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As the world comes to grips with the COVID-19 pandemic, so too has your Four Counties Health Services. Over the past month, your hospital has “battened down the hatches” and prepared for a possible increase of patients resulting from the spread of the virus in our communities. To protect staff, physicians, patients, and visitors alike, we have enacted several initiatives including, but not limited to:

- Visitor and volunteer restrictions, including the addition of screeners at our one entry/exit point at the hospital, located at the emergency department entrance
- Temporary closure of non-clinical venues and programs (bookstore, gift shop, Adult Day Program)
- Cancellation of elective, non-urgent procedures and ambulatory clinics
- Capacity planning to consider the addition of “surge” inpatient beds

The last month at the Middlesex Hospital Alliance - Four Counties Health Services location has been nothing short of unprecedented. Yet, our team remains safe and fully prepared to take care of your urgent needs. As we are all hopeful that this global shutdown period will soon subside, we continue to work in collaboration with our partners, and take guidance from Public Health and Ministry of Health officials to guide our timing to resume regular operations.

We wish to acknowledge a few important points during the crisis:

- **The requirement for capital equipment doesn’t stop.** As outlined in the Foundation update, we continue to require mission critical equipment to keep our hospital vibrant and cutting edge with its life-saving technology. Please consider financially supporting your hospital during these important times.
- **The need for personal protective equipment remains.** Should you have masks, face shields, gowns, gloves, or Tyvek suits you wish to donate, please do so by contacting Tom Jeffery, Board Chair of the Four Counties Health Services Foundation, at (519) 289-5320, or via email [tomjeffery@xplornet.ca](mailto:tomjeffery@xplornet.ca).
- **The support from our community has been nothing short of amazing.** Thank you to those who have sent letters of support, sponsored/catered team lunches, and/or organized car/emergency vehicle parades to show solidarity with our hospital team.

Lastly, many of you have asked what else could be done to support your hospital. Quite simply, we urge our community to continue complying with directives from Public Health. Hand washing, physical distancing, and staying at home will help slow the spread of the disease. We need everyone to follow these directives. By doing all we can to reduce the spread, you not only protect yourself and your loved ones, but you also help us better meet the needs of those who do become sick.

Thank you.

Please turn page over....

**YES!** Here is my gift to help support FCHS COVID-19 & Hospital Equipment Appeal

Donation Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Payment Method:  CHEQUE  VISA  MASTERCARD

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Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**YES!** I would like to join the **Monthly Giving Program**





Good day to our committed supporters of FCHS Foundation.

We are living in a time of uncertainty and we are not sure what the future holds. I do hope that you and your family are well, staying safe and adjusting to physical and social distancing. We have seen this pandemic destroying lives; our government has stepped up to support many and we are not alone. The cost to fight this virus, the economic downward spiral and stock market decline has many very concerned.

Why are we making this appeal during these times? Healthcare and capital medical equipment are key to keeping the hospital running effectively and we need to be prepared for what may be ahead. Just like you, our healthcare professionals and management are uncertain of the needs for FCHS and the COVID-19 crisis. Just recently we made an appeal for PPE and the response by supporters in our catchment area was overwhelming. The Foundation and staff of FCHS appreciate this support as it gives us a sense of our community making FCHS a vibrant healthcare village. A number of our local restaurants, caterers, coffee shops and Girl Guides brought food and treats for the staff.

Over the past few years we have attempted to inform the public that the Provincial Government does not fund the purchase of capital equipment and this responsibility lies solely on FCHS Foundation and you the donor. Consider a donation to the Foundation - what you can and when you can. We will all work together through these unprecedented times.

When this letter was written we had no requests from our hospital for specific healthcare equipment for the COVID-19 pandemic but that could change. Any monies raised would first be used for these requests and any surplus monies would be applied to the FCHS 2020 Annual Equipment Appeal which includes a Blood Bank Fridge for hospital wide storage of blood with a cost of \$14,000 and a replacement commercial dishwasher for the hospital kitchen where over 40,000 meals are prepared yearly, with a cost of \$23,300.

On behalf of the Board of Governors of the Foundation I would like to thank you for your considerate financial support during our current crisis and in the future, all in our efforts to keep health care close to home.

Tom Jeffery  
 Board Chair, Four Counties Health Services Foundation



**Blood Bank Fridge**  
 Storage of blood hospital wide

Location: FCHS Lab

\$14,000



**Kitchen Dishwasher**  
 Supports over 40,000 hospital meals prepared each year

Location: FCHS Cafeteria Kitchen

\$23,300

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I would like to give \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**METHOD OF PAYMENT:** I authorize The Foundation of Four Counties Hospital to withdraw from my bank account through my financial institution on the 10th day of each month.

I have enclosed a VOID cheque  I prefer to use my credit card /  VISA  MASTERCARD

Card No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiry: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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