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MIDDLESEX HOSPITAL ALLIANCE (MHA) CELEBRATES ITS OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEERS

Many faces, many caring jobs and many caring souls – these are the MHA Volunteers. This year’s theme for volunteer recognition is “*Celebrate the Value of Volunteering*”.

There are over 150 active volunteers who generously give of their time, skill, energy and kindness to patients, families and staff of the MHA. This past year, volunteers of the MHA contributed a combined total in excess of 15,000 hours to the two sites. Volunteers, from students to seniors, all have unique skills that contribute to the positive atmosphere at MHA. Volunteers work in almost every department throughout the two sites.

“Our volunteers are often the first contact for our patients when they arrive at our hospitals”, stated Neil MacLean MHA Board Chair. “It is very comforting to be greeted with a smile and a helping hand.”

“Our volunteers’ contributions to the MHA and the patients we serve is an integral piece of the puzzle for the care we provide,” said Todd Stepanuik, MHA President & CEO. “We are truly blessed to have so many volunteers who so willingly share their gifts and diverse talents to help us better serve our patients. The volunteers' nurturing spirit, co-operation and hard work are invaluable contributors. Each day, volunteers help foster a community of support for our patients, staff, physicians and visitors," added Stepanuik.

On Tuesday, April 17th at the SMGH site and Wednesday, April 18th at the FCHS site, the organization hosted the annual volunteer appreciation dinners to recognize the contributions of our volunteers and thank them for all they do.

If you are interested in joining the ever expanding volunteer team at either the SMGH site or the FCHS site please contact: Human Resources, 519-245-5295, Ext. 5941 or email humanresources@mha.tvh.ca.

About MHA:

The Middlesex Hospital Alliance (MHA) is comprised of two fully-accredited partner sites: Four Counties Health Services and Strathroy Middlesex General Hospital.

A progressive, team-oriented and technologically adept organization of excellence, the MHA is creating a more integrated and seamless approach to treatment by embracing and seeking out partnerships, through collaboration and investing in people. This coordinated approach helps to ensure that a high level of service is provided while reducing costs and continually enhancing quality.

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