

**Stevenson Memorial Hospital**  
**Report of the Auxiliary President to the Annual General Meeting**  
**June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2014**

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As I reflect on the past year's activities and accomplishments of the Stevenson Memorial Hospital Auxiliary, I am proud of the commitment this group of individuals who always, with a smile, give freely of their time to the betterment of our hospital.

The Auxiliary ends this fiscal year with a membership of 195; consisting of 82 in-hospital volunteers and 22 student volunteers. Auxiliary members have provided 16,446.8 hours of support volunteering within the hospital and participating in fundraising activities.

With funds raised through sales at the Coffee Corner and Gift Shop, as well as, fundraising events such as the Annual Tag Day, Spring Tea, and Fall Arts & Craft Sale, the Auxiliary was able to present on March 24<sup>th</sup>, a cheque in the amount of \$40,000 to the Foundation for the purchase of an operating table. I am pleased to report that in the last three years, the Auxiliary has contributed \$208,696 in support of capital equipment.

The Auxiliary received donations of \$800 from Investors Group Barrie and \$2,315 from the Order of the Eastern Star Five Star Chapter 269 of Alliston. It is wonderful to see other community groups and businesses supporting the work we do at our hospital.

During this fiscal year, the Auxiliary's Student Bursary was awarded to Amber Hirstwood at the Auxiliary's June 12, 2013 Annual General Meeting. Amber is continuing her education at Nipissing University. Her studies include a major in biology and a minor in psychology. Her future goal is to become a nurse. Since joining the Student Program, Amber has contributed 300 hours volunteering in Health Records, Diagnostic Imaging, the Gift Shop, and Auxiliary fundraising events.

The HAAO Student Convention was held November 2, 2013 at the Fairmont Royal York Hotel in Toronto. The Auxiliary Student Convenor attended with two of our student volunteers. They participated in seminars relating to 'Volunteer Patient Service Training' and 'Designing Healthy Communities'. During the afternoon, a panel of undergraduate students from different universities shared their experiences in pursuing careers in the health care field.

The HAAO Annual Convention was held in Toronto, on November 4 through 6, 2013. Representing the Auxiliary, the President and Vice President, attended the full convention, joining in the Health Achieve Opening Session to hear Astronaut Chris Hatfield, former commander of the International Space Station, speak.

During the AGM closing, Deb Mathews, Minister of Health and Long Term Care, brought greetings and thanked us for our commitment to volunteering.

This past year, the Auxiliary's Regular Membership meetings were held during the months of September and March. The Executive carried on the day-to-day operations, holding meetings in the months of May, September, October and February.

As communities grow and changes continue within our healthcare system, I can see the need for the volunteers remaining in the forefront providing support to hospital staff and patients. Considering this, the recruitment of volunteers remains an important activity. The Auxiliary currently has in place a volunteer who oversees the adult volunteer recruitment and over the past three years, the role of the Student Convenor has become a shared position with one volunteer overseeing the support requirements of the program, and another focusing on the recruitment process.

My three year term as President of the Auxiliary has come to an end. I am taking with me many fond memories and I am honored to have had the chance to volunteer with such a supportive group of individuals in a hospital that is committed to providing the best care possible for its community.

Respectfully submitted,



Diane Munro  
President  
Stevenson Memorial Hospital Auxiliary