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Grenfell Foundation welcomes \$243,100 donation from the NLBCTC

The Grenfell Foundation extends thanks and appreciation to the Newfoundland and Labrador Building and Construction Trades Council (NLBCTC) for donating \$243,100 towards the purchase of priority medical equipment for the benefit of residents served by the Labrador-Grenfell Regional Health Authority. The funding announcements took place during events held March 20-23, 2017 at Labrador City, Happy Valley-Goose Bay and St. Anthony.

Representing the NLBCTC was Gus Coombs, Assistant Executive Director. He said the council, which represents 16 construction unions and more than 20,000 trades workers throughout Newfoundland and Labrador, has contributed more than \$16 million over the past 10 years to support many important initiatives in the province. “We do more than build infrastructure – we help build communities,” he stated. “And we do this because we recognize the importance of giving back to our communities.”

Mr. Coombs said the NLBCTC recognizes and thanks the many healthcare professionals who work hard to provide quality healthcare to the residents of the province. “The NLBCTC is proud to partner with the three chapters of the Grenfell Foundation and Labrador-Grenfell Health and we are proud to be investing in communities.”

The NLBCTC donations were presented to the three chapters of the Grenfell Foundation. The details are as follows:

- **Labrador West Chapter** – A variety of equipment valued at \$30,100, including medical telescopes, obstetrical equipment and laparoscopic accessories, for the Labrador West Health Centre, Labrador City.
- **Labrador East Chapter** – A range of medical equipment, valued at \$150,000, for portable ultrasound units for North Coast community clinics, and medical telescopes, obstetrical equipment and laparoscopic accessories for the Labrador Health Centre, Happy Valley-Goose Bay.
- **South Chapter** – A \$63,000 contribution towards the purchase of an ultrasound machine for the Charles S. Curtis Memorial Hospital, St. Anthony.

The chapters of the Grenfell Foundation thanked the NLBCTC and its members for their generous contributions towards enhancing healthcare services at facilities throughout Northern Newfoundland and Labrador. Rex Goudie, chair of the Labrador East chapter of the Grenfell Foundation, said the acquisition of the portable ultrasound units, in particular, will enable residents of isolated communities to receive care and treatment without having to leave their community.

“Now that our campaign has been funded in full by the NLBCTC, we will work with the senior management team at Labrador-Grenfell Health to identify new priorities and will be launching a new campaign to continue our efforts to enhance patient care in the region,” he said. “We will be back soon to launch our new campaign and unveil our donor display, which will recognize and acknowledge our contributors to the Labrador East chapter.”

Andrew Robertson, chair of the Labrador West chapter, thanked the NLBCTC for the generous donation. “Their decision to spread these funds over such a wide area does them credit and is much appreciated,” he stated.

Elsie Slade, chair of the South chapter, expressed appreciation to the NLBCTC for supporting the purchase of an ultrasound machine. “We have a great group of volunteers and our coordinator, Agnes Patey, makes sure everything is in order for our fundraisers,” she said. “Without generous support from businesses, individuals and organizations such as the NLBCTC, we would not be able to purchase medical equipment.”

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Labrador West chapter presentation: (l-r) Andrew Robertson, Chair; Rick Hiscock, board member; Gus Coombs, NLBCTC; Peter Reccord, board member; Labrador West MHA Graham Letto; Ozette Simpson, Chief Operating Officer, Labrador-Grenfell Health; Paulette Abbott, board member; and Patsy Ralph, coordinator.



Labrador East chapter presentation: (l-r) Roger Snow, Labrador-Grenfell Health; Mary Snelgrove, board member; Patricia Kemuksigak, Minister of Education and Economic Development, Nunatsiavut Government; Gus Coombs, NLBCTC; Rex Goudie, Chair; Caroline Hong, board member; Delia Connell, Chief Operating Officer, Labrador-Grenfell Health; Roy Blake, Ordinary Member, Upper Lake Melville, Nunatsiavut; Colin O'Brien, board member; and Lake Melville MHA Perry Trimper.



South chapter presentation: (l-r) Dr. Kweku Dankwa, Associate VP of Medical Services; Dr. Sarada Paladugu, Chief of Staff; Agnes Patey, coordinator; Dr. Lauren Smithson, Surgeon; Elsie Slade, Chair, South chapter; and Gus Coombs, NLBCTC.

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