

Stevenson Announces Transformational Health Care Campaign

New Tecumseth, Ontario – Wednesday, April 19, 2017

Stevenson Memorial Hospital Foundation launched the Transforming Stevenson Campaign, a multi-year campaign with a goal of raising \$8 million towards transforming the Hospital for our growing community.

Members from Stevenson's many surrounding Townships were on hand to help the Foundation celebrate the launch. Representatives from the towns of New Tecumseth, Innisfil, Adjala-Tosorontio, and Essa each announced that their Town Councils have proclaimed April 19, 2017 as **Transforming Stevenson Day**.

The Transforming Stevenson Campaign is the hospital's first step towards funding new, innovative technologies and critical equipment that is vital to the hospital's future success. The Campaign has three major areas of investment: the implementation of **SHINE – One Patient, One Record (Shared Health Information Network Exchange)**, **annual critical equipment needs**, and **redevelopment planning costs**.

The Campaign kicked off with a strong start, with the Stevenson Foundation receiving substantial commitments from long-time community supporters: The Nottawasaga Foundation and McDonald's Alliston and Angus. In addition, Flato Development Inc. announced their commitment to the future of Stevenson.

Stevenson Memorial Hospital has partnered with Markham Stouffville Hospital and Southlake Regional Health Centre to implement SHINE, which will be shared between the three hospitals. With an investment cost of \$5 million, the SHINE technology will assist hospital medical professionals in generating complete health records and in connecting results from new technologies like smart vital signs monitors and IV pumps to patient files. It will also grant staff access to clinical decision support tools. By taking a "one patient, one record" approach, SHINE will allow South Simcoe, Newmarket, or Markham Stouffville hospital patients to have their virtual records moved with them in the event of a transfer. "Continuing to strengthen our partnership with Southlake Regional Health Centre and Markham Stouffville Hospital will not only change the way that we provide care to our patients, but will be our first step in redeveloping Stevenson," Dr. Jody Levac, President & CEO, Stevenson Memorial Hospital.

In addition to SHINE, the hospital has identified approximately **\$1 million in other priority capital equipment** that will be funded through the Transforming Stevenson Campaign. One such priority

purchase includes forty Smart Technology Infusion Pumps. These state-of-the art pumps, valued at nearly \$300,000, will be used throughout the hospital in the Medical/Surgical, Emergency, Obstetrics, and Dialysis Departments. The pumps will electronically transfer patient data to their electronic medical records and subsequently reduce transcription errors, improve patient identification to minimize risk, and give clinicians immediate access to accurate patient information at all times. They will also enable clinicians to spend more time on patient care and less time on chart documentation, which will have a very positive impact on the quality of care offered at Stevenson while also providing safe efficient care through integration with SHINE.

Stevenson Memorial Hospital was created with the vision to provide the best-quality health care for the communities it serves. The current hospital was built in 1964 to serve a population of 10,000, with an emergency department built to handle 7,000 visits a year. Today, the emergency department treats over 35,000 patients annually. To accommodate our growing communities' health care needs, the hospital is in the process of submitting its Stage 2 submission to the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care (MOHLTC). The Transforming Stevenson campaign will provide the **necessary funding to complete the planning and preparation of the Stage 2 submission.**

"The Transforming Stevenson Campaign impacts everyone in our community. We have been overwhelmed by the support that we are already receiving from our local community. We are grateful to our donors and our volunteers, without whom none of this would be possible," says Tanya Wall, Executive Director, Stevenson Memorial Hospital Foundation.

For more information about how you can help us to raise \$8 million for the Transforming Campaign, please visit the Foundation's new website www.transformingstevenson.ca.

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For more information about Stevenson Memorial Hospital and detailed updated about the redevelopment process visit:
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The Stevenson Memorial Hospital Foundation is dedicated to raising funds in support of Stevenson Memorial Hospital, consistent with donor interests and enabling the Hospital to deliver excellent health care to our community.