

Hospital Aid Association Makes \$60,000 Donation

The Anna Jaques Hospital Aid Association recently presented Anna Jaques Hospital President & CEO Scott W. Goodspeed and Anna Jaques Community Health Foundation Executive Director Jay McGovern with a check for \$60,000.

A gift of \$50,000 has gone toward the purchase of a neurosensory testing system being given to the Department of Surgery and the Outpatient Testing Services Department. The system, Pressure Specified Sensory Device (PSSD), is a new, non-invasive and painless computed-assisted technology used to measure sensory nerve function. The high sensitivity of the device aides in early detection of nerve compression. By doing so, early surgical intervention may prevent permanent nerve damage. Early detection may also lead to a surgical intervention before the patient has suffered the pain and limitation of complete numbness or ulceration. Those with diabetes or others beginning to experience numbness, tingling or pain in the hands or feet and who may have noticed a loss of balance are candidates for testing. Evaluation for testing will be done by Michele Sasmor, MD and Michael Kutka, MD of RiverSong Plastic Surgery. Drs. Sasmor and Kutka have received special training in testing, interpretation, diagnosis and surgical procedures associated with PSSD testing. Upon physician recommendation the PSSD test will be performed by a trained technician in the Anna Jaques Hospital Outpatient Testing and Neurodiagnostics Department.



Scott W. Goodspeed, President & CEO, Anna Jaques Hospital (right) and Jay McGovern, Executive Director, Anna Jaques Community Health Foundation (left) recently presented Nancy Moore, Past President, Anna Jaques Hospital Aid Association (left) and Jamie Yalla, President, Aid Association (right) with a plaque acknowledging the Association's service and donations of more than one million dollars over the last 25 years.

The Aid's remaining donation of \$10,000 was used by the Department of Maintenance toward the purchase of a winterized parking lot shuttle that will bring patients and visitors from the parking lots to the hospital and back in comfort.

The Aid Association is the hospital's volunteer support organization, founded in 1888 which oversees the hospital's gift shop, and provides a number of services important to the hospital including children's tours, baby portraits, art exhibits and numerous volunteer projects. Just a few of the Aid's fundraising activities include Great Chef's Night, Christmas book sale, and annual jewelry sale.

For more information about the AJH Aid Association, please contact the hospital's Department of Volunteers at 978-463-1150.