



## Media Advisory/Photo Opportunity

Friday July 11, 2008

### **A New Era in Breast Cancer Diagnosis at STEGH**

**St. Thomas, ON** – July 14<sup>th</sup> will be a day of firsts for Teresa Crevits, and the St. Thomas Elgin General Hospital. Teresa is having her first mammogram, and she will be the first patient to have a mammogram using the newly arrived Digital Mammography Unit at STEGH. The new unit will capture far superior digital images, compared to the film images captured using the older model STEGH had been using for the past 15 years.

Teresa works in the Diagnostic Imaging Department at STEGH and has had the chance to learn all about this new digital machine. “I was due for a mammogram but wanted to wait a few weeks to have my first scan using this new machine. The images collected will be much clearer and more detailed, and that is really important when searching for any signs of breast cancer,” Teresa explains. “Nothing is more important than my health, and we are so lucky to have this new piece of equipment right here in our community Hospital.”

The \$600,000 Digital Mammography Unit was purchased by the STEGH Foundation and was installed last week. To date, well over half that price tag have been raised. “Rather than wait for the full amount to be raised, the Foundation Board felt it was really important to get this piece of equipment here as soon as possible,” says Allan Weatherall STEGH Foundation Director. “Therefore, patients are able to access the best possible equipment to assist in breast cancer diagnosis right now. We are counting on the community to help us raise the remaining amount.”

The new Digital Mammography Unit enables faster image acquisition, which means shorter examination time for the patient, and the Radiologist can manipulate the digital images during interpretation to ensure that the maximum amount of information is available for diagnosis.

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Date: **Monday July 14, 2008**  
Time: **2:00p.m.**  
Location: **St. Thomas Elgin General Hospital**  
**Diagnostic Imaging Department (Ground Floor beside ER)**  
**189 Elm Street, St Thomas ON**

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