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## AMBULATORY CARE... *A Step in the Right Direction.*



Marcia Leard, Clinical Leader in Ambulatory Care, left, sits with Priscilla Pollock, a patient using the VAC wound therapy system. Priscilla is one of over 13,000 Islanders who visited the Ambulatory Care Unit at Prince County Hospital last year (not including the oncology unit).

This year, as part of the Vital Signs Annual Equipment Campaign Ambulatory Care needs \$241,300 worth of equipment, including key items such as ECG carts, IV pumps, colonoscopes and a gastro-scope.

Since the new Prince County Hospital opened 5 years ago, the number of procedures performed in Ambulatory Care has steadily risen. This year improvements to the much used equipment in Ambulatory Care is a ..*Step in the right direction.*

## ANNUAL MEETING

Donors, board members, staff and interested parties will gather in the PCH cafeteria May 20th at 7 PM for PCH Foundation's Annual Meeting. The purpose of this event is to recap the year that was 2008 and to thank those that made it such a successful year for the Prince County Hospital Foundation. All are welcome to attend.

## RESULTS OF 2008 CAMPAIGN

The year 2008 was an eventful one at Prince County Hospital Foundation. It was a year of firsts in many respects and a year of “big things.” It was the year that Digital Mammography was deemed a priority at PCH, it was the year of the First Annual Women’s Golf Classic, it was the year the Friend-Raising Council was established, the year of the largest crowd at Lights for Life, and it was the year the Prince County Hospital Foundation raised **\$1,296,703** for priority medical equipment.

These successes recorded in 2008, are possible due to the many volunteers, the PCH Auxiliary, the Foundation Board of Directors and staff, and the Appeal Solicitors. It is because of the hard work of this dedicated group of people that PCH was able to buy all of the equipment listed under the Vital Signs Campaign 2008.

*Thank you to all donors  
and supporters*

(right: sample Digital Mammography Unit)



Pictured in a *Pink Hat* promotional piece are (L-R): Kelly Arsenault (front); (row 2) Friend Raising Council Chair, Marion Arsenault; Judy Murchison; (row3) Heather Matheson; Lisa Schurman-Smith; Margo Thompson; Patty Dexter; (Back row) Les Chipperfield; PCH Foundation President, Derek Key; and John Arnold.



**Above: Radiologist, Dr. Nielson reads a MRI at PCH**

## Good News Story TELERADIOLOGY

Thanks to the transition from static film images to digital images, the Diagnostic Imaging department is able to take advantage of a Tele-radiology system. With the click of a mouse images can be sent to a radiologist to another facility. Professionals no longer need to be physically at the same site an image is taken to interpret it. And there is no lag time like there is when transporting a static image. The combination of internet and digital images has made a very convenient and secure system. About 1/5th of total images from PCH are being sent to Halifax for reading, at this time.

For over 8 weeks the Diagnostic Imaging Department at Prince County Hospital has been sending select images off-Island for analysis by Radiologists in Nova Scotia. With great success in this early trial, they have seen the wait list for CT’s virtually disappear. “It’s worked even better than we expected it to,” says PCH Diagnostic Imaging Manager Paul Young. It went from 3-5 months to get a routine CT in to...booking for tomorrow.” Provincially, one hundred non-urgent cases are sent per day (a mixture of general duty x-rays, CT scans, nuclear medicine, MRI.) to radiologists in Nova Scotia for interpretation. “Instead of waiting a possible three months to get a report, we now have it in three days,” says Young. With wait times reduced on results, a direct correlation can be made to improved standard of care for patients. Appointment wait times could be drastically reduced because they now have the resources in place abroad to interpret images and alleviate the strain on the department.

The province has committed to this project for a 6 month trial at which time it will be reassessed. In the meantime, this system takes weight off of the five current radiologists on PEI until a full complement of 8 can be reached. Recruitment efforts are ongoing.



Current needs in Ambulatory Care



**COLONOSCOPES  
& GASTROSCOPES  
\$125,000**



**IV PUMPS  
\$12,800**

**ECG CARTS  
\$45,000**



**WOUND THERAPY  
EQUIPMENT (V.A.C.)  
\$30,000**



2009 ANNUAL EQUIPMENT NEEDS

**AMBULATORY CARE**

(3) colonoscopes (1) gastroscope	\$125,000
ECG carts (3)	\$45,000
Wound therapy equipment	\$30,000
IV pumps (4)	\$12,800
Stretcher (transport/bariatric)	\$5,000
Lift (ceiling)	\$3,500
Ventilator	\$10,000

**MEDICAL/PALLIATIVE**

Bed (total care)	\$40,000
Lift (ceiling) total 5	\$17,500

**SURGICAL SERVICES**

Fluid warmer & calibration instrument	\$4,600
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**INTENSIVE CARE UNIT/IMCU**

