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Strathroy resident Marilyn Buttery makes a leadership donation towards new MRI, creating namesake Marilyn Buttery & Lynne Lawrence Commonwealth Financial MRI Suite at Strathroy Middlesex General Hospital (SMGH)

Strathroy, ON –



Marilyn Buttery, Strathroy ON

Strathroy resident **Marilyn Buttery** has made a leadership donation towards construction of the new MRI Suite at Strathroy Middlesex General Hospital (SMGH). The new suite will include an MRI scanning room, in-patient and prep waiting areas, offices and reception.

Naming Announcement

In recognition of Marilyn Buttery's significant contribution, Strathroy Middlesex General Hospital Foundation (SMGH Foundation) is pleased to announce the MRI Suite will be named

The Marilyn Buttery & Lynne Lawrence Commonwealth Financial MRI Suite.

Marilyn Buttery is one of SMGH Foundation's most generous donors including funding an updated X-ray suite and spearheading a gift-matching appeal to support the hospital's COVID-19 emergency fund in 2020. She received the local Chamber of Commerce philanthropy award, and is one of Strathroy's most charitable residents, regularly giving back to her community in countless ways.

“We continue to be overwhelmed with gratitude by the generosity of Marilyn Buttery’s ongoing support of SMGH and the way she leads by example giving back to her community.”

- Susan McLean, CEO, SMGH Foundation

Strathroy Middlesex General Hospital has always been important to **Marilyn Buttery** and her family. Her mother, **Bernice Smith**, worked in dietary at the hospital. Marilyn also worked at the hospital before launching **CommonWealth Financial** in Strathroy. As the business grew, thanks to loyal clients, Marilyn found herself in a position to give back. She learned by example from organizations like **4-H Ontario, Junior Farmers Association of Ontario, The Order of the Eastern Star** and **The Rotary Club of Strathroy** the benefits of giving back at the community level. It was during this time that Marilyn Buttery became a loyal supporter of the SMGH Foundation. Her ongoing commitment and contributions have made a significant impact to the hospital and local community.

The addition of an MRI suite at the SMGH will provide greater diagnostic options for detection, staging and treatment for patients. In addition to being a crucial diagnostic tool for early detection, having an MRI in the Strathroy community will also implement shared regional strategies with LHSC/SJHC, 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.

After extensive consultation with experts in engineering and architecture, the recommendation and preferred location of the MRI Suite within the SMGH has been identified and design plans have been completed. **Marilyn Buttery’s** generous donation has allowed construction to begin on this crucial and exciting addition to the SMGH and Strathroy community.



Rendering of MRI Scan Room.



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About Marilyn Buttery

Marilyn Buttery is the Founder of CommonWealth Financial, a family business that has been serving clients in the Strathroy area for over 45 years. Her friend Lynne Lawrence, who passed away in 2021, always encouraged her to give back to her community. Now retired, Marilyn Buttery's niece Stephanie and her husband Patrick Sanders continue with charitable giving through CommonWealth Financial.

About Strathroy Middlesex General Hospital

Strathroy Middlesex General Hospital (SMGH) is a medium-sized 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.

About Strathroy Middlesex General Hospital Foundation

Through community philanthropy, Strathroy Middlesex General Hospital Foundation (SMGH Foundation) supports patient care, and the equipment needs at Strathroy Middlesex General Hospital (SMGH). 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. Since inception SMGH Foundation has raised over \$48 million dollars from our generous community.

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