Chapleau General Hospital Foundation Fondation de l'Hôpital Général de Chapleau

Hospital Foundation Grateful for Recognition by Festival of Hope

May 14, 2015 – Chapleau, ON - Firstly, the Board of Directors of the Chapleau General Hospital Foundation say thank you to the dedicated volunteers who have created the Festival of Hope and are committed to honouring the lives that cancer has affected. We were very encouraged to hear that you were continuing the tradition of this event. It is important that anyone fighting cancer knows they are not alone and that the whole community is supporting them.

Secondly, it was a great honour for the Chapleau General Hospital Foundation to be chosen as a possible beneficiary of this event. Chapleau's generosity towards the Hospital has time after time improved the lives of patients and long-term care residents. Renovations, the Bignucolo Residence courtyard, vital medical equipment, and special training have all completed thanks to Chapleau's support.

Services de santé de Chapleau Health Services (SSCHS) has long been on the front lines of fighting cancer in our community. Prevention, early detection, and excellent care have always been available to the Chapleau area through the hospital and its partner programs. Now we are working to reinstate our oncology program. Substantial renovations to provide for a private spacious chemotherapy treatment room have recently been completed. Two new comfortable chemotherapy chairs, a large TV and free Wi-Fi have been installed to assist patients pass the time during their treatments. One of our RN staff has completed extensive training in chemotherapy. Our final remaining step for the launch of this service is the final negotiations with our regional cancer centre in Sudbury to reinstate the service, and we are targeting the fall of 2015 to receive final approval to provide services.

This service will help us serve our community better. In real terms, this means fewer trips to Timmins, Sudbury or SSM for treatment and more time in Chapleau supported by family and friends. Our Chapleau physicians fully support the program and are excited to be a part of it. They will also have the support from the oncologists in Sudbury.

Over the years the funding models to satellite hospitals offering this type of service has changed and it has become more difficult to cover the ongoing costs of drug therapies and training costs. Support from the community of Chapleau will help this program be sustainable.

Everyone at Services de santé de Chapleau Health Services, cares deeply about this community and wants to see the best quality care possible available in Chapleau. This program is another service that will improve the health care in our community. Thank you for the honour of being chosen as a potential beneficiary. We remain hopeful in the fight against cancer and look forward to remembering, honouring, and celebrating alongside you at the Festival of Hope.