

Tree of Lights Campaign 2022 Update

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Dear Friends,

A family matriarch was experiencing pain in her leg one fall morning in 2022.



She visited the emergency department at St. Francis Memorial Hospital and was referred for an ultrasound to rule out any blood clots. Ultrasounds can detect a collection of clotted blood, also called a hematoma, that may prevent blood flow.

She didn't have to step foot off of hospital grounds to get the scan she required. Rather, she made the trip down the hall, with a friendly sonographer to calm her fears. Her images were reviewed by a physician that same day and fortunately, no abnormalities were discovered. She was able to return home to her family with peace of mind.

We are fortunate to have a working ultrasound machine so close to home. However, as the equipment ages and technology advances, our ultrasound machine will need to be replaced.

Thanks to generous donors, patients requiring ultrasound images will soon have

access to a state-of-the-art machine to get quality images, every time.

We are thrilled to announce that thanks to the help of our donors, our Tree of Lights Campaign raised an incredible \$120,000.00! This is the most raised to date through our year-end appeal.

Together, with previous dedicated funds, we are approximately 75% on our way to being able to purchase a new ultrasound machine in the 2023/2024 fiscal year.

The Foundation remains committed to our mission and looks forward to another successful year ahead raising funds for St. Francis Memorial Hospital, Valley Manor and Madawaska Valley Hospice Palliative Care.

With sincere appreciation,

Erin



Erin Gienow,
Executive Director
St. Francis Valley Healthcare Foundation
On behalf of the Foundation Board of Directors, staff and volunteers.

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Money raised will help purchase a new ultrasound machine for St. Francis Memorial Hospital. Thank you to Dawn and Dorothy Hannah for sharing their story in our campaign letter and inspiring others to Give the Gift of Enhanced Images. Every Patient. Every Time.

We are Grateful for our Donors!



Thank you to everyone who has contributed to this year's Tree of Lights Campaign. Your gifts will help St. Francis Memorial Hospital continue to provide excellent healthcare to everyone - close to home. We sincerely thank you for your generosity and your belief in the importance of local healthcare in our community.

- **Julia Boudreau, Chief Executive Officer, St. Francis Memorial Hospital (SFMH)**



As technology continues to evolve, it is essential that we replace our aging ultrasound machine. By doing so, staff at St. Francis Memorial Hospital will continue to be able to offer quality healthcare to all. Thanks to your Tree of Lights donation, we will soon be able to secure a new ultrasound machine that will benefit the entire community for years to come. On behalf of the diagnostic imaging team - thank you!

- **Amanda Dumas, Charge Diagnostic Imaging Technologist at SFMH**

Support to the Tree of Lights Christmas Campaign is making an impact at your Hospital!



Did you know that the ultrasound machine can diagnose a number of conditions, ranging from blood clots in the leg to the health of a unborn child and its mother?

Ultrasound imaging (sonography), uses high-frequency sound waves to view inside the body. Because ultrasound images are captured in real-time, they can also show movement of the body's internal organs as well as blood flowing through the blood vessels.

The cost to replace the ultrasound machine will be approximately \$200,000.

