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CT Scanner for Lakeridge Health Port Perry Hospital Coming Spring 2023

(Port Perry, ON) – September 21, 2022 – The Port Perry Hospital Foundation and Lakeridge Health are pleased to share that the CT Scanner planned for Lakeridge Health’s Port Perry Hospital is expected to arrive and be installed in Spring 2023.

With the Foundation’s *Here for You* fundraising campaign surpassing its goal of \$4 million, raising \$4.15 million and doing so earlier than anticipated, the planning and implementation of the CT Scanner has been moving forward.

“This is a really exciting announcement for our community,” says Rachel Agnoluzzi, CEO, Port Perry Hospital Foundation. “Unfortunately, due to circumstances beyond our control, such as COVID-19 restrictions and supply chain issues, we have experienced a delay in this process. However, we remain unwavering in our commitment to move this forward.”

CT scans are used to diagnose an injury and/or determine medical treatment, very often in emergency situations. Currently, all Port Perry Hospital patients who need a CT scan are transferred to another hospital for their scan before treatment can begin. A CT scanner at Port Perry Hospital will shorten the time from diagnosis to treatment for patients and at times, it will be the key to saving a life.

“We are thrilled to see this campaign achieve such success while bringing the community together to support the Port Perry Hospital and provide this important diagnostic equipment to the Hospital,” says Cynthia Davis, President and CEO, Lakeridge Health. “A CT scanner at Lakeridge Health’s Port Perry Hospital will facilitate timely diagnoses and treatments, reducing time and saving lives.”

“On behalf of the Port Perry Hospital Foundation, I would like to extend our sincerest appreciation to all of our donors who have helped to make this possible,” acknowledges Agnoluzzi. “It is because of our community and their steadfast support that we are able to purchase and install advanced medical equipment, such as this CT scanner. The Foundation and Lakeridge Health recognize that waiting for this much needed equipment can be difficult. We are doing our utmost to advance this as quickly as possible, and we appreciate the patience and understanding from our community.”

The *Here for You* campaign raised the funds required to purchase a state-of-the-art CT scanner and renovate the facilities for the CT suite, and it also ensures that new and replacement medical equipment can be prioritized. The campaign publicly launched in March 2021 having already secured \$2.45 million through the generosity of early supporters and reserve funds and exceeded its goal in January 2022.

About Port Perry Hospital Foundation

The Port Perry Hospital Foundation was established in 1979 with a mission to support the best in health care for our community at the Port Perry Hospital.

The Foundation is led by a committed volunteer Board of Directors, dedicated to supporting excellence in health care at Port Perry Hospital.

About Lakeridge Health

With five hospitals, four emergency departments, three critical care units, a long-term care home, a full range of medical and surgical specialties, and more than 20 community health-care locations, Lakeridge Health offers some of the broadest and most comprehensive range of acute care, ambulatory care, and long-term care services in Ontario.

Lakeridge Health is home to several regional specialty centres and services, including the Central East Regional Cancer Program, R.S. McLaughlin Durham Regional Cancer Centre, The Shoulder Centre, and eye care and chronic kidney disease services. Additionally, we are proud to serve our community with a full suite of inpatient, ambulatory, and community-based mental health and addictions services, and provide safe, high-quality, compassionate care in our state-of-the-art long-term care home, Lakeridge Gardens.

Guided by our vision of *One System. Best Health.* and supported by a dedicated team of more than 7,700 staff, physicians, and volunteers, Lakeridge Health is working in collaboration with its Durham Ontario Health Team, primary care, and community partners to foster a truly integrated, regional system of care. Together, we are focused on *empowering people to live their best health* and fostering an accessible, inclusive, and equitable environment for all.

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