



## **Hospital Foundation Receives \$25,000 Donation to CT Scanner Campaign from RBC Royal Bank**

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**Newbury, Ontario** – Four Counties Health Services Foundation and Strathroy Middlesex General Hospital Foundation recently accepted a \$25,000 contribution to the It's About Time Campaign, from RBC Royal Bank.

“RBC has been a great supporter and friend of both Four Counties and Strathroy Middlesex General Hospital,” says Sue McLean, CEO, Strathroy Middlesex General Hospital Foundation. “Their community spirit and financial support over many years, have had a lasting impact on patient care at the hospital. We are truly grateful for their support.”

After the donation was presented, RBC representatives from Strathroy and Sarnia joined Jim Herbert, Manager of Diagnostic Imaging at Strathroy Middlesex General Hospital (SMGH), to view the area where the scanner will be situated and to learn of the benefits CT scans will provide for patients of the Middlesex Hospital Alliance.

“RBC is pleased to help the MHA as they continue to make a difference in the lives of patients,” said Shane Dow, Branch Manager, RBC Strathroy. “Contributing to the health of our communities, in our own way, is something we take to heart.”

Currently patients of the Middlesex Hospital Alliance who require a CT scan must travel to other hospitals, sometimes by ambulance, and endure those other centres wait times. Once the new scanner is in use, patients will no longer be required to travel for a scan, improving access to care and wait times, while also reducing the cost of sending patients by ambulance to other health care facilities.

CT scans produce precise, cross-sectional images of bones, organs and soft tissues, making it a tremendously valuable diagnostic tool for physicians. The scanner can diagnose a number of serious illness and injury including many types of cancer, stroke, trauma and cardiovascular disease. It is estimated the new scanner will deliver 4300 annual scans, serving 80,000 residents living in the region.

The first phase of construction for the CT scanner suite was completed late January 2007, creating a hallway from the Department of Diagnostic Imaging and leading to the area where the scanner will be situated. Phase two of construction, beginning in late March, will remodel the area where the CT will reside. Hospital officials are hopeful the scanner will be in full use by spring.

“While construction has begun, we haven’t yet accomplished our goal of raising \$2.5 million for the CT scanner, but with the generosity of corporate donors like RBC and also the strong community support, I am optimistic we will get there,” said McLean.

The campaign to raise \$2.5 million dollars to help bring the CT scanner to the Middlesex Hospital Alliance is currently underway, jointly supported by Four Counties Health Services Foundation and Strathroy Middlesex General Hospital Foundation. The new scanner is part of a long range strategic investment in local health care that has helped to expand and improve technology and support services for patient care at the Middlesex Hospital Alliance.

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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.



**(From left) Shane Dow Branch Manager RBC Strathroy, Jim Herbert Manager Diagnostic Imaging SMGH, Sue McLean CEO SMGH Foundation, Brian Henderson Regional Vice President RBC Financial Group, Melissa Boucher SMGH Foundation Board Member.**



**RBC representatives view the CT scanner suite layout plan.**