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Sharma Family Makes Incredible \$500,000 Gift to Niagara Health Foundation to Help Build a Stronger Future for Healthcare

August 2026 – Niagara Region, ON — For nearly six decades, Vishva and Kamlesh Sharma have dedicated themselves to building a stronger Niagara. Through community leadership, philanthropy, and a lifelong commitment to helping others, their impact has been felt across the region.

Today, that legacy continues through a transformational **\$500,000 gift to Niagara Health Foundation**, supporting the future of healthcare in Niagara.

When Vishva and Kamlesh Sharma arrived in Niagara in the late 1960s, they were focused on building a life, creating opportunities for their family, and becoming part of the community, they proudly call home. What followed was a lifetime of service and generosity that helped shape the region for future generations.

Among their most meaningful contributions was helping establish Niagara's first Hindu temple. At a time when Niagara's South Asian community was still growing, the temple became far more than a place of worship. It created a sense of belonging, preserved cultural traditions, and provided a welcoming gathering place for families and newcomers alike. Decades later, it remains an important part of the community and a lasting reflection of their vision and commitment.

Their dedication to Niagara has extended far beyond those early efforts. Throughout the years, Vishva and Kamlesh have consistently supported initiatives that strengthen the community and create opportunities for others. Their guiding belief has always been simple: leave Niagara stronger than they found it.

Today, that same philosophy is reflected in their remarkable gift to Niagara Health Foundation. Through this significant investment in local healthcare, the Sharma family is helping ensure Niagara residents continue to have access to exceptional care close to home for generations to come.

"Niagara has given our family so much," said Vishva and Kamlesh Sharma. "We've built our lives here, raised our children here and watched our family grow here. Supporting healthcare is simply our way of giving back to the community that has given us so much. We hope our family's story encourages others to leave Niagara even stronger for the generations that follow."

The Sharma family's generosity will help advance Niagara Health's highest priority needs, supporting healthcare services, innovation, and patient care for communities across the region. Their gift reflects a deep belief in the importance of accessible, high-quality healthcare and the role it plays in building healthy, thriving communities.

"The Sharma family represents the very best of community leadership and philanthropy," said Andrea Scott, President & CEO of Niagara Health Foundation. "For nearly sixty years they have invested in Niagara and helped shape the community we know today. Their extraordinary generosity and vision will have a lasting impact on healthcare in our region, helping ensure families have access to exceptional care for generations to come."

For the Sharma family, legacy is not measured through recognition or accolades. It is measured by lives touched, communities strengthened, and opportunities created for others.

Through their incredible generosity, this \$500,000 contribution and decades of leadership, Vishva and Kamlesh Sharma continue to build a stronger Niagara. Their generosity will leave a lasting impact on local healthcare and help shape a healthier future for generations to come.

About Niagara Health Foundation

The Niagara Health Foundation raises funds to support patient care across Niagara Health's hospitals in St. Catharines, Niagara Falls, Welland, Fort Erie and Port Colborne. Through the generosity of donors, the Foundation helps fund essential medical equipment, technology, and facility enhancements that enable world-class care close to home. From life-saving equipment to innovative programs, every donation helps ensure Niagara residents have access to the best possible care, right here in their community. To learn more about the Niagara Health Foundation, please visit www.BeTheReason.ca

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