

## **The Pembroke Regional Hospital Foundation Receives Generous \$37,000 Grant for Obstetrical Unit Resuscitaire**

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The Pembroke Regional Hospital Foundation is pleased to announce the receipt of a generous \$37,000 grant from the Sandra Schmirler Foundation to purchase a state-of-the-art Resuscitaire for our Obstetrical Unit. A Resuscitaire is crucial in providing specialized care during the critical moments following birth, as it combines an effective warming therapy platform for the baby along with the components needed for clinical emergency and resuscitation of the newborn.

The hospital's Obstetrical Unit is a busy place, with over 700 births per year. "Having the most up to date equipment available for our patient care is a top priority, therefore we rely on our donors and on grants to purchase the tools and equipment required to provide the highest standard of care. This gift is an investment in our community and will impact the lives of our youngest patients and their families. We are deeply grateful to the Sandra Schmirler Foundation for their generous grant," says Roger Martin, Executive Director at the Pembroke Regional Hospital Foundation.

The Sandra Schmirler Foundation, located in Ottawa, provides grants directly to hospital foundations across Canada for the purchase of life-saving equipment for Neonatal Intensive Care Units (NICUs). Sandra Schmirler was a three-time Canadian and World Champion Curler, and an Olympic Gold medalist, who passed away too soon in the year 2000, after battling cancer. Her legacy lives on through this Foundation and its important work, to ensure that babies born too soon, too small or too sick have the chance to grow up to be a champion just like Sandra.

"Our commitment to helping newborns across Canada has led us to support over 100 hospitals nationwide, and we are excited to now include Pembroke Regional Hospital in this journey. This grant will ensure that babies born in the Ottawa Valley receive the highest standard of care right from the start, embodying Sandra's legacy of helping Champions Start Small," said Sandra Schmirler Foundation Executive Director Darren McEwen.

The Pembroke Regional Hospital Foundation extends its heartfelt thanks to the Sandra Schmirler Foundation for their partnership and generosity. Together we are keeping healthcare, close to home.

Donations to the PRH Foundation are welcome at any time by calling (613) 732-2811, extension 7408 or visiting the PRHF website at [www.prhfoundation.com](http://www.prhfoundation.com).

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