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Dear Community Member,

Port Perry Hospital is a community treasure, and right now, it needs our help. Our hospital requires twenty-six new bedside patient chairs – one for each patient bedside in the medical/surgical ward. As we approach the holiday season – our season of giving – I am asking for your help.

As the proud owner of Pharmacy Associates of Port Perry and a long-serving volunteer Director for Port Perry Hospital Foundation, I am writing to you, a fellow Scugog business or community leader, to ask for your help with this campaign to get Port Perry Hospital patients sitting up and on the road to recovery.

This holiday season, together we can do this! But only with your help.

Getting a patient out of bed and sitting in a chair for activities, meals and to visit loved ones can be so beneficial for their healing. It allows the patient to stretch their legs, use muscles that become stiff lying in bed for extended periods, maintain strength, eat a meal with less struggle and more dignity, and so much more. In fact, it is often an indicator that a patient is one big step closer to being able to go home.

Our goal is to replace the handful of outdated patient chairs that are currently shared between all of our patient rooms with updated chairs, one for each bedside.

Will you join me in outfitting our medical-surgical ward with state-of-the-art bedside chairs? These chairs are light weight, streamlined and have wheels, making them easy to move, as well as clean both the chair and patient room efficiently. They have arms that drop out of the way, decreasing risk of injury to patient and staff member while helping the patient move between the bed and chair. They are what our patients need and deserve.

The cost of each chair is close to \$1,000. This cost includes some shared footstools and a few of the bariatric chair model. Medical equipment, including furniture, is expensive! Medical furniture is built to support patients at their most vulnerable, minimize injury for staff as well as patient, and must stand up to repeated wear and tear as well as harsh cleaning and sterilization solutions on all surfaces. It is this design and durability that we are paying for.

Together with your support, we can provide twenty-six chairs that will help thousands of patients for years to come. It's an amazing way for local business and caring citizens to give back to our community. And should this appeal exceed requirements to purchase patient chairs, additional funds will help towards other Foundation priorities that support excellent care at Port Perry Hospital.

I have purchased the first one. Will you join me by purchasing a patient bedside chair? My hope is that we will be able to order these chairs by Christmas so please respond as soon as you can.

Simply contact the Port Perry Hospital Foundation at 905-985-7321 ext 45580. They will let me know you've joined me in purchasing a chair through this important campaign. As well, if you're giving through your business, the Foundation will promote your commitment to this project through the Foundation's social media, website, and the Foundation's monitor in the hospital lobby.

Thank you for your consideration. I hope you'll help by making your commitment today. Best wishes and happy holidays. Sincerely,



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and Volunteer Board Member, Port Perry Hospital Foundation