

Gander Lions join Santa at James Peyton Memorial Hospital

The Gander Lions Club made their annual visit with Santa to James Paton Memorial Regional Health Centre on Saturday, December 2, 2017. There were five members present for the visit; Lion Paul Dillon (our very own Santa extraordinaire), Lion Perry Kieley, Lion Christina Kieley, Lion Karla Tucker and Lion Marie Brett. We decided to keep the numbers down for this visit considering where we were going.

The hospital visit is prepared by purchasing chocolates for patients and staff at James Paton Memorial Hospital. Stuffed toys were also purchased for the newborn babies on OBS. Of course there were extra stuffed toys in case there was a big brother or sister visiting as well. Since Lion Christina works at the hospital she was able to get the number of patients and babies from administration as well permission to visit OBS, General Surgery, Ortho, Medical and Dialysis.

It was touching to see Santa take a picture with and hold the hand of a male patient who was dying. This would be his last Christmas and his sister was brought to tears when she saw the big smile on his face after seeing Santa. It certainly makes you realize how precious life is and how fortunate we are to be able to volunteer like this.

Moving from that situation to cuddling newborn babies shows how life goes on. We took pictures with five babies and their parents. This was the first picture with Santa for these little ones! One precious little girl was only two hours old and Santa was a little nervous holding this little bundle! It was a very rewarding experience. All the staff and patients were very thankful to see us. Once again Lions Serve and enjoy doing it!

Yours in Lionism,

Christina

Secretary – Gander Lions Club

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Bringing a Smile



Only 2 hours old