Bladder Scanner	\$20,000
PCA pump (portable pain control)	\$3,500
Lift (ceiling)	\$3,500

**REHABILITATIVE SERVICES**

Continuous passive motion machine	\$5,000
Standing frame	\$4,500
Jobst pump	\$1,600

**DIAGNOSTIC IMAGING**

QC reject/repeat analysis software	\$3,300
Video recorder	\$6,000

**MATERNAL CHILD CARE UNIT**

Bassinets (total 3)	\$4,500
Cardiac monitors (total 3)	\$105,000
Blood pressure machine (4)	\$18,000
Lift (ceiling)	\$3,500

**EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT**

Stretcher (with scales)	\$10,000
Lamp (stilt with teaching lens)	\$15,000

**LABORATORY**

Cover slipper	\$56,000
Platelet agitator	\$4,000
Slide maker/stainer	\$100,000
Reader (cardiac)	\$5,000

**NURSING**

Lift ceiling	\$3,500
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**INPATIENT MENTAL HEALTH**

Bed (total care)	\$40,000
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**SURGERY/RESTORATIVE**

Air pal mattresses	\$3,500
Lift (ceiling) total 3	\$10,500

**TOTAL MEDICAL NEEDS FOR 2009 \$729,300**

**NON MEDICAL NEEDS FOR 2009 - \$24,500**

**TOTAL EQUIPMENT NEEDS FOR  
2009 MEDICAL AND  
NON MEDICAL-**

**\$753,800**

## RECOGNIZING A NEED IN THE INPATIENT MENTAL HEALTH UNIT



### PCH AUXILIARY DONATES FURNITURE

**Photo :** Darlene Arsenault and Olive Parker (right) of the PCH Auxiliary relax on the new leather furniture the group donated to Inpatient Mental Health at PCH.

Their very first fund-raising project was in response to the need for fresh milk for the patients. Since in 1912 there was not a creamery in the town of Summerside, the Ladies purchased a cow for \$34.00 and donated it to the hospital.

From their very first gift of a cow in 1912, the Prince County Hospital Auxiliary has always found innovative gifts to fill needs at PCH. They've come along way since then and yet they are still fulfilling unconventional needs at the hospital. When the Auxiliary heard that the Inpatient Mental Health Unit was in need of new lounge furniture they

jumped at the chance to help this under-appreciated part of the hospital.

Peoples' general use of the hospital might consist of the ER or the Ambulatory Care Unit, and sometimes the lesser seen Inpatient Mental Health Unit is forgotten. Recently, the Prince County Hospital Auxiliary, represented by Darlene Arsenault (left) and Olive Parker (right), satisfied a need in the Inpatient Mental Health Unit at PCH by donating several items of furniture including a leather chair and two leather sofas.

*coming soon...*

pchcare.com will be re-launched this summer.  
Check in often for more about the Prince County Hospital Foundation

### 3RD ANNUAL HARLEY ELIMINATION DRAW

Tickets **\$100**, available at PCH Foundation Office and RE/MAX Harbourside. Draw date **July 4th** at the #200 RCAF Wing & Kinsmen Centre.

This promotion is a partnership by the PCH Auxiliary and RE/MAX Harbourside Realty to benefit the PCH Foundation's Annual Equipment Fund. Bike & prizes provided by Red Rock Harley Davidson.



# RECENT GIFTS

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**Left:** Summerside RBC Royal Bank Branch Manager Boyce Murphy, left, recently presented Sandy Rundle, of Prince County Hospital Foundation's Board of Directors, with a gift of \$2500. RBC has pledged to give \$7500 total over the next 3 years to the PCHF's annual equipment campaign.

**Right:** Recently, Prince County Hospital Foundation board member Darlene Arsenault, right, accepted a \$3000 donation for the annual equipment fund from Insurance Company of P.E.I., represented by Nancy Champion of Cooke Insurance, left.



**Above:** Heather Matheson receives the proceeds from a recent bicycle draw held by the ER staff, represented by Krystle Gaudet, right. The staff raised \$271 for the PCHF equipment campaign

**Right:** Branch Treasurer Alan Leard, left, and President Dennis Gallant, right, recently presented PCH Foundation Board member Warren Ellis with a gift of \$1000 from the Bloomfield Legion.



## Love to Garden?




Left:(L-R)  
Vince  
MacRae &  
Wayne &  
Marilyn  
Griffith put  
the final  
touches on  
a tree  
donated by  
the garden  
club in  
2008.

Volunteer Services at PCH is looking for volunteers to help tend the courtyard garden at the hospital. Join the volunteers with the Summerside & Area Garden Club who will offer direction and support to you. This is a chance to learn more about gardening while adding to the ambiance of a beautiful courtyard.

