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The Sackville Memorial Hospital Foundation Raises Funds to Purchase a New Anaesthesia System for the Hospital's Day Surgery Program

Thanks to the generosity and support of its donors, the Sackville Memorial Hospital Foundation's *It's the way we Operate* Campaign 2013 raised over \$93,000 for a new Anaesthesia System for the Hospital's Day Surgery Program.

Campaign Chair Pat Estabrooks says, "*This technology is an important physical representation of the Foundation's commitment to the improvement of health care for patients at the Sackville Memorial Hospital.*"

Of all the equipment components of the Day Surgery Program, anaesthesia technology is perhaps the most essential. "*If the operating room is a car, then the anaesthesia machine is the engine,*" says Dr. Tom Evans, Anaesthesiologist at the Sackville Memorial Hospital (SMH).

A new anaesthesia machine for day surgery will replace the older unit; a significant improvement due to its flexibility and cost saving features. Furthermore, this modern equipment allows for easy upgradeability and will have a longer life span. This device is used in hospitals throughout New Brunswick, and can be serviced by staff who are already familiar with the technology and can find replacement parts with ease.

Last year, 927 day surgeries were performed at the SMH; over 40 different types of Orthopedic, Plastic, Urology and General Surgeries are offered. Anaesthesia is used in all day

surgery procedures. The new equipment had been ordered and expected to be in use early in the new year.

A number of local volunteers have worked diligently to support the campaign. The many fund raising efforts included direct mail, staff campaign, special events and face-to-face canvassing. Donations are still being accepted for the campaign. If you would like to make a gift, you can contact the Foundation at 364-4204, drop by the hospital, or visit www.smhf.ca to donate on-line. Additional funds will be used on the hospital's other priority needs. **Our Hospital. Our Health Care.**

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