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New Innovative Computerized Cardiac Stress Testing System at MDH
Thank You to the Milton Community Fund donation

Milton, ON – The Milton Community Fund has granted \$33, 478 to Halton Healthcare Services’ Milton District Hospital (MDH) to purchase a new state-of-the-art Cardiac Stress Testing System for the Cardiology Department. Cardiac patients in the community will not only be provided with improved access to this service but will benefit greatly from the new features associated with the state-of-the-art equipment.

“Thanks to the generous support of the Milton Community Fund, MDH was able to purchase a new Cardiac Stress Testing System, which is an essential piece of diagnostic equipment for the Milton community,” stated Janet Skupsky, MDH Chief Operating Officer. “Having the most up-to-date piece of cardiology equipment at the Hospital ensures that the community has access to this service, a service that no other public or private healthcare provider is currently able to provide in Milton.”

The new Cardiac Stress Testing System will be used to facilitate early detection of cardiac issues in individuals experiencing chest pain. Through early detection, a treatment plan can begin immediately which often prevents further medical complications, such as subsequent heart attacks. The most current model will also lessen down time associated with the previous model, helping to maintain or alleviate wait times for cardiology patients.

“The new Cardiac Stress Testing System will be located in the Cardiology Lab at MDH and will be used five days per week, 52 weeks per year,” said Patti McLaren, Manager, CardioRespiratory Services. “It will support our current volume of over 2,000 patient tests annually. The Supervising Physician will now be able to both oversee the test and observe the results remotely on a computer monitor while the patient is still in the room. This will enhance patient safety and maximize efficiency. This was something that we were not able to do with the previous equipment.”

Government funding does not provide for the costs of hospital equipment so it is through community support, like the Milton Community Fund and fundraising by the MDH Foundation and Auxiliary, that HHS is able to purchase much needed patient care equipment for the hospital.

The Milton Community Fund was established in 2001 to distribute a portion of the funds that the Town received from the Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corporation (Mohawk location).

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Caption: (l-r) Janet Nagy and Lisa Wellwood, Cardiology Technologists at Milton District Hospital (MDH) show off the new state-of-the-art computerized Cardiac Stress Testing System MDH was able to purchase thanks to the Milton Community Fund.