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Keeping the Doctor Flying

In December 2008 KCGM celebrated a significant milestone in achieving three million man hours without a Lost Time Injury (LTI).

This site wide achievement marked the culmination of more than twelve months without any employee spending time away from the job due to a work related injury or illness.

Sadly this run came to an end in January 2009 when KCGM employee, Karen Mitchell, tragically lost her life after being fatally injured in a workplace accident.

Karen's death was felt across the entire site and in light of this, KCGM employees and contractors elected to utilise the funds that in the past have been allocated to small gifts of appreciation to mark the LTI milestone, to make a combined donation to a charity elected by Karen's family.

Karen's family were quick to elect the Royal Flying Doctor Service as their preferred charity and KCGM couldn't agree more.

Subsequently, a donation of \$30,000 was made to this vital community service partner during March.

"I would like to thank the Kalgoorlie Consolidated Gold Mines team for the overwhelming support they provide to the Royal Flying Doctor Service. This amazing donation has come to us through tragic circumstances, but this act of charity will aid us in our mission to save lives.

I am humbled by the decision of the KCGM staff to have this cheque donated to the RFDS and whole-heartedly thank the Mitchell family for their involvement. I am astounded on a daily basis by the strength and generosity of others, and this truly is one of those times." - Rebekah Thomson, RFDS Visitor Centre & Fundraising Coordinator

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