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**Friends of Lewis County Hospice Donate \$125,000
To Support Lewis County Hospice**

LOWVILLE, NY— The Friends of Lewis County Hospice presented a \$125,000 check to Lewis County Hospice to support patient needs during end-of-life care in Lewis County.

“The ongoing generosity and support of the Friends of Lewis County Hospice has been incredible,” stated Gerald R. Cayer, Lewis County Health System Chief Executive Officer. “Hospice depends on the support of a caring community to sustain access to services in rural Lewis County.”

Hospice serves about 75 people in the county annually with palliative and end-of-life care for terminally ill people in their homes, in the nursing home, and general inpatient respite at the hospital.

“Hospice provides such an essential service to our community and does so with care and compassion,” stated Friends of Lewis County Hospice Board President Loretta Keys. “We are pleased to be able to help provide support for Hospice patients and families so they can live life as fully as possible during the dying process.”

The Friends of Lewis County Hospice board primarily focuses on fundraising, and elevating awareness of the services Hospice offers to the local community. For more information about Friends of Lewis County Hospice and how to donate or volunteer, visit <http://friendsoflchospice.org/>.

For more information about Lewis County Hospice services, call 315-376-5308.

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In photo: Friends of Lewis County Hospice Board Members present a symbolic check for \$125,000 to Lewis County Hospice staff and Lewis County Health System Chief Executive Officer Gerald R. Cayer. In photo front row left to right: Friends of Lewis County Hospice representatives, Marsha Zehr, Gerald Cayer, Joanne Dicob, Linda Noftsier, and Sue Matuszczak. Back row left to right: Tess DeVoe, Marie Lamb, Katie Root, Alisha Smith, Holli Townsend, Delynne Farr, Ashley Moore, Angie Bauer, Tammy Suiter, and Sheri Schulz.