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PLUMAS DISTRICT HOSPITAL VOLUNTEERS DONATE \$20,000 FOR PURCHASE OF BLADDER SCANNER



QUINCY, CA, September 22, 2009 - President Mary Edwards and Treasurer Rita Marshall presented Richard Hathaway, CEO and Linda Jameson, CNO with funds to purchase a Verathon BVI 9400 Bladder Scanner.

“We are very excited to have this new piece of equipment,” said Chief Nursing Officer Linda Jameson. “It will significantly reduce the number of catheterizations we perform each year at Plumas District Hospital.”

The Verathon BVI 9400 Bladder Scanner is a valuable diagnostic tool. The portable, noninvasive ultrasound instrument measures bladder volume and helps patients to avoid unnecessary catheterization. Catheterization is uncomfortable for patients and often causes infections that require antibiotic treatment. Using a Bladder Scanner, a health care professional, will obtain a precise reading of a patient's bladder volume in less than five minutes.

Over the past 31 years, the Plumas District Hospital Volunteers have donated over \$300,000 to the hospital. Today, *The Bargain Boutique* is the main source of income for the Volunteers.