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CCC VOTES TO DONATE \$25,000 FOR A NEW MAMMOGRAPHY MACHINE

At the 56th annual general meeting of the Charlotte County Cancer Society on May 6, 2014, the board of directors unanimously voted to donate \$ 25,000 to the Charlotte County Hospital Foundation's fundraising campaign to raise \$ 175,000 for their new mammography machine.

Since its inception, Charlotte County Cancer has been directly assisting residents of our county with financial help while living with cancer. They provide financial assistance for prescription drugs, ostomy supplies, transportation to doctor appointments and treatments, prosthetics, and other expenses related to cancer treatment. They also provide a coffee service to patients having chemo treatments at Charlotte County Hospital.

Charlotte County Cancer does not receive financial assistance from any government departments. Their fundraising efforts are spread over all corners of Charlotte County. This includes a group of supporters holding food sales from their garage in Grand Manan, curling bonspiels in Grand Manan and St George, the antique car club holding a show and shine in St.Andrews, an annual hockey game in St.Andrews on Boxing Day, a ladies golf night at The Algonquin Golf Course, yard sales and food sales by the Freedom Fighters in St.Stephen, a country music jam at the Bayside Hall, fundraising dinners in Campobello, and selling tickets on handmade quilts donated to Charlotte Cancer, to name a few. These events, plus the annual Walk Cause We Care, started by a group of supporters in St.George and now held in St.Stephen and St.Andrews too, have added to memoriam card sales around the county by volunteers and local businesses. All of these efforts of hard working volunteers, as well as the volunteer board of directors, have made it possible to give almost \$ 150,000 last year to almost 150 clients. All board members, directors who work with the clients, event organizers, and fundraisers are unpaid volunteers, donating their time and efforts to raise money and help their neighbours.

They decided at their meeting to support the exciting news of the new mammography machine for CCH. This new state of the art piece of equipment, which, by the way is better than the one now in use at St.Joseph's Hospital, will make it more convenient for county residents to be screened for breast cancer. Trips to Saint John for screening will be eliminated and they will have more accurate results. This proactive service for early detection will be well received by both patients and staff at CCH.