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## **London Health Sciences Foundation Receives Anonymous Million Dollar Donation**

**LONDON, Ont.** – London Health Sciences Foundation has received a pledge for one million dollars from a donor who wishes to remain anonymous. The unexpected gift supporting family-centred care was given in recognition of professional and thoughtful care received from physicians and staff at London Health Sciences Centre. The donation will support the programs slated to move to Victoria Hospital's North Tower, by assisting in the completion of that facility.

"We are so very grateful for this magnificent and generous gift prompted by the extraordinary care given at our hospital," says Dan Ross, President and CEO of London Health Sciences Foundation. "This donation will help better the lives of every patient that visits the programs that will call the North Tower home."

The North Tower, currently under construction, will be home to new, state-of-the-art facilities including:

- women's care, including a new birthing centre and neonatal intensive care program;
- child, adolescent and adult inpatient and outpatient mental health care;
- adult medical/surgical inpatient care;
- a new clinic, inpatient and administrative areas for Children's Hospital; and
- specialized clinical laboratories.

Additional space will be provided for:

- diagnostic radiology and nuclear imaging services;
- a 350-seat auditorium with associated teaching facilities; and
- support space, including a cafeteria.

Many features will set this new building apart from other Canadian health care facilities including a five-story-high atrium, providing a healing environment flooded with natural light, and a healing garden where patients, families, and staff can rest and clear their minds.

**London Health Sciences Centre** has been in the forefront of medicine in Canada for over 130 years and offers the broadest range of specialized clinical services in Ontario. Building on the traditions of its founding hospitals to provide compassionate care in an academic teaching setting, London Health Sciences Centre is home to Children's Hospital, South Street Hospital, University Hospital, Victoria Hospital, two family medical centres, and Lawson Health Research Institute - a joint research initiative with St. Joseph's Health Care, London.

As a leader in medical discovery and health research, London Health Sciences Centre has a history of over 30 international and national firsts and attracts top clinicians and researchers from around the world. As a regional referral centre, London Health Sciences Centre cares for the most medically complex patients including critically injured adults and children in Southwestern Ontario and beyond. The hospital's 10,000 staff, physicians, students and volunteers provide care for more than one million patient visits a year. For more information visit [www.lhsc.on.ca](http://www.lhsc.on.ca)

**London Health Sciences Foundation** is a Better Business Bureau accredited charity, linking our community and health care experts—including physicians, allied professionals, researchers, staff and educators—together in pursuit of medical excellence at London Health Sciences Centre. Established to strengthen London Health Sciences Centre's ability to provide the highest quality health care for patients in Southwestern Ontario and beyond, we offer opportunities to support discovery and innovation in research, education and patient care at our hospital. To see how donations create positive moments changing the lives of patients, their families and friends, and to see how donors support patient care and innovation at London Health Sciences Centre, visit [www.lhsf.ca](http://www.lhsf.ca).

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