



Tillsonburg District Memorial Hospital Foundation

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Tillsonburg District Memorial Hospital Foundation, Recipient of The Canadian Medical Association (CMA) Foundation funding for COVID-19 relief

The Canadian Medical Association (CMA) Foundation's COVID-19 Community Hospital Fund has granted \$70,000 to Tillsonburg District Memorial Hospital Foundation as part of its COVID-19 relief initiative to support those on the frontline of this pandemic. The funds announced today will be used to purchase COVID related equipment and specific infection control equipment required today and for the future. This grant also includes support for Nurse training in specialty areas of care, specifically in the Emergency Department and Intensive Care Unit.

As the second wave of the COVID-19 impacts our communities, Sandy Jansen, Tillsonburg District Memorial Hospital President and CEO states, "We are grateful to the CMA for their generous support. These funds will support our Team as we continue the battle against COVID-19. The dollars will be used to purchase vital equipment and enhance staff training so that we can continue to provide essential care and support to our patients and families." The funds will be used to purchase additional infection control and prevention equipment and prepare for any surge in cases related to the new virus variants. Infection prevention controls help protect the community, patients and families, visitors, staff and are an integral part of our exceptional care here in Tillsonburg.

The CMA Foundation announced the COVID-19 Community Hospital Fund as part of its commitment to provide COVID-19 relief. The \$5 million fund supports hospitals across Canada with fewer than 100 beds to meet their evolving needs with activities, equipment and training that enhance staff wellness, improve access to care and help prepare for future pandemics.

"I am inspired every day by the dedication of physicians, health care providers and all hospital workers as they continue to confront the COVID-19 pandemic head-on," says Allison Seymour, CMA Foundation president. "We know these are extraordinary times that require extraordinary support. From managing evolving health care needs to address changes in your community, to ensuring the proper equipment and training for your staff, our hope is that these funds will have a positive impact as you continue to navigate the challenges of the pandemic."

The CMA Foundation is the charitable arm of the Canadian Medical Association and provides impactful charitable giving that furthers excellence in health care. To date, the foundation has committed more than \$30 million in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.



Pictured left to right: Sandy Jansen, TDMH President and CEO and Registered Nurses Stephanie Ballard, Meredith Riches and Darren Ackert accepting the cheque from Gerry Dearing, Executive Director, TDMH Foundation

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