine costing \$90,000. These goals are stretching our fundraising capacity. However, we are a dedicated group of volunteers and are proud of what we have accomplished and proud of the fact that our costs remain a very low \$0.03 per dollar.

I have included the statistics for our CT up to the end of September 2024. Patients are being received from all municipalities in Hastings County. The numbers from the ER mean that patients who would have had to travel to Belleville with an ambulance and nurse are now being scanned right here in our hospital. This results in sending the patient to the best point of care right away. This is the best care for our patients. I am also including statistics for patient visits to the hospital. This information is some of the basis for supporting new and replacement equipment.

Statistics for North Hastings Hospital

CT Stats:

January 29 - September 29/24

2245 total with an average of 300/month

This translates to 2245 patients not having to leave the community for testing. This means no lost work, no shopping out of town - better healthcare as close to home as possible.

Patient Visits:

2023 - inpatient visits 380

Emergency visits 15,278

Ambulatory visits (patient arrived on their own) 5,657

Diagnostic Services 10,222

X-Rays:

There are 8168 x-rays taken at the NH hospital in 23/24. This means 22 patients a day.

Top Reasons for Inpatient Admissions:

Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD)

Palliative Care

Pneumonia

Urinary Tract Infection

Respiratory Infection


Convalescence

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We would love the opportunity to speak directly to you about our work. If you would like to discuss further we would be happy to speak to you at any time. Thank you for your dedication to your communities in Hastings County.

Sincerely,


Kim (Churchill) Bishop, Chair,
NH Fund Development Committee
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