



Press Release

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**"The Lloydminster Healthcare Auxiliary Makes a \$20,000 Gift to
Lloydminster Region Health Foundation,
and unveils the *Lloydminster Healthcare Auxiliary Patient Lounge*"**

October 15, 2010- Lloydminster, AB/SK- The Lloydminster Region Health Foundation (LRHF) is proud to announce a \$20,000 donation from the Lloydminster Healthcare Auxiliary. This significant gift is invested in the renovation and rejuvenation of the Patient Lounge on the 3rd Floor of Lloydminster Hospital.

"Our mandate is to provide comfort for those in need", says Violet Young, President of the Lloydminster Healthcare Auxiliary. "Our families, friends, and loved ones use the Lloydminster Hospital. We are very proud of this beautiful lounge, and hope it provides comfort for many patients"

The Lloydminster Healthcare Auxiliary began as *The Hospital Aid program* in 1932. Due to the demands of war, this program was disbanded in 1940. In 1949, efforts were reorganized, and the group became known as the *Lloydminster Hospital Auxiliary*. In 1975, the group was renamed the *Lloydminster Healthcare Auxiliary*. This group of dedicated volunteers are some of the "original" Hospital fundraisers. Funds are raised through bake sales, teas, raffles, and selling handmade items through the Auxiliary Showcase in Lloydminster Hospital's LRHF Gift Shop.

"We are extremely grateful for the Lloydminster Healthcare Auxiliary", says Georgina Altman, Executive Director with Lloydminster Region Health Foundation. "There are very few spaces like this in Lloydminster Hospital, and this lounge will offer patients and their loved ones a quiet, peaceful place to relax, spend time with loved ones, or have a moment of solitude during a difficult time. Thank you to the Lloydminster Healthcare Auxiliary for their generous gift and decades of service"

The home-like environment of the Lloydminster Healthcare Auxiliary Lounge provides patients and families with a restful, serene environment in which they can visit with loved ones, enjoy their favourite card game or puzzle, or take a quiet moment during a difficult time. This lounge is critical for patients receiving care, and for their families.

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