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SMGH Foundation Board of Directors Appoint Interim CEO

(Strathroy, ON) – Friday, November 1st, 2024 - As announced in August, Susan McLean, CEO of Strathroy Middlesex General Hospital Foundation (SMGHF), is retiring after 35 years of dedicated service and leadership. Recruitment for her successor is underway.

To support this significant change and transition, the SMGHF Board of Directors has appointed Julie McBrien, MHA President & CEO, as the acting CEO of SMGHF, effective November 1st, 2024.

Mike McGuire, Chair of the SMGH Foundation commented, “We were pleased when the MHA Board of Directors and Ms. McBrien offered to support SMGHF during this transition. We look forward to Julie’s leadership in supporting the SMGHF’s staff, donors, volunteers, auxiliary and critical fund-raising activities over the coming months.”

Melanie Stanley, Chair of the MHA Board of Directors, commented “SMGH relies heavily on the support of SMGHF to provide the necessary funding for patient care equipment. Having Julie provide leadership support to SMGHF at this time exemplifies our close partnership with and support of our SMGH Foundation.”

Julie McBrien shared “I am honoured that the SMGHF Board of Directors has trust in me, to provide temporary CEO support. Over the coming months, SMGHF will be laser-focused on fundraising for SMGH’s first MRI Suite. I have an exceptional senior leadership team at MHA, and they will help ensure the priorities of the MHA are not impacted while I support the SMGHF over the next few months.”

There is no compensation associated with this temporary support to the SMGHF, and Ms. McBrien will continue in her role as MHA President & CEO.

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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