

Equipment Fund

Questions & Answers

1. WHAT IS THE EQUIPMENT FUND?

The "Equipment Fund" has been designed to provide funding for replacement and/or new equipment at the County's regional acute care centre – the Cumberland Regional Health Care Centre.

2. WHO ADMINISTERS THE EQUIPMENT FUND?

The Cumberland Health Care Foundation is responsible for the collection & receipting of all donations to the Equipment Fund.

3. WHO DECIDES ON WHAT CAN BE FUNDED?

All requests for medical equipment with a value of \$5,000 or more must be reviewed by the CRHCC Capital Acquisition Committee for review. From there it is determined what is to be forwarded to the Foundations or Auxiliaries for consideration of funding and what items can be funded under the current capital acquisition budget or other sources of revenue dependent on equipment item costs.

If the item is less than \$5,000 and is essential to be newly acquired or replaced, then it is to be first assessed if it can be funded through the relevant department's budget. If the item cannot be funded, then a request can be made to the relevant Foundation or Auxiliary.

A Foundation funding application form is completed by the requesting staff person and is then reviewed and approved by the relevant departmental manager and Vice President. This process is to ensure that the item cannot be funded otherwise.

Based upon the availability of funding within the Equipment Fund, the item(s) to be funded is then submitted for to the Cumberland Health Care Foundation for consideration.

4. WHAT TYPES OF THINGS HAS THE EQUIPMENT FUND PROVIDED IN THE PAST?

Due to donations made the Equipment Fund of the Cumberland Health Care Foundation through general donations, payroll deduction plans, special events such as Light the Way, and in-memorials, we have been able to provide a wide variety of items to departments such as Maternal/Child, Ambulatory Care, Emergency, Laboratory Services, Diagnostic Imaging, and Intensive Care.

- **1998-2002 Purchases = \$89,644:** Resuscitaire; Defibrillator ; Video Gastroscope; Warming Cabinet; Vita Signs Monitor; BiPap System; Centrac Unit
- **2003-2004 Purchases = \$331,682:** Ultrasound Machine; Ventilator; Portable Pediatric Scale; Portable Ultrasound Sonosite; Infrared Spectrometer; King of Hearts Reading Station; Plasma Thawer; Wireless Fetal Monitor \$11,588; Baby Picture Board & Digital Camera
- **2004-2005 Purchases = \$177,932:** Obstetrical Equipment; CADD Pumps; Glidescopes
- **2005-06 Purchases:** Levitan GLS Optical Scopes; Wireless Fetal Monitor/Avalon Transducer
- **2006-07 Purchases = \$80,168:** Infant Incubator; Plasma Thawer; Ophthalmology Scope
- **2007-08 Purchases = \$50,000:** Defibrillators
- **2008-09 Purchases = \$55,194:** Electrocardiogram machines (ECG)
- **2009-10 Purchases = approved to date \$71,000 :** ICU Beds and portable respirator

5. ARE IN-MEMORIAM CARDS AVAILABLE?

Yes. In-Memoriam cards can be obtained from the Cumberland Health Care Foundation offices (main entrance of the hospital). If you so choose, the Foundation will also mail the card to the respective next of kin (address must be provided) to notify of a donation made in-memory of an individual.

Donations can also be made on-line at www.chcfoundation.com. Directions can be given for sending a card to the next-of-kin or loved one and the message you would like to have relayed.

If you donate directly at a funeral home, you will receive a generic In-Memoriam card for usage. Please specify that you wish the donation to go to the Equipment Fund of the Cumberland Health Care Foundation. The Cumberland Health Care Foundation will receive a listing of donations made, the total amount of monies received and will then issue the charitable receipt involved for each donor.

6. How much of my personal donation actually goes to the Palliative Care Fund verses to administrative costs?

- **Equipment In-Memoriam** = 100% of the donation amount received
- **General donations** made in person or on-line = 100% of the donation amount received.
- **Community special events** = if you are attending a special event hosted in support of Equipment then it would be anticipated that the net income of the event (gross sales less expenses) would be donated to the Equipment Fund. You should clarify this with the organizers of the event being held. If you are seeking a charitable receipt for your donation, you should ask the organizer directly how this is going to be addressed.
- **Direct mail** = the Foundation targets to have costs of 20% or less in all its direct-mail programs to be in alignment with industry standards.

7. HOW CAN I DONATE TO HELP?

Donations can be made in several ways.

If you wish to make a donation using a credit card (VISA, Mastercard or Amex) – please call (902) 667-5400 extension 6210 or visit the www.chcfoundation.website and select the “donate now” button.

If you are making a donation by cheque or money order, please make it payable to:

the Cumberland Health Care Foundation

*(please note that it is for the “Equipment Fund”
as this restricts the donation solely for this purpose).*

The donation can be mailed to: CHCF, 19428 Hwy 2 RR6, Amherst NS B4H 1N6 or dropped off at the Cumberland Health Care Foundation offices located just inside the Main Entrance of the Cumberland Regional Health Care Centre.