



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **Supporting Local Health Care**

For more than 40 years, Le Club du Bel âge de Marionville has been bringing community members over the age of 55 together for dinners, games and social outings. Today, the Club has more than 60 members.

In addition to having fun, the members also give back to local organizations including the Winchester District Memorial Hospital (WDMH) Foundation. At a recent cheque presentation, Club members presented a cheque for \$1,000 to the general equipment fund in support of WDMH's new Automatic Dispensing Cabinets (ADCs). The Foundation is currently raising funds for this important new technology.

"The Club members understand that the hospital serves a big region and the people from these villages are, or will, be using these services," explained Noella Drouin, who has served as Club President for the past 14 years. "Not everyone can travel to the city for treatment or tests. Our hospital in Winchester needs equipment updates to service our community. On behalf of Club du Bel âge de Marionville, we thank you for the excellent services you have provided us through the years."

"We'd like to give again because we know the hospital needs money for equipment," added Richard Leblanc, Volunteer Director.

The ADCs are like vending machines that dispense pre-packaged medication. ADCs reduce the risk of medication errors as only one medication drawer can be unlocked at a time – both when stocking the machine and when a nurse is getting a patient's medication. They are WDMH's highest priority equipment need this year. The total cost is approximately \$400,000.

"Thank you so much for making this gift to the Foundation," summed up Joe Brennan, WDMH Foundation volunteer Board member. "It's so important for our hospital to receive support from active community groups like yours."

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Cutline: Shown at the cheque presentation are (l-r): Richard Leblanc, Volunteer Director, Le Club du Bel âge de Marionville, Noella Douin, Past President, Le Club du Bel âge de Marionville, Joe Brennan, WDMH Foundation volunteer Board member and Cholly Boland, WDMH CEO.