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New to You

As we near the end of the summer season and the children head back to school for another year we reflect on the past few months at the *New to You* store.

We are into our 2nd year of our *New to You* Farmers Market and although the time changed we are doing well, with local Farmers and Vendors attending. In addition to our Farmers market we also have the Kraemer Chip Truck that has been very successful in his first year at the *New to You*.

We enjoyed two GHVA Volunteer appreciation BBQ's at the store in July and August that our GHVA board members organized and with the help from our local retail stores that donated quite a bit of the food, condiment and refreshment items. It was a welcome break and a good way for us to show our appreciation to all our wonderful volunteers.

A big Thank you to Ron Wilkins Jewelers in Fergus for all their time and energy that they so generously give to value many of our items that we use in our auctions and sell at the store. We are so fortunate to have such a good team of volunteers that put so many hours into the *New to You* and we are always looking for new volunteers that would like to spend just a few hours a week volunteering for the hospital at the *New to You* Store.

Come Join our Team at the *New to You*

“Fergus’s Hidden Treasure” Groves Hospital Gift Shop

It has been a busy summer at the gift shop!

Ladies colourful summer hats, sleeveless tops, totes and scarves were featured within the shop. Garden tool solar LED lights, cheerful Gnomes and flower outdoor metal décor added interest to any garden.

We introduced “Colour Therapy” to our customers. Therapists are using colour therapy with not only stroke patients but those with depression with success. It is a very relaxing activity for all ages.

We carry hard cover, spiral style, different size pads and travel size colouring books along with colour pencils & sharpeners.

A gift set is available which has a book and pencils together-perfect introduction. This relaxing activity has been so successful we have had to reorder merchandise to cover the demand.

Added features to our “Baby” section has been a Fireman onsie, pink & blue rattle elephants and hedgehogs, which have been a big hit!

Volunteers & community members continue to donate beautiful handcrafted baby blankets and sweaters which are always well received by customers. Thank you!

As you read this, “Fall” will slowly be displayed in the shop come and check out the unique gift ideas. We welcomed two new volunteers Marilyn MacQuarrie and Kathleen Talbot who are covering every Monday & Wednesday evenings.

Sharyn Banks & Carol Kirby, Coordinators.