

## **Pembroke Regional Hospital Foundation Hosts Reception For Donors & Supporters**

**Pembroke** - On February 11<sup>th</sup>, the Pembroke Regional Hospital Foundation chose a Valentine's Day themed reception to recognize and thank its many donors for their exceptional support of the Pembroke Regional Hospital and the many programs and services it offers the community.

*"Thanks from the bottom of our hearts"* was the message that echoed from each and every guest speaker at the evening reception held in the Rehabilitation dining room which was attended by more than 130 donors, guests, PRH staff and members of the Hospital's management team.

The wine and cheese reception catered by Ullrich's on Main, "was all about our donors," said Marnie Stunt, Chair of the Pembroke Regional Hospital Foundation. "We wanted them to know how very much we value each one of them and show them how very invaluable their collective support has been to the Hospital."

Dr. Michael Ferri, Chief of Staff and Vice-President of Medical Affairs spoke about the commitment to a high standard of care that guides doctors in the conduct of their professional practice and how capital improvements, such as those funded by donors, might enhance that standard. Dr. Ferri also mentioned the innovations and advancements in patient diagnostics & care afforded by the acquisition of new technology or equipment - such as the satellite dialysis unit and obstetrics upgrades - and said he looks forward to the opening of new surgical suites.

Increasingly, he said, if our communities want to benefit from the latest developments in medical science and technology and "particularly, if we want to attract and retain the best healthcare professionals and medical students," then the vision and commitment of individuals, businesses and local organizations would be crucial to delivering and maximizing our healthcare dollars. Dr. Ferri concluded his remarks with his sincere thanks to donors for their generosity and support of Pembroke Regional Hospital.

Hospital President and CEO Pierre Noel said, "Our Hospital is a special place... it's where we all turn to when we, or our loved ones, need help - often when we are most vulnerable and scared - and, in a small town, it's truly neighbours caring for neighbours.... It's a warm and loving place that we need to nurture, support, defend and cherish...."

"To people like you, who have given what they can, whenever they can, to support your hospital... thank you for being part of 'us' and... 'thank you' for your great generosity."

Guests were invited to join a number of tours, lead by clinical Directors and Managers, of areas of the Hospital where donor contributions had significant impact. Tours offered included Maternal / Childcare, Inpatient and Outpatient Rehabilitation, the Intensive Care Unit, Diagnostic Imaging and the Satellite Dialysis Unit. The tours - of areas not usually available for public viewing - allowed guests a behind-the-scenes look at the exceptional equipment and facilities currently available at the Pembroke Regional Hospital. Guests responded enthusiastically, with many taking every tour offered and fully-engaging their tour guides with questions.

Given the warm response from all in attendance, this event is likely to become an annual occurrence.

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