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FOUNDATION

## GRAND ROUNDS

### RVH 'heartened' by support from young members of our community

Several years ago, Our Lady of Fatima (OLF) students in Mrs. Marion Kelly's Grade 2 class decided to send hearts to RVH as a way to show medical personnel how much their service in our community means to students.

Dr. Steven Radke, RVH Chief of Staff, visited OLF that first time to receive the hearts, which were displayed in the main hallway at RVH.

Every year since, in the month of February, Our Lady of Fatima has sent hearts and a donation to RVH.

Staff and students wanted to continue the tradition of giving back to RVH this year.

OLF Principal Jeannie Armstrong says the ongoing support stems from a

wonderful existing partnership and the involvement of RVH employees, including parents of students new to the school, Shyla and Devan Deshpande—whose mother is Dr. Geena Joseph, RVH Nephrologist, and Bianca DeJesus—whose mother is Dr. Tara Avelino and father is Dr. Anthony DeJesus, both physicians at RVH.

A Valentine's dance was held by Bianca and Devan's JK/SK classes with students donating \$2 to attend. In addition, students in Grades 1-7 held a Valentine's dance. These dances raised \$300 for the *I Choose RVH* campaign. The school is proud of its connections to community partners and the close relationship with RVH that includes

Adopt-a-Grandparent, Heritage Days and other events involving students at the hospital.

"We think this partnership creates meaningful relationships between our young people and our seniors. There is so much our young people can learn from the

wisdom of our seniors and we are grateful that students are able to experience these positive relationships," says Armstrong.

"We are proud of this wonderful partnership and hope to continue supporting RVH in the future," adds Armstrong.



RVH physicians Geena Joseph and Tara Avelino visited Our Lady of Fatima Catholic School to accept a donation to the RVH Foundation. Pictured from left are: Mrs. Lindsay Morton, Dr. Geena Joseph, Shyla and Devan Deshpande, Bianca DeJesus, Dr. Tara Avelino, and Mrs. Raina Newberry.

For more information about *I Choose RVH*, contact the Foundation at 613-432-4851 ext. 312