

# Farmer bequeaths \$820,000 to local Hospital Foundation

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Although it's been just over three years since local farmer Jim Stark died on December 29, 2010, his memory will certainly carry on, with his generous gift to Georgetown Hospital Foundation.

"Jim's bequest has resulted in gifts from his estate to the Georgetown Hospital Foundation for a total of \$820,000 to date," said Georgetown Hospital Foundation executive director K C Carruthers. "We received three installments over three years beginning in October 2011.

"This bequest has made possible our achievement of raising \$6 million toward our goal of \$6.5 million for the Investing in Care - Close to Home Campaign to expand Georgetown Hospital with a new Emergency Department, redeveloped Diagnostic Imaging Department and our first ever CT scanner," added Carruthers.

"The bequest was received during our intense capital campaign period and is a big reason we will be able to meet an increased goal. Once we realized our initial goal of \$5 million would not cover the costs of the project after all government and other hospital funding sources



**JIM STARK**

were accounted for, we set a higher goal of \$6.5 million. Clearly this bequest makes up a big piece of that difference.

"Jim had supported Georgetown Hospital with gifts during his lifetime and his bequest

now stands as a lasting tribute to his dedication to improving healthcare at Georgetown Hospital," said Carruthers. "He has helped achieve the most ambitious fundraising goal in our community's history."

Stark, a longtime cash cropper and beef cattle/hog farmer, lived on the family farm on the Fifth Line, south of 15 Sideroad. In addition to farming, he also operated for 32 years as a stock drover (livestock truck driver), transporting local farmers' livestock to the stock yards at Cookstown, Ontario.

Jim Stark's generosity wasn't limited to the hospital. In addition to his gift to Georgetown Hospital Foundation, he also left a substantial bequest to Boston Presbyterian Church.

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The Board of Directors of the Georgetown Bread Basket Food Bank want to send out a big **THANK YOU** to the community for an **overwhelmingly generous** response to support the food bank this past holiday season and throughout the past year.

Local support from individuals, churches, schools, major area corporations, local businesses, lodges, community groups, clubs and associations were key to our ability to **achieve** a record breaking volume of donated food, gift cards and funds this past December.

Halton Police Services organized "Cram a Cruiser" food drive allowing the community to donate over 9,000 pounds of **food**, surpassing last year's collection, along with \$1000 in grocery gift cards. This was just one of many food drives and events over the holiday season that allowed the food bank to assist our clients and build a reserve of food for the coming months.

We would also like to recognize and thank our local grocery stores (Food Basics, FreshCo, Metro, Superstore, and Walmart) who allow us to pick up your donations **bi-weekly** from the GBB food donation bins throughout the year, which is our main source of food.

Happy New Year!

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The Board of Directors

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