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## **Local Legions donate more than \$30,000 to support Kingston's hospitals and Providence Manor**

Local branches of the Royal Canadian Legion are giving more than \$30,000 to support our health care. The gift to the University Hospitals Kingston Foundation – the fundraising arm of Hotel Dieu Hospital, Kingston General Hospital and Providence Continuing Care Centre – will benefit the redevelopment of Kingston's hospitals and Providence Manor.

The Kingston Legion, Branch 560 will present a cheque for \$6500 to support equipment needs at Providence Manor, the long term care facility owned and operated by Providence Continuing Care Centre. These funds will go towards the purchase of much needed electric beds, to help care for the elderly and disabled residents at the Manor, and were granted by the Royal Canadian Legion Ontario Provincial Command Branches and Ladies Auxiliaries Charitable Foundation.

In addition, Colonel R .H. Britton Branch 92 of the Royal Canadian Legion in Gananoque made the largest pledge in its history, \$25,000, for highest priority capital redevelopment needs among the hospitals. This gift pools funds raised by Legion 92, the Poppy Trust Fund and the Ladies auxiliary.

"I welcome these wonderful gifts from our veterans and their families through the Royal Canadian Legion. They have been among the most steadfast supporters to our hospitals, and our vision for the future of health care in this region," said Roger Wright, Chair of the Foundation.

The redevelopment plans of the university hospitals of Kingston include projects across all three institutions. The KGH component is expected to begin in 2008 with the expansion of the Cancer Centre of Southeastern Ontario and construction of a new inpatient mental health unit. Other KGH components include redevelopment of central processing services (which provides sterilization support to operating rooms), the relocation of the pediatric inpatient unit, expansion of the intensive care unit and medical/surgical inpatient capacity and expansion of the in-centre dialysis program. The Hotel Dieu Hospital component will complete work on creating Canada's leading ambulatory health care centre. Some 36,000 square feet of existing space will be renovated into leading-edge ambulatory space that will provide highly specialized outpatient clinics in one location for patients from across Southeastern Ontario. The

Providence Continuing Care Centre component includes construction of a brand new hospital to replace PCCC's St. Mary's of the Lake Hospital and Mental Health Services sites.

University Hospitals Kingston Foundation celebrated its first anniversary in October. In the last year, some \$4 million from almost 13,000 donors has been raised for patient care, ongoing education for care givers, new equipment and research. The Foundation raises money for programs, equipment, education and research that benefit the 500,000 people in Kingston and Southeastern Ontario served by its three teaching hospitals.

To find out more about giving opportunities or to make a donation go online to [www.uhkf.ca](http://www.uhkf.ca) or call 613-549-5452.

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