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Jim Pattison Donates \$5 Million to the *It's Our Future Campaign* for the new South Niagara Hospital of Niagara Health.

April 6, 2023 – Niagara Health Foundation is thrilled to announce an extraordinary pledge of \$5 million from the renowned philanthropist and business mogul Jim Pattison to the South Niagara Hospital and the *It's Our Future* campaign. Mr. Pattison's donation will significantly impact the Niagara Region's healthcare landscape, enabling enhanced patient care and state-of-the-art facilities and, ultimately, saving more lives. The Niagara Health Foundation is incredibly grateful for this tremendous support and gift, will help bring the new South Niagara Hospital to life. In honour of the donation, the Emergency Department will be named the Jim Pattison Emergency Department.

Jim Pattison has a lengthy history of dedication to the community and public service. He is an Officer of the Order of Canada, and The Jim Pattison Group is among Canada's most prolific corporate donors. Jim Pattison credits his parents for teaching him the importance of giving back at a young age. Jim Pattison has been a great supporter of Niagara Falls. Niagara Falls is home to two of The Jim Pattison Group's divisions, including Great Wolf Lodge and Ripley's Believe It or Not!

“We are grateful for the opportunity to be part of the Niagara South Hospital project and appreciate the efforts of the entire team as they support the needs of so many people in the community.” – **Jim Pattison.**

“We are deeply grateful to Mr. Pattison for his exceptional generosity and his commitment to our community's healthcare. The naming of the new hospital's Emergency Department after Mr. Pattison is a testament to his dedication of improving the lives of others, and will remind everyone who enters its doors that they are supported and cared for by their community in their time of need.” – **Andrea Scott, President and CEO, Niagara Health Foundation.**

“The Emergency Department at new South Niagara hospital will grow our capacity to see more patients and we are extremely grateful for the generosity Jim Pattison has shown in his support of healthcare in our region once again.” – **Lynn Guerriero, President and CEO, Niagara Health.**

“With this outstanding donation we are able to continue the momentum we need to raise the money that will raise the bar at this hospital. We are well on our way and support like Jim Pattison's makes all the difference!” – ***It's Our Future* campaign Co-Chairs, Mayor Jim Diodati and Mr. Harry Oakes.**

Located at the corner of Montrose and Biggar roads in Niagara Falls, the new hospital will have 469 beds, adding 156 more beds to the region. It will feature centres of excellence in complex care, wellness in aging and stroke, as well as a full-service Emergency Department and Intensive Care Unit, surgical care, dialysis, diagnostics and more.

The Niagara Health Foundation will continue to announce and celebrate the *It's Our Future* Founding Donors over the next few months and is so thankful of the donors that have supported the campaign. To date the Foundation has secured pledges of over \$50 million in support towards the local share of the

project. To learn More About the *It's Our Future* campaign and the South Niagara Hospital, visit ItsOurFuture.com.

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