

October 31, 2016

Township of North Huron 274 Josephine Street, Wingham ON NOG 2W0

Dear Reeve Neil Vincent and Council,

Our community is fortunate for the committed and talented rural doctors that safeguard our health and contribute to our wellbeing. It is that time year again when we show our doctors how much we appreciate them. The Wingham & Area Health Professionals Recruitment Committee intends to formally thank our Rural Physicians for their dedicated service during Doctor Appreciation week - November 21<sup>rd</sup> through November 25th. Typically, to show our appreciation, we place posters around town, host a coffee break and present baskets of local 'goodies' to our Doctors. These tokens of appreciation have always been graciously received.

The success of Wingham and area's appreciation efforts, made possible by the generous donations of business owners and community members, has prompted other communities to mirror our activities for their own Physician Recognition Programs.

The donation of something small from several businesses creates a "basket of plenty" to show our gratitude to the doctors who do so much for many of us. Previous donations have included locally produced goods, gift certificates for local businesses, and lifestyle products. This year we are pleased to make up 29 baskets in recognition of our Staff Physicians, Locums and Visiting Specialists. We appreciate your kind consideration of this request for a donation towards our appreciation baskets. We plan to formally recognize all contributors to Doctor Appreciation Week following the basket presentations.

A member of the Healthcare Professionals Recruitment Committee will be following up with you in the next couple of weeks. If you are interested in donating or have any further questions, please contact Jan McKague-Weishar at 519-357-3711 x. 5294. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Verna Steffler, Chair

Wingham & Area Health Professionals Recruitment Committee