



From Left: Claire Harwood - head of maternity, Don Stirling - shriner, Millie Asling - Hospital Administrator, Wally Gentles - shriner, Joe Seede - shriner. This is the third birthing bed to be presented to the Fort St John Hospital as part of a \$30,000 neo-natal unit to be donated by the local Shrine Temple. When it's completed the unit will consist of three beds and two resuscitators, to assist in making labour and birthing easier and safer for mothers and babies. In medical terms the new facility provides modern equipment in trauma situations but it also gives "peace of mind". In 1993 local Shriners Association raised \$19,000, \$10,000 of which is going to the neo-natal unit which is in keeping with the Shriners' main charity. The other \$9,000 went to the organizations central office in Burnaby where it funds projects and equipment at the Shrine Hospital for Crippled Children. This money is made available to assist families with travel expenses where there is a need. Local shriners raise their money through an annual auction and through weekly bingos.

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