



# Media Release

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## **Hospital Foundation Christmas Angel Campaign Underway**

The Owen Sound Regional Hospital Foundation's Christmas Angel Campaign is aiming to improve care for heart and cancer patients. The goal is to raise \$350,000 to support the purchase of a new echocardiogram machine and a 2<sup>nd</sup> mammography testing unit.

"Every day patients facing a health crisis need the services of the Hospital," said Paul Weitendorf, Foundation Executive Director. "Having state-of-the-art medical equipment allows our doctors to make diagnoses and plan treatments that get many patients through their health crisis."

An echocardiogram is a test which uses ultrasound to examine the function of the heart. Doctors usually order an echo test when they suspect coronary artery disease or other problems which impair heart function.

Over the spring and summer the Foundation has been raising funds for new Mammography equipment," said Weitendorf. "We've installed the first mammography machine and I'm happy to say that it is a tremendous advance for patients. Now we are raising funds for the second unit needed to complete this critical project."

For a full list of the items needed at the Hospital this year, visit the Foundation website at [oshfoundation.ca](http://oshfoundation.ca).

Last year the campaign raised about \$340,000 for ECG equipment for testing heart patients.

Donations to the campaign are recognized on the Foundation's angel trees and honour roles located at Heritage Place Shopping Centre and in the lobby of the Hospital.

To make a donation, watch for the Foundation's letter in your mail or call and make a donation on your credit card. Call 519-372-3925 weekdays between 8:30am and 4:30pm. A donation can also be made securely online through the Foundation's website.

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