



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **All we can say is – WOW!**

Because of our generous donors, two new WOWs have been purchased for the Family Birthing Unit. The total cost: \$17,666.69!

What is a WOW? WOWs are “workstations on wheels” which allow staff to bring them all over the units and directly to the patient’s bedside. “They are so handy in allowing us to provide excellent bedside care and document in a timely fashion without having to leave the patient’s side,” explains Clinical Manager Shannon Horsburgh. “Since we went live with Epic, all our documentation is now taking place electronically. So we require access to computers to ensure everyone who is part of each patient’s healthcare journey can be up to date with what’s taking place.”

Before these WOWs were purchased, there were only two in the department, with multiple nurses, midwives and physicians needing to use them. The two new WOWS allow for more flexibility for the team to care for our patients without having to leave their side.

“We are so grateful to the generous donors who donated funds for this specialized equipment,” adds Managing Director Kristen Casselman. Some may recall the Charlee’s Run Kemptville event which took place in 2022. A portion of the funds raised at the event were used to help fund the two new WOWs. “Thank you for helping to make these purchases possible and allowing our staff to have the proper equipment they need to better take care of our littlest patients.”

The Charlee’s Run team is at it again this year with another event called Charlee’s Hero WOD. It takes place on May 13<sup>th</sup> at Crossfit Kemptville. Funds raised at this event will be directed to the Family Birthing Unit Fund. For details, visit

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1218266245787263/?ref=newsfeed>.



Cutline: Showing off the WOWs are Family Birthing Unit Team Leader Jennifer Merkley (left) and Midwife Melissa St. Cyr (right).

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