



**Charlie Robertson from Red Cross receives grant from Sheri Coles, manager of Integris Credit Union**



**\$2310 to Canadian Red Cross HELP Cupboard for much needed renovations to the storage area.**

### **HELP is on the Way!**

Funded in part by the Integris Credit Union Fund, the Canadian Red Cross HELP Cupboard receives \$2310 to restructure the Loan Cupboard. At the annual Gala on April 11, Director (and Quesnel Branch Manager of Integris Credit Union) Sheri Coles presented the cheque to volunteer Charlie Robertson.

The Canadian Red Cross has been providing medical equipment loans to British Columbians since 1947. After the Second World War, sickroom supply loan cupboards were created to provide medical equipment assistance to returning veterans. In the years since, this program has been expanded and transformed into today's HELP program.

The Health Equipment Loan Program is a volunteer -run, community-based service through which any person needing medical equipment to live safely at home may obtain such equipment. By facilitating community sharing of specialized medical equipment distributed from a depot managed entirely by volunteers, HELP operations ensure that community members who have experienced sudden illness or injury have the essential medical equipment they need to safely recover, continue to engage with the community, and return to their lives. The Quesnel HELP depot carries mobility aids such as wheelchairs and walkers and home safety aides such as bath benches and seats, toilet seats and commodes, bed handles, and other durable medical equipment. This equipment is available for short term loans to Quesnel community members in need free of charge or on a by-donation basis.

The Quesnel Health Equipment Loan Program (HELP) is located at 543 Front Street and it is open Mon, Thur and Fri from 10 am to 1:30 pm. Their phone number is 250-991-7565. If you have equipment to donate, please contact the Quesnel depot directly. If you are interested in volunteering, contact the Red Cross volunteer recruitment team by email: [BCYvolunteering@Redcross.ca](mailto:BCYvolunteering@Redcross.ca) or visit their website at [www.redcross.ca](http://www.redcross.ca).