

MORGAN, Heidi

Heidi fund remains untouched

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BANCROFT--More than \$12,000 remains in a North Hastings credit union after six-year-old Heidi Morgan, of Eldorado, was taken to a London, Ont., hospital for emergency surgery last week.

The money was raised in a public campaign in the Quinte region, after Heidi's mother, Christine Morgan, discovered she could not afford travel expenses to Dallas, Texas, for an operation by surgeon Dr. Ian Munro.

But, Heidi continued to be in pain while waiting for her operation, developing fevers and the abnormally-

growing sight was threatened, Christine Morgan agreed to an emergency operation at London's Victoria Hospital.

North Hastings Credit Union manager Peter Gevaert said Sunday The Help Heidi Fund is untouched, although he expects there will be some expenses for the London operation.

Gevaert added that a full list of donors has been kept and that the future of the money would be up to Christine Morgan and the Bancroft's Lions Club. The club officially sponsored the fund drive, although many groups and individuals around the

Quinte district rallied with donations after staging their own projects.

The results of Heidi's seven-hour operation in London Friday, appeared good, but it may take up to six weeks to determine whether a follow-up operation in Canada or the United States will be necessary, says a medical official.

"She's doing fairly well," nursing supervisor Sharon Abel said Sunday night.

Dr. Robert Colcleugh, a plastic surgeon at the Children's Hospital of Western Ontario in London who performed the operation Friday, said the girl's surgery went well.

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