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Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation recipient of CMA Foundation funding for COVID-19 relief

The CMA Foundation's COVID-19 Community Hospital Fund granted \$92,000 to HHHS Foundation for HHHS as part of its COVID-19 relief initiative to support those on the frontline of this pandemic. The funds announced today will be used to provide equipment for acute care expansion and improved access to patient care.

"Making improvements to this space will help ensure access to hospital services over the longer term during this pandemic, as well as preparing for future pandemics or similar emergencies, and will help to ensure that staff has the necessary tools to provide safe, high quality care, regardless of the setting", says HHHS President and CEO Carolyn Plummer.

"We are extremely grateful to the CMA Foundation for this grant in support of COVID relief efforts and our ongoing objectives to fund priority equipment for our Health Services, added Lisa Tompkins, Executive Director, HHHS Foundation.

The CMA Foundation announced the COVID-19 Community Hospital Fund as part of its commitment to provide COVID-19 relief. The \$5 million fund supports hospitals across Canada with fewer than 100 beds to meet their evolving needs with activities, equipment and training that enhance staff wellness, improve access to care and help prepare for future pandemics.

"I am inspired every day by the dedication of physicians, health care providers and all hospital workers as they continue to confront the COVID-19 pandemic head-on," says Allison Seymour, CMA Foundation president. "We know these are extraordinary times that require extraordinary support. From managing evolving health care needs to address changes in your community, to ensuring the proper equipment and training for your staff, our hope is that these funds will have a positive impact as you continue to navigate the challenges of the pandemic."

The CMA Foundation is the charitable arm of the Canadian Medical Association and provides impactful charitable giving that furthers excellence in health care. To date, the foundation has committed more than \$30 million in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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About Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation

The Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation is an incorporated registered Canadian charity that financially supports the hospitals and health care facilities in Haliburton County, for capital projects, equipment, education programs and community support services. The money is raised through personal, business & corporate donations, special events, promotions, annual giving and the special gift program. The Foundation is governed by a volunteer Board of Directors who dedicate their time and expertise to have better health care and hospital facilities. The Foundation does not provide funds for the operation of the facilities.

About Haliburton Highlands Health Services

Leaders in Innovative Rural Health Care

Haliburton Highlands Health Services, working with partners and accountable to our community, promotes wellness and provides access to essential, high quality health services including: Hospital Care (Acute Inpatient and Emergency Care) Long-Term Care, Primary Care, End-of-Life Care, Mental Health & Addictions Services and Community Support Services.

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