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**Donors Enhance Patient Care as
STEGH Foundation Delivers Cheque for \$1,288,659**

St. Thomas – Did you give to the St. Thomas Elgin General Hospital Foundation last year? If so, your contribution helped acquire essential equipment worth almost \$1.3M.

The majority of the dollars raised this year helped the Foundation reach their million dollar goal to purchase much needed replacement beds for STEGH. Other purchases enabled by the generosity of community donors included two ventilators, a bladder scanner, vital signs monitors, a slit lamp, a specialized pharmacy refrigerator, a cystoscope, and more wheelchairs. In addition, donated funds were used to support nursing education and a summer medical student.

“We are very glad to see that the efforts of the Board, staff, and volunteers of the Foundation resulted in this superb gift last fiscal year,” stated Paul Collins, Hospital President & CEO. “We heavily depend upon our generous donors and Foundation volunteers, and without people stepping forward to make personal donations it would be very hard to equip our Hospital the way we all know it must be. I offer them all our deepest appreciation. “

The amounts donated ranged from a few dollars to thousands of dollars. In Memoriam donations, proceeds from events, personal contributions, corporate support, service club commitments, and numerous other sources all contributed to the final total.

Following the success of last year, the Foundation is now focusing on the ‘Tools for Treatments’ project to acquire more state-of-the-art equipment, including a digital mammography machine, a digital echocardiograph, a 100 watt surgical LASER, and C-arm mobile digital fluoroscope. “These new tools will enable the health care professionals at STEGH to do their best to provide treatments needed right here in St. Thomas,” explains Allan Weatherall, Director of Development at the STEGH Foundation. “In our own way, we can each contribute financially to help ensure that health care in St. Thomas and Elgin County is the best it can be.”

The Foundation was formed in 1986 with a sole purpose of supporting the St. Thomas Elgin General Hospital. Since that time, tens of millions of donated dollars have helped guarantee that doctors and other hospital based professionals have the finest tools for care and treatments. The STEGH Foundation is an Ontario not-for-profit corporation and registered Canadian charity.

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Pictured with a cheque for \$1,288,659 are members of the STEGH Foundation Board of Directors and Staff of the Foundation.

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