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Hospital Triathlon a Huge Success!



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Collingwood, Ontario

The Collingwood General & Marine Hospital Foundation's Triathlon was a huge success. This year's September 6th HSBC Bank Wasaga Beach Triathlon had a record number of individuals and teams racing in support of the Collingwood G&M Hospital.

Ten individuals and six teams trained, raced and fundraised through pledges to try to raise \$30,000. However, much to the delight and surprise of organizers and athletes, \$65,000 was raised to help the purchase of a new \$185,000 general and vascular ultrasound machine for the G&M.

Last year's Triathlon raised \$13,000. Foundation Volunteer, Jill Stevenson, was thrilled with the participant turnout as well as the dollars raised for crucial new equipment that is not funded by the Government.

G&M Hospital Foundation's Triathlon organizer Laura Woodhouse says, "It is fantastic to see so many of our local doctors taking part in the triathlon. They really do practice what they preach!!" A total of ten physicians trained and raced in the Triathlon, including the G&M's new General Surgeon, Dr. Michael Lisi, who raced with Obstetrician/Gynaecologist Dr. Gillian Yeates and her husband Richard Yeates (photo below).

Dick Corner of Team TTT203 says, "I enjoy biking and peddle many kilometres each year, but I really enjoy it when I know my effort is going to raise money to purchase equipment for the G&M Hospital. The new ultrasound might give someone that extra chance to do again what they like to do. We take for granted our good health until something happens, then we find out what many people who are not as fortunate put up with all the time. Hopefully the equipment we are helping to fund will make life better for those people."

Added team mate David Lindsay, "Swimming full out for over half an hour each day is tough, but if we can raise funds for the \$185,000 General and Vascular ultrasound equipment, then I think it's worth it. I always thought the government covered our equipment costs. Little did I know the provincial government gives us just enough to operate the G&M Hospital, while the community is left to raise most of the capital costs.

Without the G&M Hospital Foundation we might have a hospital but what doctor would work at our hospital without any equipment?" Lindsay goes on to say, "The G&M Hospital Foundation is the main fundraising source for our hospital, and so I am committed to helping in any way I can."

Chair Jill Stevenson, and the organizing committee comprised of Dr. Bryan Marshall, Coby Hawkins, David Lindsay and Laura Woodhouse extend a huge thanks to everyone who pledged and trained in support of the G&M Hospital Foundation. See you next year!

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Dr. Michael Lisi, Dr. Gillian Yeates & Richard Yeates



Dr. Bryan Marshall and Alex Marshall





Above:
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Dr. Harry O'Halloran, Dr. Koo, Shannon
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Emma Cornell is a Foundation Fan!