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The Chemotherapy Clinic in Wingham Marks 10th Anniversary

Wingham, ON – Last January, Gary Weber celebrated five years as a cancer survivor. He had beaten lung cancer. Life was good. Three weeks later, Gary was shocked to discover he had cancer again. This time, it was marginal zone lymphoma – or cancer of the blood. Gary’s days became consumed with visits to the doctor and trips to the hospital for treatment. As a resident of Paisley, Ontario, Gary was thankful to be able to have his treatment delivered in Wingham. “If I had to drive all the way to London for my treatment, it would be a three-hour car ride,” says Gary. “That’s too far, especially when you are sick.” Cancer care close to home offers many benefits for patients like Gary, including the support of family and friends during a difficult time.

The Wingham Chemotherapy clinic is celebrating their 10th Anniversary this month. Staff at the clinic is extremely proud of this important milestone and the superior care they provide to residents from a large portion of Huron, Perth and Bruce counties including, Kincardine, Port Elgin, Walkerton, Hanover, Brussels, Clinton, Goderich, Bayfield, Listowel, Mildmay, Clifford, Tiverton and Seaforth. “Working as a satellite of the South West Regional Cancer Program, our staff provides patients with the most advanced, patient-friendly cancer treatment and cancer care available,” says Barb Pletch, Chemotherapy Nurse at the clinic. “Our size makes us unique in that we deliver our services with a level of personalized care and convenience that patients may not find in larger facilities.”

Gary could not agree more. “My cancer treatment has affected my cognitive skills,” says Gary. “I must ask the nurses the same questions over and over, but they always treat me like it’s the first time I am asking. The nurses in Wingham are so professional and compassionate.” Being close to home makes all the difference to Gary and his family. Chemotherapy delivered in Wingham means that Gary does not have to worry about expenses related to travel. He is able to focus all his energy on getting better.

About Wingham Satellite Oncology Program

As a partner hospital of the South West Regional Cancer Program, the Wingham Satellite Oncology Program has been operational since November 1, 2002. Patients are initially assessed in London and may be referred back to the Wingham site for cancer treatment. Services provided at the Wingham site include chemotherapy

treatment for breast, prostate, bowel, stomach, pancreas, lymphoma, multiple myeloma, lung and liver cancers.

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South West Regional Cancer Program oversees the delivery and quality of cancer services for the counties of Grey, Bruce, Huron, Perth, Middlesex, Oxford, Elgin, and part of Norfolk. It is one of 13 Regional Cancer Programs created by Cancer Care Ontario in 2005 to ensure cancer care is delivered according to province-wide quality standards.

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