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**Additional funds added to PRHC Foundation's COVID-19 response fund  
matching gift brings total to \$190,000**

Peterborough, ON: The PRHC Foundation announced today that donations to their COVID-19 response fund will now be matched up to \$190,000 thanks to additional contributions from businesses and community leaders.

The increased matching gift total represents additional commitments to an initial matching gift of up to \$50,000 made by David and Patricia Morton in mid-April. Lesley Heighway, PRHC Foundation President & CEO says that the new donations were inspired by the dedication of PRHC's healthcare professionals, the Mortons' generosity, and the community's incredible response to the crisis.

"More community leaders and businesses have come forward to join the Mortons with the hopes of inspiring others to stand behind our frontline healthcare workers as they respond to the COVID-19 crisis," says Heighway. "The additional \$140,000 in committed funds brings our matching gift total to an incredible \$190,000, and represents donations by Neinstein Personal Injury Lawyers, The Staffing Connection/Level A Professional Group, and the combined support of anonymous community leaders."

Donations to the fund support the hospital's most urgent pandemic-related priorities. In fact, Heighway says gifts made to date are already helping protect frontline workers, prevent the spread of infection, and support vulnerable patients and their families.

"Thanks to the community's generosity, the Foundation was able to immediately fund a crucial supply of additional scrubs for staff and physicians, as well as new plexiglass screening stations now installed throughout the hospital," she says. "We were also able to support PRHC's new Virtual Visiting Program by funding new iPads and supportive equipment, making it possible for palliative patients to connect with family members and friends who are unable to visit them due to the current restrictions."

Heighway added that is just the beginning. "For months, PRHC's frontline workers and leaders have been preparing to respond to COVID-19. While our hospital stands ready, an urgent need still exists for the technology and supplies required to equip, support, and maintain the extraordinary changes undertaken at PRHC in a short period of time."

"We'd like to thank the Mortons, Neinstein Personal Injury Lawyers, The Staffing Connection/Level A Professional Group, our anonymous donors, and everyone who has already donated to the COVID-19 response fund," she adds. "Your generosity is ensuring PRHC's doctors, nurses and healthcare support workers can continue to save patients' lives while protecting their own."

For more information or to donate over the phone, please call (705) 876-5000. To donate online or send a *#gratefulheart* message, please visit [www.prhcfoundation.ca](http://www.prhcfoundation.ca). Donations will also be accepted by mail c/o PRHC Foundation, 1 Hospital Drive, Peterborough, ON, K9J 7C6.

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