

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: MUSKOKA AREA HOSPITAL FOUNDATIONS INSPIRED BY AMAZING COMMUNITY GENEROSITY.

Huntsville Hospital Foundation Announces \$20 Million Gift: South Muskoka Hospital Foundation Records Best Year Ever.

September 25, 2025. Bracebridge Ontario: As Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare awaits feedback to its two new hospital build submission, both South Muskoka and Huntsville hospital foundations are experiencing dramatic fundraising contributions from supportive donors and communities.

In the Huntsville catchment area, a partnership of families has come together to donate a \$20 million matching gift to the new hospital - inspired by and in celebration of local, life-long resident Bob Hutcheson.

South Muskoka Hospital Foundation donors and the community at large have also contributed tremendous support this year, already far surpassing its best year to date at only half way through the fiscal year.

"The matching donation in Huntsville is amazing news for all of Muskoka," says SMHF Board Chair Dan Brooks. "It means our communities are stepping up as they recognize the shared healthcare future for all of Muskoka."

Both success stories are clear indications that the two new hospitals and the new Made-In-Muskoka Healthcare system is inspiring community generosity.

"Both foundations inspire donors in slightly different ways at this time, and the results are both great stories," says Leah Walker, South Muskoka Hospital Foundation Executive Director. "We are seeing tremendous support from both our seasonal and full-time residents. People are excited about the future of healthcare in Muskoka, and ready to see the two new hospitals built. All of Muskoka is sending a message to the provincial ministry: We're working together, support is widespread and we're ready to go!"

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