



STRATHROY MIDDLESEX
GENERAL HOSPITAL FOUNDATION

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Diagnostics at SMGH

**TOGETHER, WE WILL DISCOVER UNDERLYING
CAUSES OF DISCOMFORT OR ILLNESS AND DEVELOP THE MOST
EFFECTIVE TREATMENT PLAN POSSIBLE TO RESTORE HEALTH.**

It's About Time

Beds aren't the measure of a good hospital anymore. With so many procedures performed on an outpatient basis, today it's more about the technology a hospital has and how quickly it allows patients to receive a diagnosis.

StrathroyMiddlesex General Hospital (SMGH) now measures up, thanks to your generosity. Gifts from friends like you allowed the hospital to purchase a CT scanner in 2007, enabling doctors to promptly and non-invasively diagnose ailments. It's now the most heavily used piece of equipment at the hospital.

But what was state-of-the-art in 2007 will quickly become obsolete. We need to keep up to date with hardware and software, as well as plan for its eventual replacement. We also need to explore acquiring new diagnostic equipment that would help doctors diagnosis a whole host of different ailments.

Point of Entry

For many, diagnostic services like lab work, ultrasound or CT scan is the starting point in a medical treatment plan. When you feel unwell, you go to see your doctor, who orders one of these tests to discover what's causing your discomfort. Before diagnostic imaging, often your only option would have been to have exploratory surgery, with all of its inherent risks, uncertainties and recovery time.



Despite diagnostic services' usefulness, Canadians often experience long delays between the time their doctor orders a non-emergency scan and when the nearest machine is available. "I moved to Strathroy from a community with a hospital three times as large as SMGH," explains local business owner Drew Peddie. "There, you had to wait months and months for a CT scan. Here, at StrathroyMiddlesex, you can get one in a matter of days. That's unheard of where I'm from. People in Strathroy don't know how lucky they have it."

Won't You Join Us?

Bottom line, when it comes to your health, you don't want to settle. When you feel ill, you want a diagnosis as quickly as possible, and you want it close to home. This is exactly the kind of care we want to give you at SMGH. But neither of us can do it alone. Your gift to the Foundation can help provide outstanding diagnostic services to you and your loved ones, right here in our community.



**Inspiring local giving to sustain StrathroyMiddlesex
General as a vibrant community Hospital.**