

## MEDIA RELEASE

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### **CARLETON PLACE AND DISTRICT MEMORIAL HOSPITAL ANNOUNCES OFFICIAL GRAND OPENING OF THE NEW EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT**

**Carleton Place, ON** – After years of planning, dedication, and anticipation, the Mississippi River Health Alliance (MRHA) is proud to announce the **official grand opening** of the new Thomas Cavanagh Emergency Department (ED) at Carleton Place & District Memorial Hospital (CPDMH). The grand opening ceremony will take place on **January 27, 2025**, marking a transformative milestone in healthcare for Carleton Place and the surrounding communities.

“This is more than just a new building—it’s a testament to what we can accomplish when a community comes together,” said Brad Harrington, President and CEO of the Mississippi River Health Alliance. “The Thomas Cavanagh Emergency Department will allow us to provide the same high-quality emergency care in a modern, efficient space designed to meet the needs of today and the future. We are deeply grateful to our donors, staff, and the Carleton Place community for their unwavering support in making this vision a reality.”

The new Emergency Department offers an upgraded, patient-centered environment designed to support both patients and healthcare providers. While the building is new, the department will continue to provide the same trusted emergency services that the community has relied on for decades, delivered by the same dedicated team of exceptional professionals.

“The existing Emergency Department served our community with excellence for many years, thanks to the incredible efforts of our staff,” added Harrington. “This new facility enhances the environment for care delivery, but it’s our staff—our nurses, physicians, and support teams—who remain the heart of the exceptional care we provide to our patients.”

The project was made possible through the [Healthy Futures. Together! Campaign](#), which raised an outstanding \$5 million with the help of generous donors, volunteers, community partners, and our community and surrounding area.

“Our community has shown incredible generosity and heart through the Healthy Futures. *Together!* Campaign,” said Robyn Arseneau, Executive Director of the CPDMH Foundation. “This grand opening is not just about a new building—it’s a celebration of a shared commitment to healthcare. Together, we’ve created a space that will serve generations to come.”

The grand opening event on January 27 will provide the public with an exclusive opportunity to tour the new facility, learn about its innovative features, and join in celebrating this important milestone.

This new Emergency Department represents a significant investment in the future of healthcare in the region, reinforcing the MRHA’s mission to improve health outcomes and provide care close to home.

For updates on the grand opening and further developments, visit [www.MRHA.ca](http://www.MRHA.ca) or follow MRHA on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [LinkedIn](#).

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**About the Mississippi River Health Alliance (MRHA)**

The Mississippi River Health Alliance (MRHA) was formed in 2016 to formalize and strengthen collaboration between the Almonte General Hospital Corporation—which includes Almonte General Hospital (AGH), Fairview Manor (FVM), and the Lanark County Paramedic Service (LCPS)—and the Carleton Place & District Memorial Hospital Corporation (CPDMH). This partnership delivers seamless, high-quality healthcare that addresses the evolving needs of local communities. Together, the MRHA is building an integrated healthcare system that provides comprehensive care close to home, enhancing access and improving health outcomes throughout the region. For more information visit [MRHA.ca](http://MRHA.ca).