



**La Ronge Elks #554  
Mamawetan Churchill River Health Region**



## **News Release**

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### **La Ronge Elks donate \$200,000 towards purchase of new ultrasound equipment**

The La Ronge Elks Club has donated \$200,000 to the Mamawetan Churchill River Health Region to be used for the purchase of new ultrasound equipment. The money was raised in June at an Ultrasoundoff event that included a Radiothon hosted by the Missinipe Broadcasting Corporation (MBC Radio) and Rawlco Radio. The day also included a pancake breakfast, barbeque lunch and evening cabaret.

"The community really responded to our call for donations," said Elks Exalted Ruler Ron Fiske. "When we set our goal of \$200,000, we knew it was ambitious. While there were a number of larger donations of between \$10,000 and \$25,000, it was very satisfying to see the number of smaller donations. They really made the difference."

"What really touched me was when 6-year old Kolby Vancoughnett came in with his rolls of pennies that he had been saving," said Project Chairperson, Mike Layton.

The Elks Club contributed \$30,000 of its own funds towards the total.

The cheque was presented by Fiske and Layton to Mamawetan Churchill River Regional Health Authority Board Chair, Joe Hordyski at an appreciation event on September 10, 2009 hosted by the Board to thank the Elks, Rawlco Radio, MBC Radio and all the volunteers.

"We are very grateful to everyone who contributed in any way," said Hordyski. "New ultrasound equipment at the La Ronge Health Centre will benefit clients, not only in La Ronge, but from other centres who come here for service."

Over 1000 ultrasounds are performed each year at the La Ronge Health Centre.

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