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Lyle S. Hallman Foundation donates \$1,000,000 for Cambridge Memorial Hospital's MRI

Cambridge, Ontario – The Cambridge Memorial Hospital Foundation announced today that it received a \$1,000,000 donation from the Lyle S. Hallman Foundation to help support its fundraising drive to purchase a Magnetic Resonance Imaging Machine (MRI).

The investment from the Lyle S. Hallman Foundation is the largest donation ever from a Foundation, and highlights the Regional significance of bringing MRI technology to Cambridge. "This gift will no doubt become a catalyst to propel our fundraising campaign forward, and will inspire others to really stretch their giving. We are extremely grateful to the Lyle S Hallman Foundation's commitment to our hospital, both through this leadership gift and through their previous donations to CMH," says Cindy Carson, Acting Executive Director, Cambridge Memorial Hospital Foundation.

In January, 2011, the government announced that it would provide operating funds for Cambridge Memorial Hospital (CMH) to run a MRI. The CMH Foundation responded by quickly developing a business plan and case to raise \$4 million to purchase the MRI. The \$4 million price tag includes the purchase of the MRI machine estimated at \$2.25 million and renovations to house this highly specialized technology estimated at \$1.75 million.

"The Hallman Foundation is proud to support this initiative as MRI technology brings a much-needed service and measurable results to our communities. The additional MRI at CMH will not only provide over 3,000 scans to patients in the region, but it will also help to reduce wait times for everyone in our Region." says Hallman Foundation Chair, Jim Hallman. There are currently 3 MRI's in the Waterloo Wellington LHIN and bringing this additional service to CMH will help to achieve the provincial wait-time benchmark of 28 days for MRI scans. Current wait times average between 44-98 days.

A MRI is an advanced diagnostic tool that uses high powered magnets to develop, very high definition images of bone, soft tissue, internal organs and virtually all other internal structures within a person's body. They are used for many different exams, including cancer, assessing damage caused by heart attacks or disease and sports related injuries.

"We are very pleased with the generous donation from the Hallman Foundation. This announcement signals to our hospital and the community that the MRI is now, very real

and in sight. In less than a year, we will be able to provide more acute care services for our patients,” says Patrick Gaskin, President and CEO, Cambridge Memorial Hospital

About Cambridge Memorial Hospital

Cambridge Memorial Hospital traces its roots to 1888, when the region’s first community hospital, known as Galt Hospital, opened its doors to treat patients in a localized health care setting. In 1953, the hospital was built on its present location, which was better suited to serve the major communities of Galt, Hespeler, Preston and the Township of North Dumfries. It was named South Waterloo Memorial Hospital, in honour of those who gave their lives for the community and country. As local boundaries changed and communities merged, the hospital adopted the new name of Cambridge Memorial Hospital. Today, Cambridge Memorial Hospital has over 1,100 dedicated and skilled health care professionals, technicians and staff, 280 physicians and 400 volunteers who provide excellent care to the residents of Cambridge, the township of North Dumfries and the Region of Waterloo. For more information, visit www.cmh.org.

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