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***MHA Celebrates and Recognizes our***

***Volunteers***

**(Strathroy, ON) –** The 2019 National Volunteer Week Theme is “The Volunteer Factor – Lifting Communities”. MHA hosted a celebration and recognition evening for our volunteers at both sites - Strathroy Middlesex General Hospital (SMGH) and Four Counties Health Services (FCHS) on Tuesday, April 9 and Wednesday, April 10 respectively to formally thank our volunteers for all they do. In 2018, our volunteers accumulated a total of 15,344 hours at MHA, sharing their many gifts and unique talents, all contributing to the overall positive patient experience.

“Volunteerism empowers individuals to find their purpose, to take their passion and turn it into meaningful change,” says Meg Sattin, Volunteer Coordinator for MHA. “Doing good comes in many forms, and we recognize and celebrate them all”.

A total of 121 volunteers attended the events at SMGH and FCHS. Neil MacLean, MHA Board Chair, presented certificates to each volunteer and thanked them for their dedicated service to MHA ranging from one to 39 years. “The passion and commitment that each of you provide to our hospitals and our patients is commendable”, said Neil MacLean. “I don’t know how we can thank you enough!”

“Volunteers are an integral part of the MHA family,” stated Todd Stepanuik, President & CEO. “We are truly blessed to have so many individuals who so willingly share their many diverse gifts and talents daily to ensure we live up to our mission to provide the care we would expect for our own families. They provide immeasurable value to MHA, our staff, physicians and our patients”.

If you are interested in joining the ever-expanding volunteer team at either the SMGH site or the FCHS site, please contact: Meg Sattin, 519-245-5295 #5595 or email margaret.sattin@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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