

Grand ROUNDS

Ontario Power Generation powers improvements to RVH emergency department



Left to right: Julia Boudreau, RVH CEO, Patti Dillabough, RVH Foundation Executive Director, and Chris Ferguson, RVH VP of Patient Services with OPG's Jennifer Gardiner, Stakeholder Relations Advisor, and Chris Hamel, Manager of the Chenaux and Chats Falls Generating Stations.

The fundraising campaign for much-needed updates to Renfrew Victoria Hospital's emergency department received a \$15,000 boost from Ontario Power Generation (OPG).

"Our emergency department is really the face of the hospital. It is very tired and in need of upgrades to make it better for both patients and staff," notes Chris Ferguson, RVH VP of Patient Services.

"This donation demonstrates OPG's commitment to the local communities in which we operate," says Jennifer Gardiner, OPG Stakeholder Relations Advisor. "The hospital is a vital part of the community and OPG understands how important it is to support it."

RVH's emergency department is a critical component of the care that is provided to the community, receiving approximately 30,000 visits each year. In addition to renovations, funds raised will go towards the purchase of essential medical and diagnostic equipment.

"Since the implementation of our new Hospital Information System (EPIC) in 2019, we have noticed that our unit infrastructure is in need of renovations in order to improve workflows and organization. This donation will substantially contribute to improving the emergency department workspace for our staff in order to serve our patients more efficiently," states Kim Dick, Nurse Manager, ED.

"We really appreciate OPG's support, not only to this campaign, but over the years, to help ensure we can provide the best possible care close to home," adds Julia Boudreau, RVH CEO.

This recent donation added to previous support moves OPG into the RVH Foundation's naming convention. A room in the emergency department will be named for OPG in the new year to acknowledge the longstanding support.

The emergency department is also the focus of this year's RVHF virtual Tree of Lights campaign that continues until March 2021.