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Hasn't this year just flown? It is timely to take a moment to catch you up with news from the Trust and wish you all a very merry and safe Christmas season.

2010 was action packed too say the least. Here are a few highlights from the later part of the year...



The 2010 Ladies Luncheon was held at **Longlands** during November. We always look forward to organising the Ladies Lunch. It is such fun and this year was no exception. Our speaker was Wendyl Nissen, writer, commentator and self proclaimed Green Goddess. We were delighted to have her join us, complete with hens as you can see. **Matamata Unichem** was our main sponsor and we really appreciated their support. Proceeds from this event supported the purchase of a new Foetal heart monitor for Maternity unit

The Real Homes and Gardens Tour 2010 was very successful. We had 8 lovely, and all very different, homes and gardens included this year. 440 people visited these homes during the course of the day and feed back indicates everyone had a great day.

We had fabulous support from our local community. This included the very generous home owners, our main sponsors, those businesses who donated products and vouchers, local interior designers and florists who assisted with their creativity, and our local service groups who provided security on the day. It was certainly a shining example of our community pulling together for a common good.

And to finish the day we had **Annabelle White** returned to entertain 120 people at a wine and cheese function at **The Plantation**. It really was lots of fun. The whole day provided \$22,000 for the Foundation Building Fund which will support the new Wing Project at Pohlen.



The New Wing Project

2011 will be an important year for the Foundation in securing donations, philanthropic grants, and associated fundraising events so as to support this project.

The new Wing will provide 6 additional beds to take Pohlen's bed total to 39. This general ward will ease the constant demand for beds at Pohlen, by our community.



Aside from our focus on the new wing we have been able to replace some rather important pieces of equipment required by the hospital.

The Ladies Lunch proceeds assisted with **the purchase of a foetal heart monitor**. We have recently received two very generous donations to support the foetal heart monitor. **Matamata Kiwanis** Garry King presented our Chairperson Lady Margaret Spring with a cheque for half the cost of the monitor. **Hamilton Sky City Trust** also lent their support. We are very grateful for both of these donations. On average 20 babies per month are born In Pohlen. We just can't do without this monitor!



Daltons Daisies for Pohlen held one of their famous raffles during October and presented The Foundation with a donation which has been used to help

purchase an Electrocardiograph monitor [an ECG machine] which measures heart activity. We really do appreciate the wonderful work these nine women do for Pohlen. We also received a donation from the **Women's Division of Federated Farmers Karamu Trust** for the other half of the funds required for the ECG monitor.

Recently we have been able to purchase a **new convection oven** for our extremely busy kitchen here at Pohlen. Did you know that the kitchen staff provide on average 32 meals on wheels per day? Meals on wheels as well as the regular meals for 33 patients meant the old domestic oven had done its dash. **Grass Roots Trust** helped us out here. Thank you!



We have recently held our AGM and would like to take this opportunity to welcome **Elisabeth Atherton** as our **newest Trustee**. Liz has a wealth of experience in voluntary work and was one of our organisers for the 2010 Real Homes and Garden Tour. Liz joins Lady Margaret Spring, Lance O'Sullivan, Robin Steed, Lindsay Tisch, Ric Wiley, and Ewan Atherton. We are all delighted that Liz has offered her services as Trustee.

A very big thank you must go to **Joce Hoebergen** who has just resigned as Trustee. Joce has been with the Foundation for three years and has been extremely supportive of all events particularly as organiser of both the 2008, and 2010 Real Homes and Gardens Tours.

*Do remember **the Outdoor Exercise Equipment** here at Pohlen. It is **free** to use and will be just what you need to work off all that Christmas cheer. Try ten minutes on the air walker for a short sharp cardio workout!*

Merry Christmas to you all

