



Media Release

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Huntsville Hospital Foundation

\$1 million gift completes Huntsville Hospital Foundation's Focus on Imaging Campaign.

June 5, 2024, Huntsville, Ontario - for immediate release: The Huntsville Hospital Foundation today announced a \$1 million donation toward the Focus on Imaging Campaign by Dr. George and Carolyn Christodoulou through their G&C Be Kind Foundation. The transformational gift marks the successful conclusion of the multi-year, \$10 million Focus on Imaging Campaign that is equipping Huntsville Hospital with new imaging and diagnostics technology.

"Carolyn grew up in Huntsville and now we have a cottage here on Pen Lake," says George Christodoulou. "We see this as very much our community and our hospital - giving to help the hospital acquire Muskoka's first MRI made the most sense to us and to our family."

"George's mom had a stroke a few years back," remembers Carolyn Christodoulou, "so we know how important access to MRI technology is to the local District Stroke Unit. Like the rest of imaging and diagnostics, it is central to all of medicine today. Our Focus On Imaging Campaign gift completes the picture."

Huntsville Hospital Foundation's Focus on Imaging Campaign raised in excess of \$10 million over three years. In addition to the MRI, other new equipment includes new state-of-the-art X-ray technology, three new ultrasounds, bone density technology and updated mammography technology. Construction for the Muskoka and area's first MRI unit is scheduled to begin this summer.

Radiologist Dr. Jason Blachman, Director and Chief of Diagnostic Imaging at Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare, underscores the importance of the Christodoulou pledge and the entire campaign: "Having access to the most up-to-date technology is critical to patient care. Thanks to all our donors, including the Christodoulou family, the Focus on Imaging Campaign gives us access to that technology right here in Muskoka. It will help our clinicians provide the best care possible for all our patients - that's transformational. Thank you, Carolyn and George, from the entire team at Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare."

"Carolyn and George have made a huge difference in local healthcare for everyone who lives, works and plays in Muskoka," says Katherine Craine, Huntsville Hospital Foundation CEO. "Their commitment to this community and to our hospital is clearly

deep and unwavering. They have been supporting us for years and Carolyn's family has a long history of local healthcare support. We can't thank them enough for the example they set."

The Huntsville Hospital Foundation plans to host a Focus on Imaging celebration with campaign donors once the MRI project is complete in early 2025.

The Huntsville Hospital Foundation inspires donations and raises funds to help Huntsville Hospital purchase technology and equipment not funded by taxes. Staying in step with changing and evolving medicine helps the hospital attract and retain the best expertise while sustaining its position as one of the leading community hospitals in Ontario.

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Video Segments:

Short Video of Dr. George & Carolyn Christodoulou
<https://youtu.be/Ey7CkvZ6uzc>

Long Video of Dr. George & Carolyn Christodoulou
<https://youtu.be/VgbJezIfvg8>



Portrait of Dr. George & Carolyn Christodoulou
at their family cottage on Peninsula Lake.