



**STEVENSON MEMORIAL HOSPITAL FOUNDATION**

*Here's to Your Good Health! Capital Campaign*

**HELPING OUR HOSPITAL DELIVER HIGH QUALITY  
HEALTHCARE SERVICES CLOSE TO HOME**

## Stevenson Memorial Hospital in Context Why We Need Your Help

### Serving a Growing Community

When the Hospital was redeveloped in 1964, it was an advanced hospital, easily meeting the needs of its community. Now, 45 years later, it is vastly undersized for its growing community. For example, Honda, one of the most successful car manufacturers in the world set up operations in Alliston in 1988 and expanded in 1996 to a second plant. A third plant is now opening in 2008 and its workforce and the surrounding communities have grown with it.



Stevenson Memorial Hospital, unfortunately, has not shared in that growth. Its original 1964 physical plant still exists today with literally no changes to its appearance or its inner workings.

### Emergency and Diagnostic Services

An Emergency Department built in 1964 to handle 7,000 patient visits is now seeing in excess of 32,000 patients annually. Stevenson also provides inpatient services for any patient who requires admission from the Emergency Department. A 32-bed medical/surgical unit cares for these patients; cardiac problems, respiratory conditions and various surgical interventions like appendicitis being typical. The growth in the community means an additional 1,000 emergency visits will be added annually. We cannot serve additional patients in a space that is already inadequate.



As well, at 32,000 visits a year, Stevenson is in a class by itself in terms of the lack of a CT Scanner. All other hospitals in the Province with that level of Emergency visits either have or have received approval for, a CT Scanner.

An all digital, filmless Diagnostic Imaging capability is now essential for the dramatically enhanced diagnostic support capability that such modern devices provide. Equally important is the high speed network linking these machines to a world-wide network. This will allow SMH to rapidly acquire second opinions and ensure critical, potentially life-saving images are transferred rapidly in support of trauma victims airlifted from SMH to larger regional and specialized teaching hospitals.



### Birthing Services

SMH has a newly renovated Obstetrics unit with the capacity to handle up to 1,000 births per year. The unit was recently closed due to a lack of available obstetricians coupled with a recent history of obstetrician turnover that created disruptions in service. A newly developed plan in cooperation with Southlake Regional Health Centre has been signed and is being implemented with a view to reestablishing primary birthing services at Stevenson. Recruitment for exceptional physician and nursing staff is underway. These efforts will allow Stevenson to once again provide an exceptional birthing experience to its communities.



## Outpatient Services



Stevenson has a range of services, prominent among which is its dialysis program. One of only a few programs of its kind in Ontario, the Stevenson dialysis program provides dialysis services to 28 patients who depend on its services for their survival. The program has been in operation for a decade and is an invaluable service for our communities.

An excellent program for diabetic care exists at Stevenson. This program is second to none in the province. Its methods are current and of great help to the many diabetics in our communities.

Stevenson also runs a cardiac rehabilitation program. For patients who have had a heart attack the most important therapy in many cases is a rehabilitation program that helps to recondition and strengthen the heart.



Stevenson has a range of surgical procedures that it provides in its Day Surgery service. These include ophthalmology surgery (e.g. cataract removal), ENT surgery (e.g. tonsillectomy), dental surgery, endoscopy procedures and orthopedic surgeries.

Stevenson also provides a number of outpatient mental health interventions through its Mary McGill Mental Health Program. These include counseling and crisis services.

## Partnerships



Stevenson Memorial Hospital has a number of key partners in its health care delivery. None at present is more important than Southlake. As the only two hospitals in the northern part of the Central LHIN, both organizations have long shared a vision of ensuring the provision of excellent patient care in the north of the Central LHIN. Stevenson continues to benefit from the expertise at Southlake, especially, in terms of the Obstetrics, Diabetic and Cardiac Rehab programs.

