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An Incredible Legacy

Executive Members of the 2015 Stormont, Dundas & Glengarry International Plowing Match & Rural Expo (IPM) came together again at Winchester District Memorial Hospital to be honoured for their incredible work and their incredible donation to the WDMH Foundation.

Winchester District Memorial Hospital was one of three local hospitals to receive a \$100,000 donation as part of the IPM Legacy Fund. The funds will be donated toward WDMH's highest priority needs. To honour this special gift, the Patient/ Family Lounge in the Medical/Surgical Unit has been renamed in honour of the IPM. The room will now be called the '2015 International Plowing Match and Rural Expo Patient/Family Lounge'.

WDMH Foundation Board Chair Tom Dawson noted that while the IPM was held almost two years ago, everyone is still buzzing about it. "It did much more than just showcase our local farming community. It also supported local charities – including this hospital and our Foundation. Thank you so much for choosing our three local hospitals as the beneficiaries of your Legacy Fund. We are well aware that there are so many worthy causes in our region."

IPM Chairperson Jim Brownell thanked the many people who helped to make the event possible. "It's important that we recognize all the people in the community who contributed in any way to the success of the IPM. We were thrilled, to say the least, when all the figures were tallied. You saw the spirit of this community. People came out, and then gave back. It took a team effort."

Brownell went on to praise the team at WDMH as well. "We are blessed to have this hospital in Stormont, Dundas & Glengarry."

"Hundreds of people use the lounge each month and each one will be reminded of your tremendous work and generosity. We thank you very much," summed up Cholly Boland, WDMH CEO.

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At the ceremony (l-r): Gordon Smith (IPM), Lesley Moran (IPM), Sharon Nugent (IPM), Jeff Waldroff (IPM), Jim Brownell (IPM Chairperson), Stephen O'Donahue (IPM), Cholly Boland (WDMH CEO), Neil Robinson (IPM), Tom Dawson (WDMH Foundation Chair) and David Brown(IPM).



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IPM Chairperson Jim Brownell and Cholly Boland, WDMH CEO, hang the plaque and photo in the newly-named patient and family lounge.