

Cooksville Legion Helps Local Citizens in Different Ways

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Your Branch #582 Donation Committee recently received an inquiry from Spinal Cord Injury Ontario (advocate for a local hospitalized patient) requesting funds that were not eligible under our experience-proven guidelines and it initially appeared that we were unable to assist with their particular request.

Some further review determined that the financial need was to potentially supplement some partial government funding for a badly needed wheelchair. While the original funding itself wasn't possible, Br. 582 still thought we just might be able to help this community member after all.

Part of our mandate is to primarily assist RCL members & veterans in the community who have a medical situation calling for use of items as a walker, wheelchair, or crutches, etc. If your Donation Committee learns of these particular situations, we automatically consult with branch member Sheldon MacLean, who heads up this medical equipment program for Br. 582 (as well as our relevant "Pop Can Tabs for Wheelchairs" project). The branch tries to maintain a small inventory of this loaner equipment to fulfill the potential need of our primary purpose. In this instance, Sheldon quickly informed us that the current inventory was likely more than ample for our primary use and he immediately followed up with this non-member case...but as we agreed...still a community citizen in need!

The result is that with Sheldon's capable assistance, our branch was once again able to help someone in the community. It's since been reported back that the individual (and advocate) are very happy and appreciative for this help and the use of this equipment from the Cooksville Legion.

If you know of a family member, friend, or neighbour having a need for an Assistive Medical Device of this type, be sure to check the loan possibilities with our *current inventory status*.