Generosity Makes all the Difference

The CoaguChek® machine is used to check the INR (International Normalized Ratio) levels of someone who is taking Warfarin. To meet the growing need, VON Pictou received two special donations in order to purchase more of these machines. Thank you to one of our clients for your $200 donation, and thank you to the Royal Canadian Legion who also donated $620 not only to help cover the cost of the new machine but to help buy a third one. Thank you to all of our donors!

Pictou County Open House!

Preparations are underway for Pictou County’s VON Open House in their new office: Unit #G1 91 Lawrence Blvd, Albion Plaza Park, Stellarton, N.S.

The public is invited to visit and see the new layout that now includes more space for all of our Client Service Associates. The open house will take place on May 20, 2015 from 1:00-6:00 pm. All are welcome.

Adult Day Program

Every gift to VON Pictou County is a gift to an individual in need of help. Donations help us to deliver essential programs and services so that our friends, family and neighbours can continue to live independently in their homes.

VON Adult Day Program’s goal is to help assist clients to maintain a maximum quality of life, in all areas of life. It helps provide opportunities for clients to use their abilities and skills, and to help promote independence, help maintain quality of their life and optimize their level of cognitive, physical, and social functioning.

The Adult Day Program helps to delay long-term care placement of clients and/or reduce hospital visits. It also helps their caregivers, offering respite that can help in alleviating stress or burn out.

The Pictou County’s Adult Day Program has such a high demand that they are now offering the program 2-3 days per week from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm, with the help and support of their amazing volunteers and staff.

The Adult Day Program offers many different activities such as small or large group gatherings; crafts; performances from local musicians; exercise programs; cards and games; meals; baking; memory and sensory stimulation activities; social outings; holiday celebrations; special events and so much more!

The Adult Day Program provides a warm, comfortable and safe environment for clients, caregivers, staff and volunteers.

VON programs are developed to support a person’s health and well being. They provide health promotion, nutrition education, community education, caregiver support and information sessions.

Generous donations to VON Pictou County help to ensure that the Adult Day Program remains available to those in need of support.

Thank you to all of our donors who help us have an impact every day.
Making a Gift of Securities

Why is making a donation of securities one of the most attractive ways to support VON Canada?

When you convert your security investments to cash, the capital gain is taxable. However, if you donate these securities directly to VON Canada, you will not pay capital gains tax and you will receive a charitable tax receipt from VON Canada for the full market value on the day the securities are received.

VON Canada can accept different types of securities, including bonds, publicly listed securities and mutual fund units.

For more information call 1-888-VON-CARE x 3482

Example for an individual who donates securities vs. cash*

Mr. Williams would like to donate $10,000 to VON Canada. The securities he owns of Imperial Oil have a fair market value of $10,000 and an original cost of $100.

Mr. Williams’s total tax rate is 45% (22% on capital gain). He is deciding between selling the securities and donating the cash or transferring the securities directly to VON Canada.

The net tax benefit for Mr. Williams is determined as follows*

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VON Week

Join us in celebrating VON Week from May 18-24, 2015.

Since 1952, one week has been set aside to recognize VON’s contribution and commitment to home and community care. Visit www.von.ca to find events taking place near you.

This is a time to celebrate the important role and contribution VON has made and continues to make in homes and communities across Canada.

Message from VON Canada’s Chief Executive Officer

As I look back at 2014, it is immediately clear how essential our donors are to VON Canada’s success. I am humbled by our donors who have contributed generously across all the communities we serve.

Your contributions allow VON to fulfill its mission of working in partnership with Canadians for a healthier society, right now. Philanthropic support has enabled us to pursue a number of initiatives aimed at enhancing the lives of the people we serve; creating exceptional client experiences; and delivering superior home and community care.

Our foundation is strong, our people are committed, and our vision is clear.

VON’s services are responding in more ways than ever to meet the growing societal need. We are positioned to help Canadians thrive, maintain their independence, and access important health services.

Thank you for your ongoing support of VON and for giving us the opportunity to improve the well-being in the lives of many.

Jo-Anne Poirier
President & CEO

WILL POWER Changes to the Estate Administration Tax Act

If you have not already done so, please speak with your lawyer or tax advisor about the changes to the Income Tax Act that will come into effect January 2016.

These changes may impact the tax benefits for your estate and its beneficiaries. Modifying the wording in your will today, could mean significant financial advantages for your beneficiaries.

While you are reviewing your will, please take the time to also consider including a gift to your favourite charity – VON.

Your legacy gift of a bequest in support of VON both humbles us and inspires us and provides much needed funding to care for people in need.

For 118 years, VON has played an integral role in the community, working tirelessly to ensure that people continue to live longer and healthier lives at home.

This year, as part of VON Week, we want to thank you. Without the commitment, dedication, and support of each and every one of you, VON would not be the leading charitable, home and community care provider that it is today.

You make this possible. Thank you!
On behalf of VON staff, volunteers and all of those who have benefited from the services we provide, we would like to thank the following individuals who we remember with a gift to VON Pictou County*.

*Based on gifts received in 2014

In Memoriam

Our Volunteers Make a Difference!

Volunteers are central to VON’s mission, working in partnership with staff to develop, implement, and deliver services that meet the changing needs of the community.

VON Volunteers make a difference in the lives of individuals every day and find the experience truly rewarding.

Jim is a retired school teacher who wanted to do some volunteer work. He decided to volunteer through VON and has become very dedicated to our Meals on Wheels clients in the town where he now volunteers.

Jim began to notice that a client was eagerly awaiting their meal each day and hungrily eating it as soon as they could. Because of Jim’s special request to include extra portions, our client’s changing nutritional needs have now been met, and they are so grateful.

Jim also delivers to a seniors’ home. When clients expressed concern over an official cautionary sign at the home that no one understood, it was Jim who notified VON who ensured that the housing authority immediately addressed the residents’ concerns. Thanks to Jim, who set the ball in motion, the residents’ fears were soon relieved.

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Thank you to all of our volunteers for their dedication, commitment and contributions to our community!

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Leaving a Legacy

Audrey Hallon passed away on April 27, 2014. She will be lovingly remembered by her loyal friends for her kindness and generosity.

Ms. Hallon’s friends describe her as a quiet person who kept to herself and who never asked or wanted anything from anyone. After retiring from her local community’s School Board, Audrey dedicated her time to volunteer with the elderly. She was committed to helping people with no expectation of anything in return. She always wanted to give of herself – and she did – not only through her dedicated volunteerism but through a bequest in her will. By leaving a legacy gift to VON, her support will have a direct and significant impact for generations to come.

Ms. Hallon’s generosity will change the lives of many. Her gift helps to provide an improved quality of life and transform the wellbeing of the people we serve. Thank you Audrey Hallon, for all that you have done to make our community a better place. Our heartfelt condolences go out to her loved ones.

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