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Magna Makes Transformational Gift to STEGH's Great Expansion

St. Thomas, ON – Magna's philanthropy is truly an inspiration to OUR community with a transformational gift to STEGH's Great Expansion. Building on 30 years of community and philanthropic partnership, Magna and the STEGH Foundation continue to build on that partnership for the future. Magna's commitment to our community continues through a \$1 million gift towards the largest investment in our award-winning Hospital since it was built in 1954.

"As a long-time partner in the St. Thomas community, Magna is proud to contribute to STEGH's Great Expansion project," said Marc Neeb, Magna Chief Human Resource Officer. "Our employees take great pride in knowing that their hard work not only contributes to the success of the company, but allows us to provide financial assistance to projects like this that make a big impact in the communities where we operate."

STEGH will see the construction of a new building that will house a new Emergency Department, Surgical Suites, a permanent home for our Mental Health Program and Medical Device Reprocessing Department (sterilization). The Foundation is leading a \$13 million capital campaign to help fund the "Great Expansion" and has just surpassed the \$12 million mark to date.

This project will enable our Hospital to keep pace with a dynamic and changing healthcare system that provides our community with a local state-of-the-art healthcare facility. As a Provincial leader in ER wait times, the Great Expansion will only improve an increasingly high performing Hospital.

"Magna has a strong relationship with this community as they have the Formet and Presstran facilities here, and today's gift represents the importance Magna places on the health and well-being of its local employees, their families, and the entire community," explains Ken Monteith, Campaign Chair. "Having a state-of-the-art healthcare facility is an importance part of our local infrastructure; it attracts and retains businesses of all sizes to Elgin County and St. Thomas."

The community is invited to join Magna in support of the incredible transformations taking place at STEGH. There are many ways individuals, businesses and civic organizations to get involved and the best place to start is by visiting **ItsOURHospital.ca**.

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Since 1985, the **St. Thomas Elgin General Hospital Foundation** has partnered with the community to support **OUR** Hospital in the delivery of an excellent patient care experience. Through the generosity of **OUR** donors we invest in the professional development of frontline staff, advanced medical equipment, and the physical infrastructure of our award-winning Hospital. In 2014, we are raising money to fulfill our \$13 million commitment to the Great Expansion of STEGH.

The **St. Thomas Elgin General Hospital** is a 166-bed facility providing comprehensive 24-hour coverage in Internal Medicine, Surgery, Obstetrics, Paediatrics, Anaesthesia, Emergency and Family Medicine. More than 800 professionals work at STEGH, including over 200 credentialed Professional Staff who provide in-hospital care ensuring that we provide the highest quality of care to each and every patient that walks through our doors. As a fully accredited Hospital, we are proud to serve the City of St. Thomas and all eight municipalities within the County of Elgin.

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