To sign up or for more information, please contact Volunteer Services at 438-4359.

[www.summersideareagardenclub.org](http://www.summersideareagardenclub.org)



### GLADIATOR GOLF JUNE 22, 2009

On June 22nd, this brand new event pits 4 gladiators against each other in the grueling longest day of golf. You may sponsor golfers by contacting the PCH Foundation office ([info@pch-care.com](mailto:info@pch-care.com), 432-2547, or visit the PCH Foundation office). Supporters may have the chance to win our grand prize including two return tickets to any scheduled WestJet destination.

## Foundation grateful for these bequests & endowments

The Prince County Hospital Foundation is honored to have received support from the following bequests or endowed gifts in 2008:

~Anonymous~

~Estate of Gladys  
Henderson~

~Cordelia Catherine Butler  
Trust~

~Eric & Wanda MacPhail~

~In Memory of James & Helen  
Gillespie~

~In Memory of My Mother,  
Verna D. (Ross) Maxwell~

~Robert & Lorraine Mulligan~

~Michael S. Schurman Family  
Foundation~

## Professional cycling event this June will support Prince County Hospital



Prince Edward Island will host an elite women's cycling tour this June 7-11 and its organizer, Confederation Bridge, has pledged the event's proceeds be divided equally

between Prince County Hospital, and Queen Elizabeth Hospital.

Bringing this world-class women's cycling event back for year 3 is exciting to say the least.

The city of Summerside will be in the international spotlight when the Tour de PEI kicks off on June 7, 2009.

For more info, visit [tourdepei.com](http://tourdepei.com)

## HARRY T. HOLMAN CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

The Prince County Hospital Foundation is seeking nominations for this year's Harry T. Holman Award. This award is presented on an annual basis to a volunteer or a volunteer group, who has made a significant contribution to Prince County Hospital and the people it serves.

If you know any person or organization who is deserving of this award, we encourage you to submit their name, and your detailed rationale, to the PCH Foundation by mail or e-mail. Please include your name, address, and phone number for verification. Forms may be obtained at the PCHF office.

### Harry Holman Award Committee

c/o Heather Matheson  
 Prince County Hospital Foundation  
 P.O. Box 3000, Summerside, PE C1N 2A9  
 OR e-mail info@pchcare.com

**Deadline: Friday, May 4, 2009 at 4:30p.m.**

Please note that previous recipients are not eligible for this year's award.



Some Past  
 Winners  
 Include:  
 Dr. Cameron  
 (left) and Walter  
 Riehl (right).

## THANK YOU

This Foundation thanks the following groups and individuals who made gifts of \$1,000 or more to the annula equipment fund in 2008:

Abdul and Madeleine Rahman	Smyth-Davidson Deckhouse Pub & Eatery	Island Coastal Services Ltd.	Mrs. Glenna Banks	Club, Provincial Auto Parts
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			Silver Fox Curling & Yacht Club	

# Our *Caring* COMMUNITY

## Marilla Millar, *Reflections of Cancer Survivor on Endoscopy*



For years Marilla Millar has been the one giving exceptional care. The Ellerslie foster parent has been responsible for the lives of 128 children since 1974. She will be recognized with a honorary degree this spring at UPEI for her dedication to foster parenting. But it is the exceptional care she received at Prince County Hospital that resonates with Mrs. Millar.

Two years ago this very special woman suddenly found herself extremely ill. She was

rushed to PCH for medical attention. To determine what was ailing Marilla, a colonoscope was performed in the Ambulatory Care Department at PCH. The results of which were less than desirable...it was cancer. She was diagnosed in May and surgery was performed on June 1st to remove part of her bowel. Two weeks later she began an intense six months of chemotherapy. "The girls in the treatment centre were marvelous," says Marilla, speaking of staff in the Oncology Unit at PCH. "They explained everything they were doing. My experience at the hospital was the best of care," she stressed. She also stressed the importance of a positive attitude. "They told me that if I hadn't had this (procedure) done, I would have had 2 years (to live). But, I went in with a positive attitude and I came out with a positive attitude."

Marilla Millar still receives her regular check ups and can boast that she's doing just fine. Thanks to her care at PCH and her positive attitude, she continues to care for young children as she did throughout her treatment.

This year in our Vital Signs Annual Equipment Campaign we are raising funds for new Endoscopy equipment, both colonoscopes and gastroscopes. As Mrs. Millar will attest, Endoscopy saves lives. The new scopes will present images in HRE, High Resolution Endoscopy. Much like your new television at home, it presents pristine high definition images. This will help diagnosticians to see more and with better resolution.