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Hotel Dieu Shaver and Foundation Thrilled with Results of Snowflakes and Angels Campaign – Goal Surpassed by More Than \$20,000

January 13, 2010 – (St. Catharines, ON) The Hotel Dieu Shaver Health and Rehabilitation Foundation’s fifth annual Snowflakes and Angels Christmas fundraising campaign surpassed its goal of \$50,000 on its way to raising an astounding \$73,000.

“We are very grateful to all those who supported this year’s campaign,” acknowledged Bob Bell, the Foundation’s Executive Director. Thanks to the generosity of hundreds of donors from across the Region, Hotel Dieu Shaver will be able to purchase a new patient bus.

“I think it speaks volumes to the support of the work that is done here at Hotel Dieu Shaver and that even during these difficult economic times the people of Niagara have shown us such great support,” added Mr. Bell.

The patient bus is such an important tool for a rehabilitation hospital. “Our patients are with us for an extended period of time and recreation therapy is an important piece of the overall rehab program. “Having the bus allows our patients to get out and enjoy the many things that most of us take for granted,” Mrs. Rufrano added.

The current bus is 18 years old and is starting to get to a point where more and more repairs are needed. Also, a new bus would be more comfortable and safer for patients and staff.

“I think we were all a little unsure of how successful the campaign was going to be this year given the state of the local economy and the number of worthwhile causes that were also looking for support,” explains Mrs. Rufrano. “I think the success of this year’s campaign can be traced back to people believing in our work, in particular the patients and their families being very grateful for the care they have received at Hotel Dieu Shaver.”

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