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***MHA PHYSICIANS RECOGNIZED***

**(Strathroy, ON) –** November 23, 2016 was declared **Physician Recognition Day** byMiddlesex Hospital Alliance (MHA) Board Chair, Dawn Butler, Chief of Staff, Dr. Gary Perkin and President & CEO, Todd Stepanuik. All MHA physicians were recognized and thanked for the important role they play in caring for the sick, advancing medical knowledge and promoting good health to our patients. MHA is very fortunate and proud to have over 150 physicians affiliated with Four Counties Health Services and Strathroy Middlesex General Hospital.

 “Physician Appreciation Day provides an opportunity for us to formally recognize and thank our physicians for the vital role they play in providing healthcare to our patients and our community,” says Todd Stepanuik, President & CEO.  “The MHA Family is blessed to have dedicated and talented physicians who live our Mission daily - *to provide the care we would expect for our own families*.”

 “We are extremely grateful for the dedication and commitment of our physicians at MHA,” said Board Chair Dawn Butler. “Over the past year, many of the medical staff has been engaged in the planning and development of our new Clinical Services Plan to ensure that MHA continues to offer the most appropriate and needed medical care and resources for our patients now and in the future.”

Dr. Gary Perkin, MHA Chief of Staff noted: “As Chief of Staff, I witness daily the unrecognized, behind-the-scenes, steadfast commitment our medical staff has to providing the best possible care to our patients both at the bedside and in committee work. The Middlesex Hospital Alliance appreciates our dedicated physicians, not just on November 23, but throughout the entire year”.

In recognition of our physicians, a tree was planted at each hospital location, and hospital leadership hosted a celebration breakfast (Strathroy site) and a lunch (Four Counties site), a small token to show our appreciation and thanks to our physicians for all they do.

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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