



# MEDIA RELEASE

## **New Artwork in CMH Lobby is Piece of COVID History** Quilt Blocks are Beautiful Reminder of Community Support

**For Immediate Release – January 18, 2021** – Campbellford Memorial Hospital (CMH) has a forever reminder of how a community came together to support them in a time of need. A frame of four quilt blocks, made of fabric from the masks, gowns and scrub caps produced by the Campbellford Mask Makers is now placed in the CMH lobby.

The Campbellford Mask Makers Project began making gowns, scrub caps and masks for CMH in the spring of 2020, shortly after the start of the COVID-19 pandemic. Through the generous donation of fabric, buttons, pipe cleaners, elastic, thread and monetary contributions by the community, the Campbellford Mask Makers sewed and donated close to 2000 pieces to the hospital in a time when Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) was in short supply.

“We will be forever grateful to this community for helping to protect our staff and patients during the early days of this pandemic. These quilt blocks are a testament to the caring, giving and compassion of volunteers in Trent Hills and the surrounding area. They represent the collaborative efforts of a great many individuals who participated in the making and donation of masks, caps and gowns to Campbellford Memorial Hospital during the COVID-19 crisis of 2020,” said Paul Nichols, Chair of the CMH Board of Directors.

“This project had results that reached far and beyond our goal of providing the Hospital with needed supplies. It gave many of us a reason to get up and dressed in the morning. While short in its duration, this project had a lasting impact on the surrounding community, our hospital and those who have participated in it,” said Cathy Redden, coordinator of the Campbellford Mask Makers.

CMH would also like to thank Campbellford’s, 2777 Northumberland, Royal Canadian Army Cadet Corps and all of the community member who made masks, provided material or made financial contributions towards Mask Maker Project. CMH staff are forever grateful to be part of such a wonderful community.

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