

with the opening of the Reflections Café in the hospital's main lobby. Three weeks later, the auxiliary took yet another step forward with the reopening of Reflections Gift Shop for business. The volunteers have implemented new safety guidelines and are happy to be back at the hospital selling food, beverages and gift items with proceeds supporting the auxiliary's fundraising pledge to the Ross Memorial Hospital Foundation.

The icing on the cake was the presentation of the auxiliary's annual pledge donation. Despite being four months later than usual, the pleasure was no less sweet. Auxiliary vice-present Anne Botond was honoured to be joined by Gift Shop manager Shari Nash and café volunteer Carole Glass to present a cheque for \$150,000 to Erin Coons, hospital foundation CEO and Kelly Isfan, hospital president and CEO. These funds — raised between April 1, 2019 and March 31, 2020 — are earmarked for medical equipment needs, including anesthetic gas machines and arthroplasty (joint surgery) equipment used in the Ross Memorial's operating suites.

"It is a pleasure to be able to present this much-needed support for the acquisition of capital equipment at the Ross," said Botond. "The hospital's equipment needs are not met through government funding. It is through donations that we keep our hospital well equipped and serving the community in an exemplary fashion. In addition to our fundraising efforts, we are glad to get back into the hospital to work in support of the patients, their families and our hospital's front-line workers. We are and always will be part of the team."

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Coons once again applauded the auxiliary's efforts — especially during the current pandemic — noting volunteers are not only "indispensable" to the hospital team, but are "family."

"We couldn't be happier to see their phased return to their many volunteer services, and we're overwhelmed by their dedication to patients' exceptional care as shown