

Innisfil Community Foundation provides \$7,500 grant to the Stevenson Memorial Hospital Foundation

[New Tecumseth, ON – June 26, 2020] – Since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, there have been significant needs for equipment, including personal protective equipment (PPE) at Stevenson Memorial Hospital (SMH). The Stevenson Memorial Hospital Foundation (SMHF) created a COVID-19 Pandemic Response Fund in support of the Hospital and is thrilled to announce a \$7,500 grant towards the Fund provided by the Innisfil Community Foundation.

Funds will be used to purchase a Powered Air Purifying Respirator (PAPR), which can be worn in replace of an N95 mask. It is a battery-powered blower worn over the head that provides positive air flow through a filter, protecting staff from contaminated air. The equipment will be used in the Operating Room and the Emergency Department during procedures that may involve airborne particles or respiratory droplets, such as intubation.

“We really appreciate the support in being able to purchase equipment such as the PAPR, that will keep our staff safe throughout the pandemic,” says William Bye, Chief Financial & Information Officer and VP Corporate Services, SMH. “From a financial perspective, our costs associated with the COVID-19 pandemic have impacted the Hospital significantly, affecting our budget and bottom line. I thank the Innisfil Community Foundation for their support,” he adds.

The Innisfil Community Foundation works with organizations in the community to develop sustainable solutions for big picture systemic problems. They invest in community-driven solutions that will help improve quality of life.

“Innisfil had the fourth highest number of visits from our catchment area, with nearly 3000 visits to SMH in the last year,” says Tanya Wall, Executive Director, SMHF. “We are dependent on our entire community in order to purchase urgently needed equipment and technology. We are grateful for the grant received by the Innisfil Community Foundation and thrilled to share that it will be matched by The Morningview Foundation, as part of their Pandemic Response Fund matching gift,” she adds.

For more information about the SMHF COVID-19 Pandemic Response Fund, please visit www.transformingstevenson.ca.

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