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WE MAKE A LIVING BY WHAT WE GET.
WE MAKE A LIFE
BY WHAT WE GIVE.

— WINSTON CHURCHILL —

CTScanner Fundraising Campaign Information Package



CT SCANNER FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN

History of the Application Process of a CT Scanner in Estevan

For 25 years, Estevan has been attempting to secure the approval to proceed with CT Scan services in our community. More recently a proposal was submitted to the Ministry of Health. After a tremendous lobby effort and the support of local municipalities and the MLA, we received positive news that the CT Scan would be approved. We will be tendering for the renovations and purchase in the fall with an installation date planned for early in the New Year. Finally our dream will become reality in 2015. This will have a dramatically positive effect on healthcare in Southeast Saskatchewan.

The Ministry of Health also announced that they will fund the annual operations of \$1 million each fiscal year. The St. Joseph's Hospital Foundation staff and board of directors, in partnership with the community and the St. Joseph's Hospital are now tasked to raise \$2 million in order allow this dream to come to fruition. The CT Scanner will cost \$1.2 million, and the renovations and startup costs will be \$800k.

What does CT Scanner Services in Estevan mean to Saskatchewan Residents and your employees and their families?

The arrival of CT Scan Services in Estevan will greatly improve patient care in Southeast Saskatchewan. There are many medical reasons why a CT Scan is crucial for patients in Southeast Saskatchewan. Among the most critical; saving the lives of patients who have had a stroke.

A victim of stroke will now have the ability to be diagnosed locally in order to distinguish the type of stroke occurring. There are two complications that cause a stroke – a blood clot or a bleed in the brain. It is critical to distinguish the reason for the stroke as the wrong treatment can be very harmful. A CT Scan can diagnose the difference. Emergency treatment can be provided locally for both if the CT Scan is available to make the determination. Until CT Services are available in Estevan, patients must be transferred from their location to Regina for this diagnosis. There is a short window of time to make this determination (2-4 hours), far too often the result is permanent damage.

What will your company receive for their generous donation?

- Press release with photo op in local newspapers
- Permanent signage in hospital on the Donor Wall
- A Tax Deductible Charitable Donation receipt
- A long lasting legacy that shows your support for HealthCare in Rural Saskatchewan

CT Scanner Will Enhance Diagnostic Services for Southeast Saskatchewan

Released on June 27, 2014

People living in southeast Saskatchewan will have improved access to state-of-the-art diagnostic imaging equipment when computed tomography (CT) services open at St. Joseph's Hospital in Estevan in 2015.

“Demand for medical imaging services is increasing as our province’s population continues to grow,” Minister responsible for Rural and Remote Health Tim McMillan said. “Adding CT services in Estevan will help reduce wait times for medical imaging services in southern Saskatchewan so patients can get the care they need sooner. This is an important step toward our 2019 goal of reducing diagnostic wait times by half in the province.”

The number of patients receiving CT service in Saskatchewan has increased 22 per cent since 2008-09 (from 79,856 in 2008-09 to an expected 97,330 in 2014-15).

“Thanks to government, wait times will be reduced for the residents of Sun Country Health Region,” Sun Country Health Region CEO Marga Cugnet said. “Access to both elective investigations and emergency services for patients will vastly improve diagnosis and treatment to maintain health and limit disability. Locating the service in Estevan will also improve travel time and parking frustrations for our residents.”

“This expansion of services equips our medical staff to better meet the needs of patients, particularly in emergency situations,” St. Joseph's Hospital of Estevan Executive Director Greg Hoffort said. “CT services are critical to many aspects of medical care, as they allow physicians and specialists to make more accurate diagnoses before recommending treatment. We thank government for approving CT services, and municipal leaders and the St. Joseph's Hospital Foundation who will ensure the financial requirements are met.”

The St. Joseph's Hospital Foundation has committed to raise \$2 million from donors – including contributions from 15 area municipalities – for the capital equipment, renovations, installation and start-up costs. The provincial government will take over funding for all operating costs after the initial start-up phase.

“Our communities have long recognized the benefits of having CT services in southeast Saskatchewan,” Foundation Vice-Chair and City of Estevan Mayor Roy Ludwig said. “We are confident that in addition to the major contributions announced today, communities, families and businesses will show strong support for the campaign to get this service up and running.”

In addition to better access to diagnoses of injuries and internal medical problems, CT services in Estevan will allow residents to benefit from innovative work already developed in the health region. A provincial acute stroke pathway currently in development will use CT scanning to aid care decisions in the important first hours after a stroke.

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This is truly a momentous time for Estevan as St. Joseph's Hospital is the first non-regional hospital to be approved for CT Scan Services. This day was long in the making and is truly a mark in history. Your support of global healthcare in Saskatchewan through this partnership with the St. Joseph's Hospital is a once in a lifetime opportunity.

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