

Letter - Hospital investment

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In response to Susan Hayes' letter in last week's Driftwood ("Phantom Surgery"), the Lady Minto Hospital Foundation has indeed launched its annual Phantom Ball.

Funds raised from this year's campaign as well as our other fundraising activities will go to support a much needed expanded laboratory facility, a haematology analyzer, additional endoscopic equipment and improvements to the Extended Care Unit. These are all investments that will help the hospital better meet the needs of patients and staff.

We rely on the support and commitment of our community. We are grateful for the kindness and generosity that enable us to realize the big items as well as the little ones that make a difference to life at the hospital. To clarify, last year, the foundation and the Lady Minto Hospital Auxiliary collectively made a one-time contribution to provide basic furnishings for an apartment in the King's Lane Medical building. The apartment is used by nursing and departmental staff who live off-island and who are brought in to cover shifts when the hospital is short-staffed or overstretched by staff sickness, vacations or scheduled training.

We look forward to you "not attending" this year's Phantom Ball and thank you for your continued loyalty, care and compassion towards the patients and staff at Lady Minto Hospital.

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