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A combination of little things makes a huge impact on patient care.

St. John's, NL - The Health Care Foundation announced the recipients of its latest Comfort in Care program today at the Health Sciences Centre. 18 grants totaling over \$ 27,000 were awarded to various hospital departments including; family room furnishings for the Dr. Leonard A. Miller Centre, a Wii Fit Board and computer for the Psychiatry Unit at the General Hospital and two glider rocker chairs for the Waterford Hospital.

“We recognize that quality healthcare extends beyond medical intervention, and that the little things can mean a great deal to patient care,” said Paul Snow, President and CEO, Health Care Foundation. “The Health Care Foundation’s Comfort in Care program provides a way for hospital staff, grateful patients and others in the community to direct their contribution to a specific hospital unit or program area.”

The Comfort in Care program gives health care providers opportunity to fulfill needs within their units that are not currently provided through operational or capital equipment budgets of Eastern Health. The primary objectives of the Comfort in Care program are to enhance both in and out patient care, to support the comfort related efforts of those providing direct care and to increase awareness of patient comfort and care issues.

“We are truly grateful to the Health Care Foundation, its donors and supporters for all they do to support adult health care in the St. John’s area,” said Vickie Kaminski, President and CEO Eastern Health. “A program such as Comfort in Care provides our employees with the opportunity to purchase items that are mostly non-medical but that do go a long way to enhance patient care. I commend our employees for taking the initiative to access this funding through the Health Care Foundation for the benefit of the patients they care for.”

Since 2007, the Health Care Foundation has awarded 82 Comfort in Care grants totaling \$ 117, 000.

The Health Care Foundation is a registered charitable organization, established to support the adult hospitals of St. John's. All fundraising goes towards the purchase of vital medical equipment and technology, to enhance patient care and comfort, and to fund health research and education. Your support benefits the patients of St. Clare's Mercy Hospital, General Hospital, Dr. Leonard A. Miller Centre, Waterford Hospital and the Dr. Walter Templeman Health Centre (Bell Island). These hospitals provide crucial health care services for people all across Newfoundland and Labrador.

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