

# Committed to our community

A recent announcement by Suncor in our community has reiterated the company's commitment to Sarnia-Lambton and sets the stage for some exciting developments in the near future.

Last week Suncor donated a half million dollars to Bluewater Health to upgrade its imaging department in the new hospital. To see a donation of that size come from a local company is rare in itself and was a welcomed boost for the hospital project. At the same time, Suncor announced it had received final approvals for its \$800 million Project Genesis.

Project Genesis is Suncor's investment in Sarnia-Lambton and gives us a sense of security about the company's future here. The project is part of a new plan to build a new diesel desulphurization unit and modify other equipment to process more crude oil. Not only will the improvements make for a cleaner environment,

but they will also help the refinery increase production by 15 per cent.

Suncor's investment in our hospital and in environmental improvements sets an example for all local industry.

On the heels of Suncor's announcements, it has been a good news week for local industry.

Yesterday, The Observer reported that Dow Chemical Canada had finished its clean-up of the St. Clair River, signalling the end of a \$100-million, 20-year makeover that's transformed the local plant and its reputation.

Despite public skepticism, it set about cutting discharges and separating itself from the river. When that was done, it turned to cleaning up an old landfill, the Cole Drain and other polluted sites.

The river remediation has taken three years and \$15 million. When a layer of clean sand and gravel is laid down next spring, the river will be restored to its original state.

Congratulations Dow.