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Jim and Linda McNamara: A Gift for Our Community

Transforming Diagnostic Imaging at Woodstock Hospital

Grateful for the care they received and committed to supporting the community they have always called home, Jim and Linda McNamara have made a transformational $500,000 gift to the Diagnostic Imaging Department at Woodstock Hospital.

Jim was raised on a dairy farm near Otterville before moving to Sweaburg and working in Woodstock. For decades, he owned Jamieson-Hilts Insurance Brokers, a trusted local business. Linda grew up on a tobacco and asparagus farm in Norfolk County. She worked in the regional dairy industry before joining Jim at Jamieson-Hilts. Together, they built a life in Oxford County, where five generations of their family have called home.

Both Jim and Linda have been patients at Woodstock Hospital and have experienced the compassionate and professional care provided by its staff. “During each hospital stay, the care I received from every staff member was simply fabulous,” said Jim.

The care they experienced reinforced something Jim and Linda have always believed: when you can help, you do. Their extraordinary $500,000 gift will directly support diagnostic imaging renovations and new equipment.

“Nearly every family in Oxford County will rely on diagnostic imaging at some point. This gift is our way of saying thank you to our neighbours, friends, and the community that has given our family so much over the years,” added Jim.

Renovations are currently underway to upgrade two fluoroscopy rooms and replace the existing equipment with new technology. Fluoroscopy allows physicians to see real-time, moving images of structures inside the body, supporting many different procedures at the hospital, including orthopedic surgeries and specialized joint injections.

“The new fluoroscopy equipment will provide enhanced image quality for our patients,” explained Jenn De Iuliis, Director of Diagnostic Imaging. “Because these units can also be used for some regular X-ray exams, they will help us improve access to imaging services when volumes are high.”

Like all medical technology, diagnostic imaging equipment eventually reaches the end of its lifespan and needs to be replaced. Large diagnostic imaging systems like MRI, fluoroscopy, and

CT, represent major capital expenses for hospitals. Community support plays an important role in helping hospitals fund these upgrades and maintain the technology needed to provide high-quality care.

“Jim and Linda have a longstanding connection to this community, and their generosity will have an impact on countless patients and families requiring imaging procedures,” said Jocelyn Jenner, Senior Development Officer with Woodstock Hospital Foundation. “Their gift helps ensure our dedicated and highly skilled teams have the tools they need to provide exceptional patient care close to home.”

Woodstock Hospital Foundation extends its sincere gratitude to Jim and Linda McNamara for their generosity and commitment to the future of local healthcare. Their gift is an investment in the health of Oxford County residents for years to come.

About Woodstock Hospital
Built in November 2011, Woodstock Hospital is a 178 bed, full-service community hospital, providing primary care to a population of 55,000 and specialized care to nearly 110,000 within the County of Oxford. The new facility offers a wide range of health programs including Maternal Child, Women’s Health, Specialized Surgical Services, Inpatient and Outpatient Mental Health Services, Dialysis and Rehabilitation Programs, a Systemic Therapy Program, and an MRI. Our full service facility works closely with our community partners to provide our patients with healthcare services, close to home.

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