

May 2024 Update

St. Francis Valley Healthcare Foundation

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

Dear Friend,

*Thanks to the generosity of our Monthly Giving Club*, the staff at St. Francis Memorial Hospital will have the tools they need when they need it most.

*Our 163 loyal donors* who helped purchase a number of items for our hospital last year. Items such as stretchers, a bi-pap machine and an ultrasound machine were purchased thanks to our Monthly Giving Club members.

In our 2023/2024 fiscal year, our Circle Giving Club, which includes monthly and annual donors, raised an incredible **\$70,000!** 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.* 

<u>I would like to personally invite you to join the St. Francis Circle</u> <u>Giving Club</u> to help support local healthcare! For as little as \$15 a month, you can help provide steady and reliable funds so that St. Francis Memorial Hospital has the resources it needs, when it is needed most.

Will you join me?



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



You've got questions, we've got answers. Here's some more details on how to become a Monthly Donor

### 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.

# Monthly Giving in action

## Thanks to the generosity of our Monthly Giving Club members last year, we were able to purchase:



Stretchers



**Bi-Pap Machine** 



Ultrasound Machine

# Meet some of our monthly giving club members:



# Cheryl Reid

As the Board Chair of the St. Francis Valley Healthcare Foundation, Cheryl Reid sees firsthand the importance that the Monthly Giving Club brings to the Foundation. It gives the Foundation money that it can depend on every year, to help pay for critical items at St. Francis Memorial Hospital. Cheryl juggles her volunteer role and a full-time job, so becoming a monthly donor was an easy decision. "Supporting our local healthcare is critically important, but life is busy and gets messy so the Monthly Donor program makes it easy and convenient," Cheryl said. "A monthly donation is easier to budget and at the end of the year the tax receipt reminds you of how good it feels to donate. Every dollar counts." To join Cheryl as a monthly donor contact the Foundation at 613-756-3045 ext. 217 or sign up online at www.sfvhfoundation.com



## Frank and Helen Recoskie

As lifelong residents of the area, Frank and Helen Recoskie are appreciative to have access to St. Francis Memorial Hospital when they need it. The couple has been longtime Monthly Giving Club members because they couldn't imagine their community without a hospital. "Our hospital is such an important part of our community," Helen said. "We are so fortunate to have this amazing resource. We have benefited from many life events like births, deaths and some broken bones inbetween. But mainly we have done it at home and that's what our hospital provides us, is a home."

Pictured here is Helen & Frank Recoskie with newborn Daniel, daughter Devon and son Michael at St. Francis Memorial Hospital 34 years ago.



## Shawn Gregory and Susan Bernad

Susan and Shawn are some of our newest members to the Monthly Giving Club. They moved from the GTA recently and have started volunteering for local healthcare organizations. "As new full-time residents in the Barry's Bay Area, we are so grateful for our local healthcare network," Susan said. "Through our own volunteering efforts, we have seen firsthand the incredible work our healthcare providers do for our community, so we decided to become monthly contributors to the St. Francis Circle Giving Club." To join Susan and Shawn as a monthly donor, contact the Foundation at 613-756-3045 ext. 217 or sign up online at www.sfvhfoundation.com



## **Cathy Amyotte**

Cathy Amyotte is a sonographer in the diagnostic imaging department at St. Francis Memorial Hospital. She has performed countless scans on patients over the years, using equipment like the ultrasound machine. Our hospital recently welcomed a new ultrasound machine, which was purchased through generous donations, including those from the St. Francis Circle Giving Club. Cathy has been a monthly donor because it directly impacts her ability to deliver quality healthcare close to home. "Keeping our rural healthcare setting with state-of-the-art equipment and technology is the primary reason for being part of the monthly giving club," Cathy said. "Being able to receive the best healthcare in proximity from home is very close to my heart!"