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## **Elgin Stroke Strategy Working Group Invites Persons Living With Stroke, and their Caregivers, to Celebratory Luncheon**

**London, ON** – June is Stroke Month, and on June 9, the Elgin County Stroke Strategy Working Group will host a luncheon to celebrate regional advancements in stroke care. The event is intended for persons living with stroke, family caregivers, and health care providers involved in stroke care across the continuum – health promotion, hospital, rehabilitation, long term care and community.

Walter Gretzky, a well-known spokesperson for the Heart and Stroke Foundation will be the special guest at the June 9 event. Mr. Gretzky, father of hockey legend Wayne Gretzky, is a stroke survivor. Today he dedicates himself to helping people understand what it is like to live in the aftermath of this catastrophic illness. His sense of humor and his power of communication make him an inspiration to stroke survivors, their caregivers and families.

“We’re very excited to have this opportunity to showcase the progress being made in stroke care across Elgin County,” says Sharon Mytka, Regional Stroke Prevention Coordinator. “This event is an opportunity to celebrate our successes, learn more about stroke services, and join the Elgin Stroke Strategy Working Group in discussion about enhancing and advancing stroke care. We hope that persons living with stroke, their family caregivers, and health care providers will come out and join us.”

The venue for the event is the St. Thomas Golf and Country Club at 42325 Sparta Line, Union Ontario. The event start time is 12pm. Walter Gretzky is scheduled to speak at 2pm. Admission is free and lunch will be provided.

To register for the event, please contact Delynne Felder, Stroke Strategy Team Assistant, at (519) 685-8500 ext.32462 or [delynne.felder@lhsc.on.ca](mailto:delynne.felder@lhsc.on.ca) by June 5, 2006.

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