

For Immediate Release
Tuesday, October 11, 2016



**Stevenson Memorial Hospital Foundation Invites the Community to
Attend the 2017 Stars & Scrubs Gala Benefiting our Local Hospital!**

New Tecumseth, Ontario – The Stevenson Memorial Hospital Foundation invites the community to support our local hospital by purchasing a ticket for the 2017 Stars & Scrubs Hospital Gala. This year’s event will build on the momentum from the overwhelming success of the 2015 Gala, which raised over \$450,000 with net proceeds going directly to support the purchase of critical equipment needs at the hospital. The upcoming Gala will be taking place at the Nottawasaga Inn on Friday, May 26, 2017, where guests will enjoy a night under the stars with a gourmet dinner, live entertainment, and captivating auctions. Gala Chair Krista Tomini commented about the event, “The Stars & Scrubs Hospital Gala is an elegant evening that celebrates sponsors, donors, physicians, nurses, hospital staff and committed volunteers who are truly the stars of our community.”

The Foundation is thrilled to welcome back to the event the very entertaining Kevin Frankish as the evening’s host. Kevin is Co-Host of *Breakfast Television* and has helped elevate the CTV Toronto morning show to the number one spot in Southern Ontario with two million viewers weekly. With his trademark suspenders and quick wit, Frankish has a loyal early morning following and has been repeatedly recognized for his career achievements and community involvement including participating once again with the hospital Gala. Joining Kevin on stage will be returning auctioneer Don Reinhart, who is the fast talking auctioneer extraordinaire from *Storage Wars Canada*. New to the event is the dynamic band Parkside Drive who will serenade guests with soulful jazz and later in the evening have everyone on their feet with hit covers from the 80s to today’s music. There is something for everyone!

Those attending will not only enjoy a magical night, but will most importantly have the opportunity to make a real difference in lives of thousands of residents in our community. We are expecting over 500 guests, made up of business and government leaders and community members. We still have several different levels of sponsorship available, and are accepting silent auction donations.

The core of all of Stevenson Memorial Hospital Foundation’s work is the health and well-being of our patients in the communities we serve. Originally equipped to handle 7,000 annual visits, our Emergency Department sees over 35,000 patients annually, and is a top performer in terms of low wait times consistently in the province.

Tickets to this coveted event are limited and early bird rates go on sale November 1st, 2016 for \$195.00 per person and can be purchased at the Foundation office, online at www.stevensonfoundation.ca, or at 705-435-6281 ext. 1262. A block of rooms has been set aside for guests wishing to stay at the Nottawasaga Inn the night of the Gala. The rooms are being offered at a special rate of \$139 (plus tax) per room, per night. Please call 1-800-669-5501, ask for Reservations and quote block #: 23324 to reserve your room for the Stevenson Memorial Hospital Gala.

We hope that on November 1st you will purchase a ticket to join us at this remarkable event, and make a direct contribution to the quality of healthcare within our community.

-30-

For more information:
Melody Craggs, CFRE
Senior Development Officer
Stevenson Memorial Hospital Foundation
mcraggs@smhosp.on.ca
705-435-6281 Ext. 1263

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.