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New Long-Term Care Facility in Athens Named “G. Tackaberry and Family Home” Following Announcement of Generous Donation

ATHENS –The Tackaberry Summersgiving Tour and Fundraising event to raise funds for the new 192-bed long-term care home was held on June 24, 2023. The highlight of the day was a presentation of a generous \$400,000 donation by the Tackaberry Family, which led to the naming of the new, state-of-the-art facility. This contribution was in addition to a previous \$100,000 donation by George Tackaberry in memory of his mother Phyllis, for naming rights to a “neighbourhood” (wing) in the new long-term care home. This successful event hosted by the Tackaberry family also raised over \$30,000 from ticket sales.

Speaking on behalf of the Tackaberry Family, Kevin Tackaberry said “Our family is pleased to contribute to what will be one of the best, if not the best, facility of its kind in Ontario.” The G. Tackaberry and Family Home, as the full name suggests, will provide *Excellence in Long-Term Care* and that excellence will be demonstrated through staff care, resident comfort and the very best in technology and materials.

“What an exciting time for this project. We are so very grateful to everyone who contributes so generously to a much-needed facility for the region,” said Fundraising Committee Chairman, Doug Struthers. “These contributions will go toward the purchase of all of the extra amenities that will enhance the lives of the residents and make the G. Tackaberry and Family Home – truly a home.”

Mr. Struthers thanked those who had already made contributions and said the Fundraising Committee is actively approaching businesses, organizations and families for their support.

The redevelopment project is the largest capital construction project in the history of the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville at a cost of more than \$80,000,000. Construction of the new three-story, six-wing building is now underway on the Maple View Landings property in Athens, Ontario and will replace the existing 60-bed Maple View Lodge facility upon its opening expected in the summer of 2025. The existing building will be repurposed, with options currently under review.

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United Counties of Leeds and Grenville Warden Nancy Peckford said "This significant fundraising event and contribution marks not only the establishment of a modern facility for our community, but also the recognition of the extraordinary generosity of the Tackaberry family."

The contributions made thus far brings the campaign close to the halfway mark of its goal of \$3,000,000 thanks to additional donations from various contributors who were acknowledged at the event.

David and Ann Beatty graciously contributed \$300,000 to the fundraising effort, the Burnbrae-Hudson Foundation donated \$10,000, and Mr. Peter Vanderlinden, who fondly remembers the care his mother received at Maple View Lodge, contributed \$500. Many others have stepped forward to support the campaign and we look forward to making more announcements in the coming weeks.

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