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## MEDIA RELEASE

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### ***William & Lynne Gray of Gray Ridge Egg Farms fund life-saving MRI at Strathroy Middlesex General Hospital (SMGH), creating namesake Diagnostic Imaging Department***

**Strathroy, ON**

**Bill & Lynne Gray and L.H. Gray & Son Limited, with head office in Strathroy ON** have made the largest ever donation to the Strathroy Middlesex General Hospital Foundation (SMGH Foundation) of \$2,200,000, fully funding a much-needed Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) scanner that will provide greater diagnostic options for detection, staging and treatment for patients. This leadership donation will help SMGH Foundation come closer to meeting its \$5 million pledge to Strathroy Middlesex General Hospital (SMGH)

The MRI is a crucial diagnostic tool for early detection, having an MRI in the Strathroy community will also pave the way for shared regional strategies with London, cutting down on wait lists and improving patient centered quality care. With the ongoing growth of the Strathroy-Caradoc region and aging population, the new MRI will help SMGH serve its growing community and provide an advanced level of care to patients. Construction began in early April 2024.

*“Strathroy Middlesex General Hospital (SMGH) has a vision of **Exceptional People Providing Exceptional Care**. Bill and Lynne Gray are **Exceptional People** who are contributing to the care of their local community with a gift that will support the health of many. With the introduction of MRI services, we anticipate reduced wait times and improved access to high-quality healthcare for residents of Strathroy and surrounding areas. The SMGH Board is overwhelmed with the generosity of the Grays and L.H. Gray & Son Limited transformational gift. As MHA Board Chair I personally thank them for their partnering with the SMGH Foundation to support Exceptional Health Care in our local community.”*

-Melanie Stanley, Middlesex Hospital Alliance (MHA) Board Chair



The **L.H. Gray & Son Limited** family business is based in Strathroy, and Bill & Lynne Gray are avid supporters of the community in which their farm families and employees reside. The Grays and their Foundation have been major donors of the SMGH Foundation for many years, including funding CT scanner, mammography, and ultrasound equipment. With this latest transformational donation towards the MRI, they have helped SMGH's diagnostic services to take a giant leap forward.

### **Naming Recognition**

In recognition of their record-breaking gift to the hospital and foundation, the entire Diagnostic Imaging Department of the SMGH will be re-named as ***The Bill & Lynne Gray, L.H. Gray & Son Limited Diagnostic Imaging Department.***



*William & Lynne Gray*

*“Strathroy-Caradoc is an active vibrant community situated in one of the fastest growing regions in Canada. Maintaining Strathroy Middlesex General Hospital as a strong health care facility is critical to the growth of the community and ensuring our citizens have excellent patient care and access to medical treatments. This donation to the Strathroy Middlesex General Hospital Foundation (SMGHF) by Bill and Lynne Gray is a large step forward in ensuring the continued growth of the hospital. As Chairman of the Board of Directors I extend my sincerest gratitude to Bill and Lynne Gray”.*

*-Mike McGuire, Chairman of the Board of Directors, SMGHF*



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*"We are extremely grateful for the ongoing generosity and support from **Bill and Lynne Gray** who have continued to invest in the community where their business and employee families reside. We look forward to unveiling the newly named Diagnostic Imaging Department in their honour."*

– Susan McLean, CEO, SMGH Foundation

### **About L.H. Gray & Son Limited**

Founded in 1934, L.H. Gray & Son Limited is a family-owned business with locations across Canada serving retail, foodservice and industrial sectors. The company, with head office in Strathroy, is one of the most modern and innovative egg businesses in Canada

### **About Strathroy Middlesex General Hospital Foundation**

Through community philanthropy, SMGH Foundation supports patient care, and the equipment needs at Strathroy Middlesex General Hospital. As a charitable organization SMGH Foundation is 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 SMGH.

### **About Strathroy Middlesex General Hospital**

Strathroy Middlesex General Hospital (SMGH) is a medium size community hospital located in Strathroy, ON. The hospital is committed to exceptional patient/family/caregiver care and experiences and meeting the evolving healthcare needs of the communities it serves.

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