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*"If I couldn't be home for the holidays,
I knew I would be well cared for at Delta Hospital"*

~ Winona, Delta resident

Dear Friend,

I'm sure you'll agree – no one wants to spend the holidays in the hospital.

But the fact is, a lot of people will. Over the holidays, our Emergency Department sees more people than at any other time of year. And that means more diagnostic tests, more admissions and more patients in all wards.

I'm Dr. Dan Rubin, Site Medical Director, and Emergency Physician at Delta Hospital since 1985. In the past decade, I've seen the holiday demands for our services grow significantly.

There are a lot of reasons for this: for instance, the population we serve has nearly doubled since the hospital was built. And, as you know, our region is home to a large number of seniors who are at higher risk for seasonal conditions, like flu and pneumonia. All this, combined with the usual increase in falls and accidents, as well as it being a stressful time for some residents, makes for an exceptionally busy hospital from November to January.

When 89-year-old Winona fell and hurt her hip last

December, she was very relieved to be close to family and friends during her recovery.

Although her hip wasn't broken, it required her to stay for several weeks while it healed so we could manage her pain and monitor the injury. "I've been in other hospitals, and there's no place like Delta Hospital," Winona says. The long-time resident of Delta believes the care she received helped to keep her in good spirits even when her stay extended through Christmas, New Years and her birthday in early January.

That's why I'm writing you today, to ask you to remember Delta Hospital when you're making your holiday giving plans. We are continually needing to invest in our equipment so that we can maintain the outstanding quality of care we provide to our community. And we rely on donors like you to make sure our medical staff have the best tools and resources they need.

Your support of Delta Hospital is vitally important. Today, please consider making a special year-end holiday donation to support excellent healthcare right on your doorstep. Your generosity is key to our ability to provide the best possible care now and in the future.



Like Winona, our patients and their families are grateful for Delta Hospital. Every year, I'm struck by the number of people that come back to the hospital to thank us for the outstanding care we provided during, quite often, stressful times.

I believe Delta Hospital is a jewel, because of the strong and loyal connection we have with our community. That's why we attract such talented medical professionals, and that's why our staff are so committed to Delta Hospital.

I've worked a lot of holidays at Delta Hospital, and I can tell you that our patients really appreciate that we're there for them when they need us most. They feel fortunate to have exceptional healthcare so close to home. They're comforted because their family and friends can visit them any time. And they trust the expertise of staff that always goes the extra mile.

Today, I hope you will continue that tradition of support and make a holiday donation to **your** community hospital. We need your support to make Delta Hospital the best it can be for everyone who needs help during this busy season.

You've seen the equipment wish-list included with this letter. Every fall, as medical teams across the hospital plan for the holiday surge, we note the equipment that has to be upgraded, repaired or replaced. We're so grateful to you and all our supporters, because we know that our equipment needs simply cannot be met without donor support.

We hope you will help Delta Hospital continue our tradition of excellence by giving generously this holiday season. Please make your gift today.

On behalf of the Delta Hospital family, I wish you and yours a happy holiday season, and a very healthy New Year.

Sincerely,



Dr. Dan Rubin,
Site Medical Director



*Dr. Heather Enns, Emergency Department Head, Dr. Dan Rubin, Site Medical Director,
Dr. Jean Segal, Chief of Surgery, Dr. Robert Shaw, Head of Internal Medicine.*

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P.S. There's something very special about working at Delta Hospital during the holiday season. It's special, too, for patients like Winona, who found the care and comfort she needed to return to her independent lifestyle.