Health care is a complex world and no hospital can thrive by having only one partner. For example, given the widespread shortage of pathologists, SMH has long received pathology services from the Royal Victoria Hospital in Barrie in order to bolster its Laboratory Medicine capability. SMH is committed to being a cooperative partner and is constantly seeking mutually beneficial opportunities to ensure the continuity and quality of service delivery.

## Responding to The Need

### *Here's To Your Good Health!*

Stevenson needs to grow to meet its communities needs. So the evolution of SMH over the next decade must be ambitious. In response to that reality, the Stevenson Memorial Hospital Foundation launched the *Here's To Your Good Health!* Capital Campaign. The Campaign is a phased pursuit to raise funds for the most urgent requirements of the Hospital.

### **Phase One Completed!**

Phase One, which had as its goal to “finish what we started,” saw to it that immediate capital needs were met to complete projects that had already commenced. These included equipment and smaller renovation costs for the Hospital’s premiere services in Cardiac Care, Dialysis, and Ophthalmology; as well as replacing the roof and purchasing selected annual capital equipment.

### **Phase Two is Well on the Way!**

Phase Two is the current focus of the *Here's To Your Good Health!* Campaign. In addition to providing support for new capital equipment in the Birthing unit, it emphasizes life-saving areas of development that assure the Hospital’s ability to meet the dramatically changing healthcare needs of our communities.

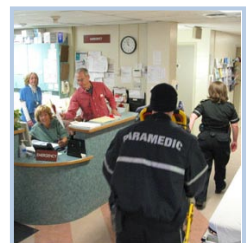
### **Emergency Department**

To meet the ever growing patient caseload a comprehensive plan is required. A new plan is now in development; one that has longer term impact. Meanwhile, a simple yet effective renovation has opened space for greater patient traffic, provided for night usage of day clinic rooms otherwise idle and, most importantly, permitted triage nurses to visually monitor patients awaiting care.

Ultimately, in addition to greatly enhanced capacity, the ER facility will encompass separate entrances for walk-in patients and those transported by ambulance, offer more privacy including for mental health care givers, and provide modern isolation areas for infectious diseases.

### **Diagnostic Imaging**

Two state-of-the-art digital ultrasound machines have been acquired as has the computer-based equipment necessary to support the filmless Picture Archiving and Communications System (PACS). Significant progress has been made in upgrading the internal network to support the greater capacity demands of the new equipment. The provincially-supported Smart Systems for Health group have been requested to provide a matching upgrade for the external network links. The resulting system is scheduled to be launched in the second quarter of 2008.





Next on the list is the acquisition of a CT Scanner. A proposal, endorsed by the Central LHIN, is awaiting Ministry approval. The intention is to have this project completed by the end of 2008 so that Stevenson can offer the same basic Emergency diagnostic services that all our surrounding hospitals offer to their community.

In addition, a new Digital Mammography machine and major upgrades to an existing Digital Radiology facility will be required ultimately.

The result will be dramatic improvement of the Hospital's ability to offer diagnostic services closer to home, to rapidly and more precisely identify trauma implications, to identify disease at an early stage and to better support patients and the community in all stages of care. Imagine the life-saving power of this technology for an accident victim or a person who has just suffered a stroke.

### **Putting it all together**

The short-term plan is to house the CT Scanner in an adjacent space near the existing ER entrance and to include sufficient space to permit co-location of most of the other supporting Diagnostic Imaging facilities along with practical waiting room capacity. These moves, in turn, will open up even more space within the existing building which can then be used to ease the growing ER volumes until a more comprehensive facility can be planned, approved and funded.

### **How You Can Help**

The *Here's to Your Good Health!* Capital Campaign is designed to enhance service for Emergency Care, Diagnostic Imaging, Birthing, and Chronic Care at Stevenson Memorial Hospital. Make your contribution today to the Stevenson Memorial Hospital Foundation's *Here's to Your Good Health!* Campaign to support these projects. Together we can provide better access to care close to home and keep our communities healthy and vibrant!

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