

Transforming Stevenson campaign over half way to reaching its goal

[New Tecumseth, ON – Feb. 6, 2018] Stevenson Memorial Hospital Foundation’s Transforming Stevenson campaign has been gaining momentum over the last few months, thanks to the community’s support of the holiday campaign and a recent commitment from the County of Simcoe. The Foundation has now reached over \$17 million of their \$30 million goal.

The \$30 million Transforming Stevenson campaign has three areas of focus:

- Redevelopment of the hospital
- SHINE – Shared Health Information Network Exchange: (new electronic medical records system)
- Equipment needs

Launched in April 2017, the Transforming Stevenson campaign has received significant support from the Honda Canada Foundation, pledging \$4 million; the Nottawasaga Foundation, pledging \$1 million and the County of Simcoe, most recently pledging \$10 million towards redevelopment of the hospital.

“I am thrilled with the support we have received from community members and local organizations for our Transforming Stevenson campaign,” says Tanya Wall, Executive Director, Stevenson Memorial Hospital Foundation. “While we have raised more than half of our fundraising goal, additional support is needed to ensure we reach our overall target. Our community is in desperate need of an updated facility.”

SHINE – technology a key pillar for Stevenson’s future

One of these key updates is technology. Stevenson Memorial Hospital is embarking on a partnership with Markham Stouffville Hospital and Southlake Regional Health Centre to implement a new health information system. The first of its kind in Ontario, the partnership is referred to as SHINE (Shared Health Information Network Exchange). By taking a shared system approach, SHINE technology will provide medical professionals with seamless access to patient information at all three sites, improving patient safety and supporting faster diagnosis and treatment.

With the growing population in our community and surrounding areas, Stevenson’s patient volumes have soared, increasing pressure on its healthcare professionals, equipment and the facility. Built in 1964, the hospital’s Emergency Department was designed to manage 7,000 patients a year. It now serves almost 40,000 a year. A revitalized and redeveloped Stevenson Memorial Hospital will include an enhanced Emergency Department, state-of-the-art Diagnostic Imaging and Laboratory, and a refreshed Inpatient and Outpatient area. These improvements will double the current footprint of the hospital from 71,925 to 161,577 square feet.

“It is imperative that Stevenson Memorial Hospital continues to work towards the future redevelopment of the hospital,” says Jody Levac, President and CEO, Stevenson Memorial Hospital. “I am excited and thankful for the progress that has been made, and I am determined to continue to rally our community to make our redevelopment plan a reality. Together, we can bring Stevenson Memorial Hospital into the 21st century and give our community a modernized facility and improved services. ”

For more information on the Transforming Stevenson campaign and how you can participate, please visit www.transformingstevenson.ca.

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