



Monthly Giving makes a big difference at St. Francis Memorial Hospital!

Dear Friend,

Thanks to the generosity of our Monthly Giving Club, St. Francis Memorial Hospital has been able to perform a critical upgrade to its laboratory; one that integrates the lab with an information sharing system which can access lab results and critical patient information quickly and safely with other labs and hospitals.

The lab plays a vital role across the entire continuum of healthcare. Lab results directly impact clinical decision-making by providing physicians, nurses and other healthcare providers with important information needed for the prevention, diagnosis, treatment and management of disease.

This upgrade took two years to complete. **Our 168 loyal donors** who contribute either monthly or through an annual commitment to the St. Francis Circle Giving Club can be proud to say that they helped make this upgrade happen. In 2022, our Circle Giving Club, which includes monthly and annual donors, **raised an incredible \$73,000!**

Monthly gifts provide steady, dependable income that helps us to plan more efficiently for the future, **especially since the government simply does not fund equipment needs.**

I would like to personally invite you to join the St. Francis Circle Giving Club to help support local healthcare! Please feel free to contact me with any questions. I'd love to hear from you!



Erin

Erin Gienow; Exec. Director & Club Member
PS - **We always welcome new members!**
Please spread the word about the club!

Monthly Giving in Action



Daffinee Quade, who has lymphoma, receives blood transfusions every week at St. Francis Memorial Hospital. Before she undergoes the transfusions, she gets her blood tested at the lab inside the hospital.

She is grateful to have the care of the excellent staff, who perform her routine bloodwork efficiently.

Did you know that the St. Francis Circle Giving Club helped purchase a vital upgrade to the laboratory's information sharing system over a two year period? This upgrade, which went live in November 2022, integrates seamlessly with EPIC - the hospital's information sharing system.

Michael McConnell is the site laboratory operations manager with the Eastern Ontario Regional Laboratory Association. He says this new upgrade means faster turnaround time for results and added efficiencies for the lab staff.

"It's a great system," he said.

Monthly donors ensure that St. Francis Memorial Hospital has the equipment it needs for exceptional patient care. If you would like to become a member of the club for as little as \$15 per month, contact the Foundation today!

Did You Know

The laboratory at St. Francis Memorial Hospital offers a number of critical services for both patients in the emergency department and outpatients. During the fiscal year of April 1, 2022 to March 31, 2023:



1,022 outpatients received bloodwork



912 electrocardiograms were conducted



148 holter monitors were used

Meet some of our monthly giving club members



Marie and Stephen Finnerty

As a member of the St. Francis Valley Healthcare Foundation Board of Directors, Marie and her husband Stephen made it a priority to become monthly donors after they found out

that the government does not fund equipment needs at the hospital. "We, and our extended family, have benefited greatly from the hospital over the years and do not want the services offered to our community to decline or discontinue," Marie said.



Mary Recoskie

Mary Recoskie has recently signed up to become a Monthly Giving Club member after experiencing the quality of local healthcare in Barry's Bay. Her father had received excellent care at

both St. Francis Memorial Hospital for six months before moving to the Valley Manor. "He was treated with kindness and dignity and our family will be forever grateful for it," Recoskie said. "The fact that he could receive such wonderful care locally was a great relief to us."



Amanda Dumas

Amanda Dumas is a Charge Technologist for the Diagnostic Imaging department at St. Francis Memorial Hospital. Every day, she works with equipment purchased by the St. Francis Valley Healthcare Foundation. She has been a member of the St. Francis Circle Giving Club for several years. "I am eternally grateful to have use of the equipment that the community has purchased at my fingertips to provide excellent patient care," she says. "As someone who visits the hospital – both for myself and my children – I am reassured to know that the staff have the required equipment to provide the highest level of care."



Mary-Ellen Harris

As Director of Patient Care Services at St. Francis Memorial Hospital, Mary-Ellen Harris has direct experience with how important monthly giving is to the hospital.

Mary-Ellen said the Foundation is a critical partner in the hospital's ability to achieve its mission of providing high-quality, patient-centered healthcare in collaboration with its partners; and its vision of being a leader in health services that are patient-centered, integrated and responsive to rural community health needs. "Without the support of the foundation and the community, SFMH would not have the state-of-the-art clinical and imaging equipment needed to respond and care for those in need of our help. The foundation ensures we have the most up-to-date, innovative, and necessary clinical and technological solutions available to our clinical teams," Mary-Ellen explained.



Richard Shaw

Richard Shaw, who made his home in Barry's Bay over a decade ago, has been a member of the club for several years. He joined because he saw the importance of the hospital to the community. "We can't

take places like the hospital for granted," he said. "Only by contributing our time, talents and treasure – even in small ways, like being part of the Monthly Giving Club – we will be able to keep those things that are so important to our community alive and thriving."

St. Francis Circle Giving Club FAQs

What is the St. Francis Circle Giving Club?

This club is a special group of people who commit to making a gift each month to help the equipment needs of St. Francis Memorial Hospital. Your monthly membership means so much to us and the patients we support.

Who can join?

Absolutely anyone on any budget can join. In fact, you can join with a commitment of as little as \$15 per month! (That's 50 cents per day!)

What kind of payments do you accept?

Monthly gifts can be automatically donated from your credit card or through your bank account by sending us a void cheque.

How do I join?

Contact the St. Francis Valley Healthcare Foundation in person at 7 St. Francis Memorial Drive, email us at office@sfvhfoundation.com or phone 613-756-3045 ext. 217. Sign up online at www.sfvhfoundation.com, click on the red DONATE NOW button and follow the prompts.