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STEGH Foundation Reaches \$1Million Campaign Goal

St. Thomas, ON – With the help of a \$250,000 gift from the Auxiliary, the St. Thomas Elgin General Hospital (STEGH) Foundation has achieved their fundraising goal for the Nurses are Worth a Million Bed Campaign. STEGH Foundation announced today that their campaign to raise \$1M to purchase new beds to replace the old, and often broken beds, and replace the worn-out bedside furnishings for two-north, fourth, and fifth floor patient rooms has been a tremendous success.

“We are delighted to announce we have reached our goal,” celebrates Allan Weatherall, STEGH Foundation Director. “Our Auxiliary stepped forward with a very generous donation of \$250,000 to put us over the top and for that we are very grateful. And we would not be standing here today if it weren’t for the tremendous commitment and support for our community hospital. ” Weatherall explains.

Many of the beds at STEGH were over 20 years old and in need of constant repair. Nursing staff risked injury when they manually adjusted the bed or shifted the patient. New beds, over bed tables, and comfortable sitting chairs in many of the patient rooms has improved the comfortable healing environment, one in which the nurses can truly provide the best possible care.

Some of the new beds also have special mattresses for patients with complex health problems that put them at risk of skin breakdown. Other beds feature alarms that alert the nurse if the patient is getting out of bed. These features enhance the comfort, safety and recovery process for a large number of patients.

“These beds have already made a difference for both the patients and our nursing staff. These new beds and furnishing enhance the quality of our patients’ stay and improve the working conditions for STEGH Nurses,” says Dave Mennill, STEGH Foundation President.

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