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Volunteers needed to help raise \$100,000

SMGH Foundation seeks volunteers for hospital fundraising gala

Strathroy, ON - The Strathroy Hospital Foundation is asking you to consider volunteering some of your time to help raise \$100,000 for health care at the upcoming 'Images of Excellence' Gala fundraising dinner & silent auction this fall.

On October 13th, 2007, the Fundraising Gala Dinner will celebrate the new diagnostic imaging services now available for patients. The Gala will be held at the Caradoc Community Centre in Mount Brydges. Tickets are \$125/person with all proceeds supporting the CT scanner campaign of the Middlesex Hospital Alliance (MHA).

15-20 Volunteers are needed to help with various tasks the week before and during the event. Volunteers can help with assembling and set-up of the hall, running the silent auction, and clean-up at the end of the night. High school students could complete some of their 40 hours of community service by helping.

"The event planning committee is working hard this year to reach our goal of raising \$100,000 for the CT scanner, but we need more volunteers as we expand our program to include a silent auction," said Lorna Campbell, Gala Committee Co-Chair. "Volunteers can make any time commitment that they can give, be it once a week, or once a year. Our intention is to offer people a fun role where they will enjoy volunteering their time to help a good cause."



SMGH Foundation began the Gala Fundraising Event in September 2005 to honour individuals who had made extraordinary efforts to help health care in our community. The 2005 Gala raised \$47,000 for the Strathroy Hospital. The Volunteer Planning committee promises the 2007 Gala will be an elegant evening that includes dinner, entertainment and dancing to the sounds of the "Mister E Band".

To volunteer for the 2007 Gala, or for ticket information, please call the Foundation Office at 519-245-5295 x. 5044 or visit the web site at www.smghfoundation.on.ca.

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About Strathroy Middlesex General Hospital Foundation

Through community philanthropy, Strathroy Middlesex General Hospital Foundation supports patient care as a charitable organization dedicated to raising funds for the delivery of quality health care to the people of Strathroy and surrounding communities. The SMGH Foundation was incorporated as a registered charity in 1989 with the objective to encourage, manage and receive donations that support the needs of the hospital. The Foundation conducts a full complement of philanthropic programs, including an annual campaign, memorial gifts, special events, capital campaigns and planned giving.

About the Middlesex Health Alliance

The Middlesex Hospital Alliance (MHA) is an alliance between Four Counties Health Services (FCHS) in Newbury, Ontario and Strathroy Middlesex General Hospital (SMGH) in Strathroy, Ontario.

As an alliance, FCHS and SMGH work together to recruit, train, invest, and retain health care human resources, maximize new technologies and information systems, and to coordinate quality health service delivery through primary and secondary care and joint access to tertiary care.