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Warden Ronnie LeBlanc
 Municipality of Clare
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Dear Warden LeBlanc:

During these difficult weeks of dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic crisis, we all face some level of challenge, whether concerns about our health or finances, having to be separated from each other, or the uncertainty about what lies ahead.

Through it all, however, you can be sure that your Yarmouth Hospital Foundation (YHF) is doing its part, not only reassuring hospital leaders of our firm commitment to already budgeted new equipment but also our intent to raise money to meet COVID-19-related needs.

As most of our community is now aware, two annual YHF fundraising events for 2020 - the Spring Gala and the Jody Shelley Golf Fore Health tournament – had to be cancelled, resulting in a loss of donations directed to hospital equipment purchases in excess of \$100,000. That means the YHF Executive and Board must find other ways to meet commitments made already that will, or might, be essential to treat COVID-19 patients. Included are a portable digital X-ray machine, a portable ultrasound used to monitor lung capacity, two types of ventilators, stretchers, and simulators for health care worker training and practice.

Also, the hospital has recently requested additional support for COVID-19 related items totalling approximately \$50,000. This includes vitally important extra stethoscopes to avoid room-to-room contamination, more electronic blood pressure and vitals monitors, and iPads for more efficient communication among healthcare workers.

We fully understand that dramatic economic changes may affect your normal generous commitments and donations. However, if your circumstances allow, please consider sending a contribution now to help us meet these important hospital needs.

If you, or your company, has sponsored or participated in the spring gala or summer golf events, could you continue fulfilling your planned contributions towards these two annual YHF events? It is encouraging that some regular primary sponsors of these events have agreed to, or are considering, maintaining their initial commitment. Others have said they will donate the equivalent of their ticket price for the gala or golf tournament fee. Can you also consider doing the same?

Despite the effects on our individual finances, most of us can at least stay home to protect our health. Our hospital workers can't. Please join us in saying thank you by giving them what they need to keep us and themselves safe.

Sincere good wishes to you and your families as we face this challenge together.

Dr. Harold Cook
 Chair, Yarmouth Hospital Foundation