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Boost for RVH advanced cardiac care from Western Mechanical

Western Mechanical Electrical Millwright Services Ltd. of Barrie has made a generous donation to Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre (RVH) to support a future advanced cardiac care program at the health centre. The \$125,000 gift, initially pledged in February of 2013, will be allocated to the purchase of equipment required to provide cardiac diagnostics and interventions.

“Western Mechanical has made it a proud tradition to support RVH because the company’s leaders have always understood the importance of comprehensive healthcare for our community,” says Doug Dinniwell, general manager, Western Mechanical. “Our commitment to this health centre is unwavering. We are dedicated to a goal we share with RVH – to help equip the program with state-of-the-art technology and to bring advanced cardiac care closer to home for the residents of Simcoe and Muskoka.”

Currently in Simcoe Muskoka, there are no advanced cardiac services available to residents. Patients requiring these services must travel outside the region to Newmarket or north to Sudbury to receive the care they need and there is a short window of time within which to do so. In the case of a heart attack, time is critical to the outcome – the longer a person waits to obtain medical care, the more damage to the heart. The gold standard for treatment is 90 minutes between having a heart attack and receiving advanced cardiac care. Sixty per cent of Simcoe Muskoka residents live outside of that 90 minute window of travel time. The addition of an advanced cardiac care program at RVH will solve the critical issue of long-distance travel for the vast majority of cardiac patients in the region.

The services RVH will provide through an advanced cardiac care program include cardiac diagnostics and interventions such as coronary angiogram and angioplasty, giving patients access to faster treatment, a shorter hospital stay and less travel time.

“At RVH we want to ensure the safest and highest quality care for our patients and Western Mechanical understands this commitment,” says Janice Skot, president and CEO, RVH. “Just like at RVH, Western Mechanical does work that require precision and technology and they understand how crucial it is to have the right tools in the right hands at the right times. Whether you’re replacing a railway bridge or conducting life-saving heart procedures, having the most advanced equipment for the job enables us to perform our important work effectively, with safety as our top priority.”

With RVH’s Phase 1 Expansion complete, the health centre is focused on continuing to bring specialized programs closer to home, including advanced heart care, child mental health and women’s cancer services, while expanding clinical research. RVH relies 100 per cent on the generosity of donors to fund new equipment that ensures safe, high quality care.

About Western Mechanical

Since Western’s early beginnings in 1979, the focus of the company has always been to deliver world-class industrial contracting services which exceed the expectations of its global customer base. This focus has been the primary reason for the company’s continued growth and success in the areas of millwrighting, mechanical contracting, electrical contracting, civil works, heavy lifting and heavy transportation. The heavy equipment, plant services and unique structures our customers entrust to our care are critical to their operations. As such, Western employs the same care and respect in each and every project undertaken on its client’s behalf. Western is also affiliated with a sister company, Barrie Welding, which provides welding and fabrication, custom machining, industrial automation and press rebuilding services.

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About RVH:

RVH is a regional health centre in Barrie, Ontario, located 80 kilometres north of Toronto. As the largest hospital in the region of Simcoe Muskoka, RVH’s team of over 350 physicians, 2,500 employees and 850 volunteers provides exceptional care and specialty services to almost half a million residents, including cancer care, stroke services, orthopaedics, intensive care, mental health and interventional radiology. RVH is focused on delivering high-quality, safe care that puts patients and their families first. For more information visit www.rvh.on.ca