



### **KCCU DONATES \$60,000 TO KINGSTON GENERAL HOSPITAL**

**Feb 10, 2016 Kingston, ON** – Kingston Community Credit Union Limited CEO Jon Dessau and Chair Norman Meyers presented a donation to Executive Director Denise Cumming of the University Hospitals Kingston Foundation for \$60,000 on behalf of the members, staff and Board of KCCU and KGH. The funds are to be used to purchase a new multi-head histopathology microscope at Kingston General Hospital (KGH).

“It is in the detailed scientific work behind the scenes such as the histopathology microscopes to which we owe much of the success of our treatment here at KGH” said CEO Jon Dessau. “As a credit union, community engagement and support is at the core of our mission, and it ranks on par with financial services as key focus areas for our strategic plan. We share all of our success with our members and our community.”

The attendees at the ceremony were then taken on a tour of the Pathology laboratory and shown the benefits to the community of the funds being used to purchase this most important tool in diagnosing conditions of patients. The staff explained how their goal is to provide accurate and quick diagnoses for patients starting as soon as during the procedure they may be undergoing. Results are expedited to reduce the period where patients and their families are experiencing the stress of awaiting a diagnosis.

In 2007 KCCU made a large donation to UHKF in celebration of its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Brent Wilson, from the Board of UKHF thanked KCCU and reminded the attendees that the 2007 donation was still benefiting members of the community having provided the funds to purchase a surgical sterilization unit and equipping an ICU room. KCCU has made several significant community donations over the past couple of years to other worthwhile community organizations such as The United Way, Kingston Community Health Centres, Muscular Dystrophy Canada and most recently to assist Syrian Refugees.

Anne Gillis, the Loans and Investment Specialist who manages the branch at KGH was on hand to represent KCCU’s branch office at KGH. Originally The Kingston General Hospital Employees Credit Union operated there as far back as 1969. They merged with KCCU in the seventies. Anne reminded the attendees that KCCU has been back at KGH (Room 22-1-312, Davies 1 at 76 Stuart Street) since June of 2012. The office has loan and investment services available and KCCU has three ATMS to take care of cash services. Deposits services are available at any of the other three branches or through electronic means.

## **About Kingston Community Credit Union Limited**

Kingston Community Credit Union is and has consistently been one of Canada's most profitable and best capitalized credit unions over the past thirty years, owned by its 13,000 members. It has four branches serving Greater Kingston, Ontario. Over the past three years KCCU has returned over \$1.3 Million to its members in the form of profit-sharing. KCCU was founded over 55 years ago and has grown to become one of Ontario's most award-winning credit unions. KCCU has over \$140 Million of assets under administration.

## **About The University Hospitals Kingston Foundation**

The University Hospitals Kingston Foundation was created in 2005 as the joint fundraising arm of Hotel Dieu Hospital, Kingston General Hospital and Providence Care. On July 1st, 2014, UHKF amalgamated with the foundations at each of the hospitals, creating the new UHKF organization, responsible for fundraising, granting, distribution and reporting.

In May 2014, UHKF became one of the first 100 Canadian non-profits and charities (and the sixth hospital foundation) to receive accreditation through the Imagine Canada Standards Program. This program is designed to demonstrate compliance with 73 industry standards in five key areas: board governance, financial accountability and transparency, fundraising, staff management and volunteer involvement.\*

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