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Charlevoix Hospital Receives Grant for Obstetrics Equipment

CHARLEVOIX, MI – Munson Healthcare Charlevoix Hospital is the recipient of an important grant from the Charlevoix County Community Foundation. The grant will fund the purchase of a vital piece of equipment for the hospital's obstetrics department, an infant bed warmer/resuscitation system. The Foundation fully funded the hospital's request for \$12,649 to purchase the special equipment which will keep new babies warm and content while providing all the tools necessary for resuscitation therapy should they be required.

"It is a critical situation when an infant is born not breathing," said Mary Terryberry, OB nurse manager. "This new unit includes a respiratory aid to help newborns breathe from the moment of birth and uses radiant heat to keep them warm while away from the mother. It's an integral piece of equipment to have in all delivery rooms, it is especially important for high-risk newborns."

The hospital had previously had two resuscitation units, but they are separate from the infant bed warmer. This means that each time there was an urgent delivery, staff needed to locate and transport two pieces of equipment. Having a combined all-in-one unit greatly speeds up staff response and set-up time, saving precious minutes. This equipment is especially critical for caesarean deliveries (known as C-sections), and emergency C-sections in particular, which tend to have the greatest likelihood of an infant having trouble breathing. In those emergency situations, every second counts.

The purchase of this new equipment now gives the hospital three resuscitation units. While Charlevoix Hospital has a relatively small birthing center in comparison to larger cities, it has had occasions when up to three deliveries occurred at the same time. Having three resuscitation units ensures that one will be available for each delivery.

About Munson Healthcare Charlevoix Hospital

Munson Healthcare Charlevoix Hospital is a 25-bed, critical access hospital located in Charlevoix, Michigan. Part of the Munson Healthcare system, the hospital was established in 1919 and serves Charlevoix and northern Antrim County residents as well as thousands of vacationers each year. For more information, visit munsonhealthcare.org/charlevoix.

About the Charlevoix County Community Foundation (C3F)

The C3F is a local charitable organization dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for all citizens of Charlevoix County by building permanent endowment, addressing needs through grantmaking, and providing leadership resources to serve the community. More information about the C3F may be found at www.c3f.org or by calling 231-536-2440.

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PHOTOGRAPH INCLUDED

Caption: Mary Terryberry, OB Nurse Manager (left) and Kathy Tindell-Dewey, RN (right) review training on the new infant bed/warmer resuscitation system

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