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Oddfellows And Rebekahs Donate \$8,000 To Victoria Hospital

The Oddfellow and Rebekah Heart Equipment Fund recently made a presentation of \$8,000 to the Victoria Hospital for a Heart Monitor/Defibrillator in memory of Brother Oliver Houghton, Past Chairman of the organization. The number of family and fraternal members who attended the presentation ceremony were a sincere

tribute to the memory of Brother Houghton who served the committee for 12 years, the last 8 years as chairman.

The committee is comprised of 23 lodges in two districts of the Independent Order of Oddfellows and two districts of the Rebekahs in St. Thomas and Elgin County. The organization was formed in 1976

for the purpose of raising money to donate heart equipment to community hospitals where treatment and care is provided to heart patients. Money is raised through lodge and individual donations, draws, flea markets, dances and bi-annual bikeathons. To date, this committee has donated over \$65,000 to various hospitals.



A donation of \$8,000 was recently made to Victoria Hospital, London by the Oddfellow and Rebekah Heart Fund Committee for a Heart Monitor/Defibrillator. Taking part in the presentation were, left to right: Edward Mehevich, chairperson, I.O.O.F. and Rebekah Heart Equipment Committee; Dr. Linden

Frelich, President and Chief Executive Officer, Victoria Hospital; Dr. L. Patrick, Director, Cardiac Fitness Institute, Victoria Hospital; Ron Houghton, son of Oliver Houghton; Patricia Rapelje, Treasurer of Committee; Jean Ross, Secretary of Committee; and Luberta Houghton, brother Oliver's wife.