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## Madoc couple offers hope to McPhees

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A Madoc couple has pledged to donate \$1,000 toward the expenses of a Belleville man requiring a double lung transplant if the man can raise \$19,000 from other sources.

Bill McPhee's family and friends are trying to raise \$20,000 so he and wife, Deborah, can live within an hour of Toronto General Hospital to be placed on a waiting list for a double-lung transplant. Without living that close to the hospital, he is not eligible for the operation.

The Madoc couple, who wish to remain anonymous, have opened a bank account (number 356) at the Toronto Dominion Bank in Madoc for donations on behalf of the McPhee Family Help Fund, said bank manager Jim Roulston.

"My husband is very compassionate and he likes to help the underdog, but he doesn't want people to know," said the wife of the man who opened the account. If the fund reaches \$19,000 the couple will donate the last \$1,000, she added.

The McPhees currently have just under \$4,000, but McPhee says his health has been deteriorating. "It's hard to get around but I've just gotta keep trying," McPhee said.

He and Deborah need enough money to pay for the first and last month's rent plus some living expenses before moving to Toronto.

Deborah went to Toronto Monday to look at apartments, he said.

"We're looking for no later than the first of October," he said when asked about relocation plans.

The transplant co-ordinator would have preferred him to be there in September but he couldn't afford it, he said.

Along with TD branches, donations can be made to the William McPhee Trust Fund at the Bay Shore Credit Union at 191 N. Front St., account number 0006312.