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Stockfish Family Foundation supports Huntsville Hospital Foundation with \$25,000 Donation

HUNTSVILLE, ON: The Stockfish Family Foundation generously made a \$25,000 donation to Huntsville Hospital Foundation to support Muskoka's first MRI.

George Stockfish was a shareholder and partner in Bickley Ford (Huntsville) and was also a founding member of the Stockfish Automotive Group based out of North Bay. His very good friend Ken Bickley was the original owner of Bickley Ford, and a resident of Huntsville. George and Ken, both long-time Ford dealers, spent a lot of time in Huntsville with their wives Lynne and Dianne. George was passionate about giving back to the community, was incredibly generous, and very humble.

After George's passing in January of 2023, it was his wish to support the Huntsville Hospital in some fashion. He leaves behind a legacy that is one of remarkable generosity, leadership, and positive influence.

Bickley Ford has been a loyal supporter of Huntsville Hospital Foundation since 1998. Over the years, the dealership has donated over \$53,000 and recently renewed their 5-year Business Cares commitment.

"We're grateful for the meaningful gift from The Stockfish Family Foundation in honour of George," says Meaghan Byrnes, Director of Philanthropy, Huntsville Hospital Foundation. "Their thoughtful donation will help bring MRI services to Muskoka for the very first time and for that our community and hospital will forever be grateful," adds Meaghan.

Muskoka's first MRI will save patients over 7,000 hours behind the wheel and 700,000 kilometres of travel to hospitals outside our region for an MRI. Offering MRI services locally means timely diagnosis and treatment, reduced local wait times for outpatient MRI, and avoids out-of-region travel. Having MRI accessible as a diagnostic tool for our healthcare team helps recruit physicians and Medical Radiation Technologists for the future.

Learn more about Huntsville Hospital Foundation or the MRI, please visit huntsvillehospitalfoundation.ca or call 705-789-4756.

About Huntsville Hospital Foundation

Huntsville Hospital Foundation is a fundraising organization dedicated to improving healthcare services for residents of Muskoka and East Parry Sound. A registered charity since 1984, its mandate is to provide ongoing capital and education resources for Huntsville District Memorial Hospital that is not covered by provincial taxes. This will ensure our hospital and medical professionals have the technology and equipment they require to provide exceptional care. Find out more about the Foundation by visiting www.huntsvillehospitalfoundation.ca

About Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare

Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare (MAHC) is a multi-site health care organization accredited with exemplary standing that provides acute care services at the Huntsville District Memorial Hospital and South Muskoka Memorial Hospital in Bracebridge. Find out more about Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare by visiting www.mahc.ca.

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Pictured from Left: Mike Jones, Jayne Stockfish-Irwin, Nobel Roberson, Katherine Craine, Jeremy Ouderkirk, Ray Irwin, Keith Blackwood, and Graham Tye.

