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“Kinsmen Foundation Donates \$66,000 to Lloydminster Region Health Foundation”

October 14, 2009, Lloydminster, AB/SK- The Kinsmen Foundation has recently donated \$66,000 to Lloydminster Region Health Foundation, which will be used to purchase a “Point of Care” mobile ultrasound unit for the Emergency Department in Lloydminster Hospital. The Kinsmen Foundation, a volunteer led organization, raises funds at Telemiracle. Proceeds from this renowned fundraiser are used to help purchase special needs equipment and access to medical assistance.

Thanks to the generosity of the Kinsmen Foundation, the Point of Care mobile ultrasound unit is now a reality in our extremely busy Emergency Department. Quite literally, this unit will revolutionize the timeliness and efficiency of care that can be provided every day in the Emergency Department in Lloydminster Hospital.

The ultrasound unit offers a new, remarkable, way for physicians to quickly assess a patient during their most critical moments. The portable ultrasound is designed to allow for quick analysis and decision making, and as Karen Collins, Nurse Manager of Emergency at Lloydminster Hospital, attests, speediness is of the essence when it comes to saving lives. “We are so thankful for the Kinsmen Foundation’s generous donation. The portable ultrasound unit allows us to help improve efficiencies in patient care and diagnoses. We are ever grateful for their gift. It truly helps us save lives”.

“We are very pleased to have the opportunity to improve patient care for Lloydminster and area residents by funding the portable ultrasound machine.” says Kinsmen Telemiracle Foundation Executive Director Joan Steckhan. “Thanks to the generosity of the people of Saskatchewan and in particular the strong support received from the Lloydminster area, the Kinsmen Foundation is able to provide new and innovative equipment such as this.

“This gift is truly working immediately to save lives in our community”, notes LRHF Executive Director Georgina Altman. “With over 34,000 visits to our Emergency Department last year alone, we know that this portable ultrasound unit will help our physicians make accurate, timely diagnoses, and often, save lives. Thank you to the Kinsmen Foundation, who once again, make a difference to our community”

Lloydminster Region Health Foundation is in its 26th year of providing essential funding to enhance health care in our community. Since inception, over \$7 million dollars have been invested into the community by the Health Foundation.

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