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Dear Friend,

My name is Devon Weller and I'm a Registered Nurse at Northumberland Hills Hospital (NHH). I work as a *medical float*, meaning I work in different departments throughout NHH, going where I'm needed to provide care for patients. I'm honoured to be chairing this year's **Light Up a Life** campaign.

Working in a variety of departments, I see and use many different pieces of equipment each day, but one item used in all departments of our hospital is the bed. Our beds have to be one of our most essential pieces of equipment, in use 365 days a year. **Last year alone, we had more than 4,400 admissions.** Every one of these admitted in-patients – from new moms to seniors, the seriously injured to the critically ill – relies on the comfort and safety of a specialized bed during their stay at NHH.

**Our primary goal through this year's Light Up a Life Campaign is to purchase 17 new electric beds.** I am confident your gift of any amount – combined with gifts from other friends in the community – will help us realize this goal.



**I hope you'll join with me to ensure this year's campaign is successful and patients who need care continue to receive it in comfort.**

With electronic features and functions to ensure both patient and staff safety, our hospital beds are so much more than a standard bed. These beds have easy to use controls and are fully adjustable; can be lowered and raised to prevent injuries from patients falling out of bed; have in-bed weigh scales to monitor patients' weight; include built-in bed alarms to ensure patient safety; are compatible with specialty mattresses that prevent pressure injuries from developing; and so much more. These are not simply spaces for patients to rest their heads, but are fully functioning pieces of equipment, instrumental to providing exceptional patient care.

Before starting at NHH, I worked at a larger hospital in Northern Ontario. It was immediately clear when I moved here that NHH is special – the size and connectedness of our community hospital allows the team to get to know one another, to bond, and develop a family-like dynamic.

**Our NHH family is here for you and for our community.**

If you or a loved one has ever been admitted to NHH, you know how integral our beds are – these are what you're tucked into at the end of the day, are what you gather around to hold the hand of a loved one, and are what support us through every moment. They are central to the patient experience.

**Will you please send a special holiday gift to support Northumberland Hills Hospital once again?**

Please send your gift today to help us buy new beds to ensure the ongoing comfort and safety of our patients.

Thank you in advance for your support – your generosity means so much to so many.

Yours truly,



Devon Weller, R.N.

**Chair, Light up a Life Campaign 2019**

**PS:** When you send your gift, don't forget to also send your "message of hope or thanks" on the enclosed holiday card to be shared with our patients and the NHH family.

