

## NEWS RELEASE

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### **International agricultural business, Cargill, donates \$60,000 to London Health Sciences Foundation to support front-line heroes**

**LONDON, Ont.** – International agricultural business, Cargill, donated \$60,000 to the COVID-19 Response Fund in support of London Health Sciences Centre (LHSC). As the hospital continues to provide critical care services during the COVID-19 pandemic, this donation will directly support the front-line heroes who are working tirelessly to improve and maintain the health and wellbeing of our community.

During these unprecedented times, the core beliefs of Cargill are evident through their generosity from both the organization and its staff. With 8,000 employees in Canada, and a plant in London, this donation demonstrates a true commitment to ensuring our community can thrive during this time of crisis.

“In London, we are working with our nonprofit partners, like the London Health Sciences Foundation, to ensure everyone in our community has the resources they need during this unprecedented time,” said Derek Hill, General Manager, Cargill Primary Poultry. “We are inspired by the medical professionals, first responders, workers and farmers in London who are making sure our essential needs are met.”

In addition to the donation, some of the staff at the London plant, are sewing and selling handmade masks. The proceeds from the masks were donated to London Health Sciences Foundation (LHSF), in support of the COVID-19 Response Fund. Cargill is matching the staff donations and will continue to do so with future gifts.

Each employee at Cargill is essential to the overall production and distribution of food in our region. They play a vital role in ensuring that our community continues to have food on the table throughout this pandemic. They continuously display their dedication to our community by going to work every day to help nourish us through these difficult times.

“Thank you for this generous donation which will help support the front-line heroes at London Health Sciences Centre,” said John MacFarlane, London Health Sciences Foundation, President and CEO. “This generosity is another example of the overwhelming support we have seen throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.”

Cargill provides food, agriculture, financial and industrial products and services to the world. They are committed to feeding the world in a responsible way and having an impact on communities.

For more information on this initiative or the hospital foundation, please visit [lhsf.ca](http://lhsf.ca)

**About London Health Sciences Foundation (LHSF)** is a Canada Revenue Agency registered charity accredited by Imagine Canada linking our community and health care experts - including physicians, allied professionals, researchers, staff and educators - together in pursuit of medical excellence at London Health Sciences Centre (LHSC) and Lawson Health Research Institute (Lawson). Established to strengthen LHSC's ability to provide the highest quality health care for patients in Southwestern Ontario and beyond, LHSF offers opportunities to support discovery and innovation in research, education and patient care at our hospital. To see how donations enable extraordinary care, visit [www.lhsf.ca](http://www.lhsf.ca).

### **About Cargill**

Cargill's 160,000 employees across 70 countries work relentlessly to achieve our purpose of nourishing the world in a safe, responsible and sustainable way. Every day, we connect farmers with markets, customers with ingredients, and people and animals with the food they need to *thrive*.

We combine 154 years of experience with new technologies and insights to serve as a trusted partner for food, agriculture, financial and industrial customers in more than 125 countries. Side-by-side, we are building a stronger, sustainable future for agriculture. For more information, visit [Cargill.com](http://Cargill.com) and our [News Center](#).

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