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Kelowna Right To Life Society Raises \$7,000 to Purchase Equipment for KGH Perinatal Unit

KELOWNA, BC – Following their announcement earlier this year of a fundraising effort to support the perinatal unit at Kelowna General Hospital, the Kelowna Right to Life Society presented a gift of \$7,000 to the KGH Foundation last week.

The funds raised, primarily through their membership and a significant contribution by St. Charles Garnier Catholic Church in Kelowna, will go towards the purchase of a new wireless fetal monitor for the perinatal unit at KGH.

Fetal monitoring is necessary to support the health and stabilization of infants during labour. It allows for physicians and nurses to monitor a mother's contractions and her baby's heart rate throughout the delivery process, and is necessary to alert medical staff of complications if and when they arise. Wireless fetal monitoring provides mothers the added benefit of mobility while they labour, which can have an overall positive impact for both mom and baby.

"We are very grateful to our membership for supporting our campaign to purchase the wireless fetal monitor," said Marlon Bartram, Executive Director of the Kelowna Right to Life Society. "We really just wanted to make a gift that would make a difference, to help infants and their parents."

"Over the years, donor support has proven pivotal to advancing patient care at Kelowna General," notes Doug Rankmore, CEO of the KGH Foundation. "The Kelowna Right to Life Society came to us with an earnest desire to help improve the experience of mothers and babies during delivery. Their generosity is appreciated."

Over 1,600 babies are born every year at KGH. In March of 2016, the new perinatal unit opened its doors on the 4th floor of the Interior Heart and Surgical Centre. The KGH Foundation continues to raise



Kelowna Right to Life Society Directors (from left): Bonnie McLaughlin, Kathy Hein, Marietta Egan and Marlon Bartram

funds to support the purchase of state-of-the-art medical equipment and care items for the unit, to benefit patients from across the southern interior region.

The KGH Foundation is an independent, volunteer-driven charitable organization committed to enhancing the delivery of healthcare to the patients of Kelowna General Hospital and its associated facilities.

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