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Lindros Legacy Research Unveiled

Research building's name reflects \$5-million gift from hockey superstar.

LONDON, Ont. – Last November, Eric Lindros announced his retirement from NHL ice with a flourish, punctuating it with a \$5-million donation to London Health Sciences Centre. The gift, the largest known one-time charitable donation from a Canadian sport figure, was recognized today with the unveiling of the Lindros name atop of the building at University Hospital.

The person who inspired the unprecedented donation, Dr. Peter Fowler, sent greetings by video from Qatar, where he has been setting up and running that country's sport medicine program.

"I believe Dr. Pete Fowler to be simply the best. My contribution to the hospital is small compared to the great work the Fowler-Kennedy Sport Medicine Clinic does every day," Lindros says of the surgeon and clinic that helped repair various injuries during Eric's storied hockey career. "It feels good to be able to support a world-class organization that helps so many."

In addition to supporting a fellowship at the Fowler-Kennedy Sport Medicine Clinic, Eric's donation assisted the hospital by capping a fundraising goal for the construction of a purpose-built building for the Lawson Health Research Institute - the research arm of London Health Sciences Centre.

The Lindros Legacy Research building will house CSTAR (Canadian Surgical Technologies and Advanced Robotics), the Brent and Marilyn Kelman Centre for Advanced Learning, the Dr. Sandy Kirkley Centre in Musculoskeletal Research, the Matthew Mailing Centre for Translational Transplant Studies, and the Centre for Clinical Investigation and Therapeutics.

According to hospital president and CEO, Cliff Nordal, "Advances developed at these centres will benefit patients around the world for generations to come through the training of healthcare practitioners, the pioneering of new surgical techniques and the sharing of research discoveries."

The building's new name reflects Lindros' contribution, the support given by the Legacy Giving Program at London Health Sciences Foundation from gifts made by generous donors through their estates or insurance, and the research and related training that will be conducted in the building.

After a brief ceremony in University Hospital's Auditorium A, Lindros and Nordal made their way to the rooftop for the unveiling which guests in the auditorium were able to witness by closed-circuit video. The new signage symbolizes the completion of the building's exterior.

The plans for the building interior are currently awaiting Ontario Ministry of Health approval. After approval is received and a tendering process is completed, the building interior will begin its final stage of construction. The final stage is anticipated to take about one year.

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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

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 you can support patient care and innovation at London Health Sciences Centre, visit www.lhsf.ca.

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