

Thank you so much for your support. Help us spread the word about the club!

We are always looking for new club members to help contribute to the future of local healthcare. If you have a friend, family member, neighbour or acquaintance that is grateful for the care they have received at St. Francis Memorial Hospital, let them know about the club!

Ensuring the future of local healthcare through monthly giving

How can I help? It's one of the most common questions people ask when it comes to the St. Francis Valley Healthcare Foundation.

While it's true that the Foundation offers many opportunities for donations, the St. Francis Monthly Giving Club is a fantastic place to start.

This incredibly important club is made up of donors from all backgrounds. They include retirees, hardworking families, local health care employees and more. All of them share the same goal: **to contribute what they can to ensure the future of St. Francis Memorial Hospital.**



Wendy Vlasic, Hospital board member and proud monthly donor

Wendy Vlasic of Combermere recently joined the club to help ensure the future of healthcare for generations to come.

"The healthcare facilities in the Madawaska Valley are critical to maintaining a safe and healthy community for our residents, as well as our seasonal visitors," Vlasic said.

As the Foundation supports all the major facilities in the area, regular donations provide a strong funding baseline to meet the greatest needs.

"This is why I choose to support the St. Francis Valley Healthcare Foundation on a monthly basis, in addition to volunteering my time on several hospital committees including the board of directors."

As the needs of our healthcare organizations are ongoing, and as we work our way out of the pandemic, the Foundation is always welcoming new members to the club.

Foundation Executive Director, Erin Gienow, explained that the club is an easy and effective way to make a big difference.

"The Monthly Giving Club provides us with **steady and dependable monthly income.** Every year, the hospital presents us with a list of critical medical equipment that is not covered by government funding and with the revenue expected from the club, which annually amounts to around \$70,000, we can identify with confidence a piece of equipment from the list to purchase."

Julia Boudreau is the CEO of St. Francis Memorial and Renfrew Victoria Hospitals. She is also a member of the St. Francis Monthly Giving Club.

"The Foundation is one of the hospital's most valued partners. It's important to me that I 'walk the talk', donating to an organization that supports our mission of providing high quality patient-centered health care," Boudreau said.

Eileen and Dave Leslie have been members of the club for many years and recognize the importance of local healthcare to their community.

"We are so very grateful to have St. Francis Memorial Hospital, Hospice and



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the Valley Manor in our community," Eileen said.

"We have been fortunate to call Barry's Bay our home for almost 40 years. **We could always rely on the hospital for excellent care.** I am fortunate to be a volunteer with hospice. We know that our community will be able to provide exceptional care into our later lives. It is reassuring."

The Monthly Giving Club is a budget friendly option as donors choose an amount that suits their budget best with their gift automatically withdrawn from their bank account or credit card each month.

For as little as \$10 per month (or 33 cents a day), new members are invited to join the Monthly Giving Club to help with the purchase of essential medical equipment to ensure that the hardworking staff at St. Francis have the tools they need to care for us all.

For more information about becoming a Monthly Giving Club Member, contact the St. Francis Valley Healthcare Foundation at 613-756-3044 ext. 217 or visit www.sfvhfoundation.com