



GRAND ROUNDS

A family tradition—Investing in healthcare close to home

A commitment to our local hospital has become a legacy of ensuring vibrant healthcare in our community for one local family.

William (Bill) Kennery took great pride in his involvement with the Renfrew Victoria Hospital Board and his daughter, Kim Sterling, is proud to carry on the tradition of supporting RVH.

“My dad was so proud of his work on the hospital board. It was a big part of his life,” says Sterling, owner of Sterling No Frills in Renfrew, along with her husband Mike.

Bill was on the RVH Board from 1973 to 1988 and served as chair for three years, as well as being a donor both personally and through his business.

Following in his footsteps, in 2016 his family gathered to make a donation to the RVH Foundation and dedicate the gazebo at the front of the hospital in his name as an ongoing legacy.

Since 2008, the family’s cumulative contribution has reached more than \$20,000, with the store adding \$1,237 to the pot to round the total to \$6,000 in 2018.

“I choose RVH because it keeps building and growing care. We are so lucky we don’t have to go to the city—we can come to RVH for everything we need. The hospital touches our family, our staff and our community,” says Sterling, noting that the fundraising is a combined effort with staff and customers.

“Our staff has a passion for healthcare in our community.”

Philanthropy and the dedication of leaders in our community play a significant role in the hospital’s ongoing ability to provide quality healthcare close to home says Sarah Robinson, Executive Director of the RVH Foundation.

“As recipients of not only the Kennery/ Sterling’s generosity, but also the community members who supported the campaign, we are able to stand by our commitment to funding equipment and technology that form the backbone of exemplary patient care here at RVH.”



Above left: Bill Kennery (right), then RVH Board Chair, assists Willis A. Rudy, assistant executive director, Ontario Hospital Association at the ribbon cutting of the official opening of renovations completed at RVH in 1980. Above right: Kim Sterling (right), standing with RVH Foundation Executive Director Sarah Robinson, is proud to carry on her father’s legacy of support for Renfrew Victoria Hospital.



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