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## Donations impact frontlines

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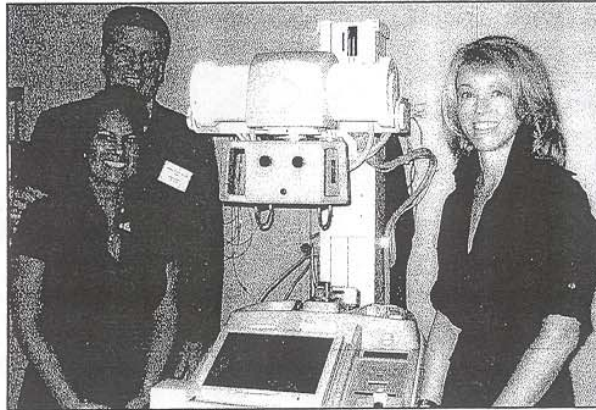
Special to Frontlines

**T**HE CALGARY HEALTH TRUST works with donors to link their passions with patient needs.

These needs are identified by you, the staff, and we are working together to make a difference.

Here are some examples of how donations have made an impact in the Calgary Health Region in 2007:

Equipment purchased at the Foothills Medical Centre is an excellent example of how donor dollars are improving efficiency in our hospitals. Funds helped purchase a digital radiographic unit for the Emergency Department trauma bays and a digital portable X-ray unit for intensive care unit patients. These items will speed up the X-ray process, providing high-quality



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Donors Jody and Charlie Simmer and Andrea Watkins celebrate the recent purchase of a digital portable X-ray unit for the Foothills Medical Centre Intensive Care Unit.

images that are vital in reducing patient stress and providing faster diagnosis and therapy to patients.

The introduction of new cutting-edge technology at the Peter Lougheed Centre shows the innovation in equipment available to patients. Funds helped purchase wireless computer

medication carts that enable staff to access up-to-date drug information instantly at a patient's bedside.

Quality of care is the perfect description of the specific needs of Carewest residents. Providing these residents with improved Quality of Life programs was at the heart of fund-


raising this past year. These programs give participants a sense of purpose, pride and accomplishment and are often as therapeutic as they are enjoyable.

Areas of Women's Health, including the Best Beginning Program and Postpartum Community Services, show the commitment to positive patient outcomes.

These areas work closely with women during and after their pregnancy to ensure the finest health care possible is provided to them and their baby.

The Rockyview General Hospital purchased a new Lithotripter, a piece of equipment that will make a significant impact on the primary care of patients. This device offers a non-invasive treatment for patients with conditions such as kidney stones and gallstones.

These are just a few of the many areas that received

funding in 2007. The generosity of donors to the Calgary Health Trust is helping staff in the Calgary Health Region provide the finest health care possible for our community. 


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The Calgary Wild Rose Chapter of the Canadian Progress Club recently celebrated its \$30,000 donation to the Pelvic Floor Clinic at the Women's Health Centre. Since 1993, the Chapter has donated more than \$150,000 for Women's Health priorities. Their latest donation will assist with the purchase of cutting-edge technology that will substantially improve the assessment and treatment of pelvic floor disorders which affect women of all ages. For more information please call 943-0633.