



SOUTHLAKE
REGIONAL HEALTH CENTRE

Southlake celebrates the first patient to make use of newly installed MRI

Thank you to our donors and our community for helping to accommodate more complex patients, making earlier diagnosis and providing better outcomes for patients.

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The arrival of the second permanent MRI at Southlake Regional Health Centre in February was cause for excitement, both at the hospital and in the community. Today, the excitement continues with the first patient making use of this newly installed, state-of-the-art technology.

The installation of the 3 Tesla MRI was part of the third and final phase of the *Images for Life* Campaign to expand and upgrade diagnostic imaging services at Southlake, with the goal of bringing the best in diagnostic imaging technology close to home. This MRI is the second of its kind at Southlake, and will have an incredible impact on patients in our community.

This advanced technology will allow Southlake's expert teams to perform automated MRI scans to get more accurate images faster and more efficiently, and will be able to accommodate patients with more complex conditions, meaning faster treatment and better patient outcomes. The new machine is also wider for improved patient comfort and overall experience during scans.

Ardent Krystal, President and CEO says, "I'm thrilled to see this new MRI delivered and to see that it's up and running! This will mean Southlake will be a place for patients to get the best in diagnostic imaging and is a welcome relief for our staff who have been making due with a temporary MRI trailer in our parking lot. A big thank you to our donors and our community for supporting the hospital to provide this level of care."

"To see the first patient come through is really exciting for us," says Susan Mullin, President & CEO of Southlake Foundation. "This has been a long time coming, and our community should be very proud of the fact that they have made this possible. Thanks to their support of the *Images for Life* Campaign, patients with complex issues now have access to this technology close to home, when they need it."

In addition to the second permanent MRI, community support of the *Images for Life* Campaign has also supported the opening of our Interventional Radiology Suite, upgrades to X-ray suites to provide faster diagnostic results, purchase of digital portable X-ray units to enable us to do faster scans at the bedside, two new ultrasound units to support faster care for our patients, a new MRI monitoring system to increase patient safety, and the replacement and upgrades of older diagnostic equipment.



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About Southlake Regional Health Centre

Southlake Regional Health Centre is a full-service hospital with a regional, clinically advanced focus. As a regionally designated site, Southlake is responsible for developing and providing advanced levels of care to the more than one million people who reside in York Region, Simcoe County, and as far north as Muskoka. Advanced, specialty services include: arthritis care, cancer care, cardiac care, cataract surgery, child and adolescent eating disorders, mental health services for children, paediatrics and perinatal care, and thoracic surgery. Southlake is proud to have a team of over 3,000 employees, 580 physicians, and more than 900 volunteers. Combined with our commitment to provide the best possible care to patients, our goal is to make Southlake synonymous with healthcare excellence.

About Southlake Regional Health Centre Foundation

Since the inception of Southlake Foundation in 1980, over \$100 million dollars has been raised in support of Southlake Regional Health Centre. Working with members of the community, hundreds of volunteers, the Southlake Family and our incredible donors, Southlake Foundation will continue to support life-saving medical equipment, infrastructure upgrades and expansions, patient programs and staff education, all for the goal of transforming the lives of patients and families, close to home. For more information visit: www.southlakefoundation.ca

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