



## **Successful Brinsley Hills Thunder Run Event raises funds for hospital**

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**Strathroy, ON** - Over \$9,000 was raised at the 3rd annual Brinsley Hills Thunder Run on July 21st. With over 136 riders participating in the motorcycle charity fundraiser and a large crowd gathered to see Rev. Freddie and the Distillers at the end of the night, this was the best year yet for the event.

With stops in Ingersoll, Baden and St. Mary's, riders covered a total of 252 km before they ended up in Brinsley Hills where many more supporters from the community joined them for a beef BBQ dinner, silent auction, prizes, raffle draws and free camping.

A cash prize was handed out for most pledges raised. Other prizes were awarded for poker hands picked up during the run. Joe McLeod of Parkhill and Kaitlin Gysbers of Ilderton each won a glass beer fridge in raffle draws.

"Thanks to everyone who came out to take part in the event, whether you rode the route or just came out for the BBQ and to see Rev. Freddie and the Distillers, in total \$9,000.00 was raised for Strathroy Hospital," said Teresa Vanderhoek, event organizer. "Thanks also to our sponsors who we couldn't have pulled off this event without."

Teresa also expressed her thanks to the Strathocha Shriners, Sue McLean and the Hospital Foundation, Mike Mazza and Nancy Maltby-Webster for their support, as well as the many donors of silent auction and door prizes, cash donations and food suppliers.

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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. Since 1999, the MHA allows both hospitals the opportunity to build on shared resources and expertise in order to provide the highest level of services possible to the surrounding communities. 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.