

Local family makes first pledge of the New Year towards the redevelopment of Stevenson Memorial Hospital

[New Tecumseth, ON – January 6, 2020] – A local family is kicking off 2020 in a big way at Stevenson Memorial Hospital (SMH) by pledging \$50,000 towards the *Because of you, we can* Capital Campaign. On Monday, January 6th, Bob and Pat Jackson were at SMH to present their pledge of \$50,000 to the Stevenson Memorial Hospital Foundation (SMHF), the *First Pledge of 2020*.

"It is a privilege to start 2020 off right by pledging our support to Stevenson and local healthcare. Pat and I, as well as our daughter, son-in-law and two grandsons were born at Stevenson. We have lived in the area all of our lives. We feel a responsibility to help strengthen it in any way that we can. By choosing to support the hospital, we are giving back to local residents who rely on receiving vital healthcare services close to home," says Bob Jackson.

To date, over \$20 million has been raised towards the *Because of you, we can* Capital Campaign, bringing the campaign to nearly 50 per cent of its \$43 million goal. As the largest campaign in the history of the SMHF, funds are being raised in support of the Hospital's redevelopment project, Health Information System and annual equipment needs. The hospital relies on the support of the community for enhancements to infrastructure, equipment and technology, as the government does not provide annual funding for these critical needs.

"This is an exceptional way to ring in the New Year and start 2020 off strong on our path to reaching our campaign goal," says Tanya Wall, Executive Director, SMHF. "On behalf of the SMHF, I thank the Jackson family for this generous \$50,000 contribution that will be sure to set the Foundation on the right path to achieving a revitalized hospital."

The Hospital's redevelopment project includes a revitalized Emergency Department, doubling the square footage of the hospital and tripling the amount of parking space. Refreshed outpatient rooms, birthing suites and laboratory space are also included in the plans.

For more information about how you can help and get involved, please visit www.transformingstevenson.ca

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