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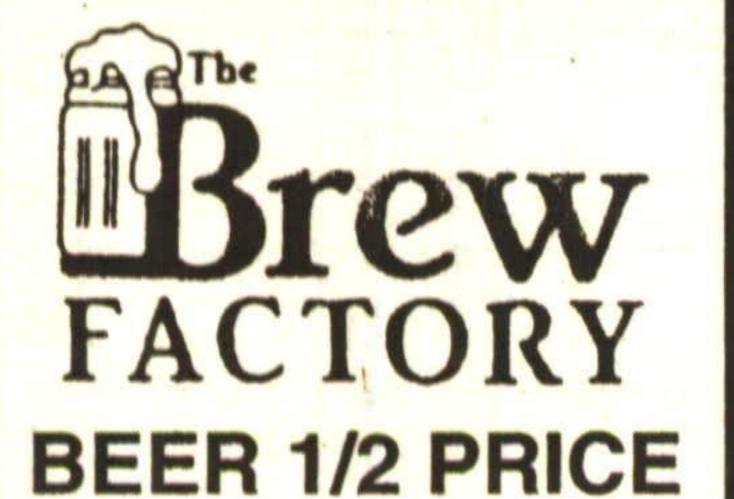


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Last year the Georgetown Hospital Volunteer

"There's less and less money coming from the

The province is unlikely to kick in funds to

Association had a record year, raising \$37,000 for

equipment for the hospital, more than ever

province to meet the gap of all the equipment

that (the hospital) needs," Volunteer Association

Volunteer

president Dorothy Bodnar said.

buy a picture or mirror to

make a room more comfort-

able, let alone buy all the

capital equipment that the

hospital needs, and this is

Association (formerly the

Hospital Auxiliary) often

partly because lottery ticket

sales increased from \$1,100

last year to \$22,000 this year.

The lottery tickets are now

being sold at the Delrex

Smoke Shop, instead of the

hospital gift shop which has

buy a \$20,000 patient lift, used

The money was used to

less people coming through.

Fundraising went well,

the



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VOLUNTERS

Georgetown Hospital Volunteers

raise \$37,000 for equipment

are enjoying," Bodnar said.

help out in the Bennett Centre.

labor annually.

Volunteers also take photographs of newborn

babies, help in pharmacy and rehabilitation,

offer hairdressing, give patients (and plants)

fresh water, make beds and keep supplies like

kleenex stocked up. Nineteen volunteers also

together they put in about 5,000 of volunteer

hospital was built in 1961. Bodnar joined as a

There are 152 volunteers at the hospital and

The volunteer association started before the

ing anymore.

volunteers.

young mother, like many oth-

ers who joined at that time.

Now a problem they face is

that young people aren't join-

new ideas," Bodnar said. "All

volunteer groups know that

the young girls are now out

working, or they can't do vol-

unteer work unless they get a

sitter, if they're at home."

There are also a multitude of

service groups for every

interest, so that there are

many more opportunities for

to the community and the

hospital is clearly a focus for

this community," Linda

Dawson, the staff liaison for

the Volunteer association

said. "There are a wide vari-

ety of things that volunteers

can do within the hospital.

"People want to give back

"We need new blood and

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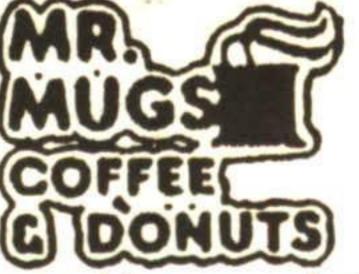
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to lift people in the Bennett Centre right from their beds into the bath.

"It saves a lot of money in back injury problems for the staff," Bodnar said. A \$9,000 emergency trauma stretcher was also purchased with the

money, and the remaining \$8,000 will go to new chairs and rugs in the waiting room, which is still under construction.

In addition to a more successful fundraising

campaign, the volunteers are offering more services to patients, visitors and staff. They have extended the gift shop hours, which helped increase revenue, and have set up an information desk and escort service in the front lobby.

"It has been really well received. We have two people on the desk. It's made it a far friendlier in the lobby and it's something the volunteers

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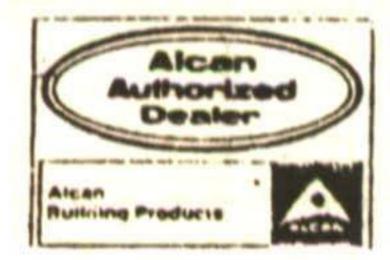
Most volunteers find there is something that will meet their need and their time frame." Dawson said that while volunteer organizations have had a hard time recruiting in recent years, this is beginning to change, and volunteering is coming back into vogue.

"It's difficult recruiting young people and this is a need that is going to have to be dealt with

somewhere," she said.

"(The Volunteer Association) is essential. They are an integral part of the operation of the hospital and their service is greatly appreciated," Dawson said.

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