



YOUR IMPACT

MRI Care When it Matters Most



MRI images displayed at a clinical workstation, capturing the moment where advanced imaging translates into timely patient care.

The Bill & Lynne Gray, L.H. Gray & Son Ltd. Diagnostic Imaging Department featuring the Marilyn Buttery Lynne Lawrence CommonWealth Financial MRI Suite at Strathroy Middlesex General Hospital is delivering on its promise—*providing faster diagnoses, stronger continuity of care, and improved patient experiences every day*, made possible through the leadership support of our community's most generous donors.

Since becoming operational, the MRI team has completed more than 2,400 scans in just 1,800 operating hours, with Ministry approval to extend hours from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m., Monday to Friday—an approval granted faster than at any other site in the province and described by our clinical team as “unheard of.”

Below are just a few examples of how your support is changing lives in real time.

URGENT NEUROLOGY CASE

A 35-year-old outpatient required urgent neurological assessment and specialized MRI imaging following concerning CT findings. Instead of facing a prolonged wait, our MRI team coordinated directly with specialists at London Health Sciences Centre and arranged an expedited scan—allowing clinicians to move forward with diagnosis and treatment without delay.

NEUROSURGICAL CASE

When a neurosurgeon requested an urgent MRI to support surgical planning, our team accommodated the scan promptly—helping the patient proceed to surgery sooner and supporting better clinical outcomes.

CARE CLOSE TO HOME — WITH CONTINUITY AND DIGNITY

Since the MRI became operational, no SMGH inpatients have required transfer to another facility for MRI imaging, except in rare cases requiring highly specialized scans—improving continuity of care, reducing stress for patients and families, and lowering hospital costs.

We continue to hear from patients and families who are deeply grateful to have this service available in Strathroy—care made possible through extraordinary leadership support from our donors.. The impact of your support is visible every day in faster diagnoses, coordinated care, and compassionate service delivered close to home.

Campaign Progress

Since the MRI campaign launched in July 2024, we are proud to share that more than **\$5.87* million has been raised toward our \$8 million goal**. For a community where average annual donations total approximately \$1.5 million, this level of philanthropic support is truly exceptional and speaks to the foundational role of leadership giving.

To date, more than **\$5.2* million has already been disbursed directly to the Hospital**, enabling the rapid launch of the MRI Suite and the immediate delivery of care to patients across our region.

Strengthening Regional Capacity and Access

The development of MRI services at SMGH has progressed with incredible efficiency, reflecting both the clinical importance of the service and strong alignment across regional partners.

MRI Suite Development Timeline

- **JAN 2023** – Ministry of Health approval for MRI services at SMGH
- **JUL 2024** – MRI fundraising campaign launched
- **JAN 2025** – MRI unit delivered
- **APR 2025** – Opening of the *Bill & Lynne Gray, L.H. Gray & Son Ltd. Diagnostic Imaging Department* featuring the *Marilyn Butterly Lynne Lawrence CommonWealth Financial MRI Suite*
- **OCT 2025** – Ministry of Health approval to extend operational hours of MRI services – granted faster than at any other site in the province

In just over two years—from approval to activation—SMGH completed the full development, installation, and commissioning of MRI services.

Since the campaign launched in July 2024, the community—led by the extraordinary support of Bill and Lynne Gray—has contributed \$5.87* million toward the \$8 million goal, positioning the program for long-term sustainability.

CLINICAL IMPACT

Faster Diagnosis and Seamless Care

Examples already demonstrate the difference local MRI access makes:

- **Urgent neurology case:** expedited imaging enabling rapid diagnosis in collaboration with LHSC
- **Neurosurgical case:** MRI performed within hours to facilitate same-day surgical planning.
- **No inpatient transfers** required for MRI imaging since the suite opened—improving continuity of care and reducing costs

Value Through Collaboration

With sincere thanks for your support, MRI services at SMGH now provide improved access and strengthened diagnostic capacity—helping ensure a more efficient, stable, and collaborative regional imaging network.

MRI SUITE

At-A-Glance



2,482 MRI scans completed in the first 1,803.5 operational hours



Projected 4,460 scans annually (exceeding optimal benchmark of 4,000 scans annually)



Operating 07:00–23:00, Mon. to Fri. (with weekend shifts as required)



Zero inpatient transfers for MRI-required imaging since activation

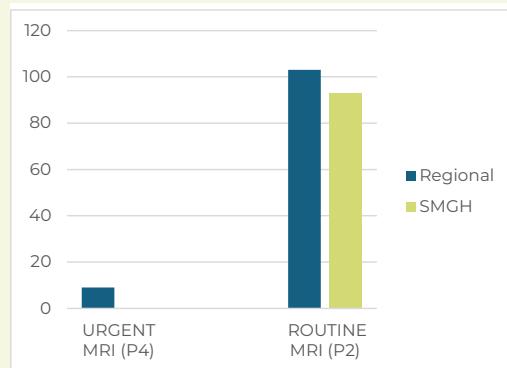


Strong collaboration with LHSC and SJHC for urgent/complex cases

Enabled through the generosity and leadership of our donor community.

The impact of this leadership will be felt for decades through faster diagnoses, coordinated care, and improved outcomes for patients and families.

AVERAGE MRI WAIT TIME (DAYS)



This chart shows the average wait time for MRI scans at SMGH compared to the region.*

While routine MRI waits remain shorter at SMGH than the regional average, the most significant impact is seen in urgent cases—where patients at SMGH experience no wait, compared to several days elsewhere in the region.