



Left to right: Ken Schneikart, Donna Wald and Steve Wald. Wald Ambulance is fully equipped.

# Fund started to save lives

By Michael Bennett

On Friday, October 1, exactly one month after a front-page story in The Times announced the efforts of Wald ambulance to obtain a heart monitor unit for their ambulance, residents of Assiniboia's Pioneer Lodge presented Steve Wald with a cheque for \$1,700.

The seniors' contribution has been the largest single contribution to date.

Steve Wald was almost at a loss for words at the cheque presentation, but thanked everyone for their "kind support". The Times spoke to Mr. Wald several days later and his response was still one of subdued amazement. "It was overwhelming; very, very generous," he said.

He told The Times the fund now had \$2,479, and had received many substantial individual contributions.

## Touched them

In a brief speech before a four-by-eight-foot cheque was presented by 100-year-old Anna Olsen, resident Olive Thomas told Steve Wald that The Times story and his efforts to save lives had

"touched us all" and gave them the interest and incentive to help him in his efforts. One hundred and eight residents contributed to the fund.

The Heart Monitor Fund is a memorial fund set up by the family of the late Mabel Anderson, who died of a cardiac arrest this past June. Although a heart monitor could not have saved Mrs. Anderson, the family knew that such a monitor unit in the ambulance

could save the lives of other victims heart attacks.

The total cost of the heart monitor unit will be some \$8,000, and will allow ambulance personnel and doctors to accurately monitor the electrical activity of the heart and know immediately which course of action to take. As the September 1 story in The Times pointed out, the victim of a cardiac arrest has

but minutes before treatment must begin. Presence of a mobile monitor unit in an ambulance has the potential to give the heart patient the care required in those crucial minutes.

Rose Martel, Activities Director of Pioneer Lodge Hostel, who collected on behalf of the residents, told The Times the residents think what Steve Wald is doing is excellent and are more than happy to do everything they can to help.



Times photo by Laurie Keller

## More money

Steven Wald accepts a cheque from the staff of the Pioneer Lodge in the amount of \$450.00 for the Heart Monitor fund. Cathy Coroluick is presenting the cheque. The fund is now up to about \$3,000. It's a good start but there is still another \$5,000 to go.