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Craft Fair Raises Funds for Much Needed Hospital Items

St. John's - Local craft vendors will come together at the ReMax Centre in St. John's on Saturday, March 22nd from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. for a craft fair in support of the Health Care Foundation's Comfort in Care™ program.

Paul Snow, CEO and President of the Health Care Foundation said the Comfort in Care™ program works in two ways.

"It provides a general fund that may be accessed by front line health care workers to provide comfort items to benefit patients in their areas," Snow said. "As well, donors may wish to work with the Foundation to direct Comfort in Care™ donations to a specific hospital unit or program."

The Comfort in Care™ program provides items that are not provided through existing hospital budgets. Items such as sleeper chairs, blanket warmers, wheelchairs, TVs etc. Snow said that these items are smaller than pieces of medical equipment or other program areas that the Foundation directs its fundraising efforts towards, but they make a huge difference in the lives of patients, their families and the staff who are caring for them.

"On behalf of the Foundation, I'd like to thank the vendors participating in Saturday's Craft Fair who are donating a portion of their proceeds to the Comfort in Care program," Snow said.

Some of the vendor items will include jewellery, artwork and knitted goods. Admission to the fair is \$5 and children 12 and under get in for free. The full admission fee goes toward the Comfort in Care™ program.

The Health Care Foundation is the fundraising organization for the 5 adult hospitals in the St. John's region which include: the General Hospital (Health Sciences Centre), St. Clare's Mercy Hospital, the Waterford Hospital, the Dr. L.A. Miller Centre and the Dr. Walter Templeman Health Care Centre. The Foundation's fundraising efforts support medical equipment, research, education and patient comfort in care items.

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