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St. Joseph's Health Centre Foundation Impact Report



Your best care experience, just got better.

Pictured: Emergency physician Dr. Mark Unger (left), Jason Rombouts and his daughter Hilde (centre), who have experienced emergency care when she was recently sick, and Emergency RN and clinical educator Rebecca Brooks (right).

NOW OPEN – Thanks to the generosity of our donor community, the first phase of the Emergency Department expansion is now open. Thank you! This is one of five new spaces you've helped build to ensure the best care experience for you and your loved ones. [Read more inside.](#)

Look at what your donations are doing!

Thank you for your support! Your generosity is opening five new spaces to ensure the best care experiences for our community. We've never had so many new facilities open in such a short time and they are all funded entirely by generous donors like you.

Look at what your donations are building for our community:

- Better mental health care with a new, first-of-its-kind short-stay space for young adults.
- A new specialty pregnancy care clinic for high-risk mothers-to-be.
- An expanded Emergency Department for urgent care.
- A centre of excellence in breast cancer screening and treatment, all in one comfortable place.
- The finest palliative care centre in the country that gives individuals and families a choice for how they want to live their last days.

Tax dollars do not fund most renovations and equipment – your kindness, and that of your neighbours, does! Thank you for all you are doing to support St. Joe's into the future.



Maria Dyck
President and CEO
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Chair, Board of Directors
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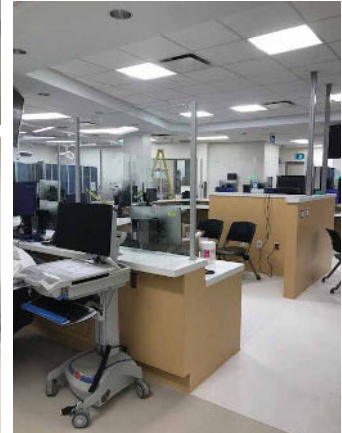
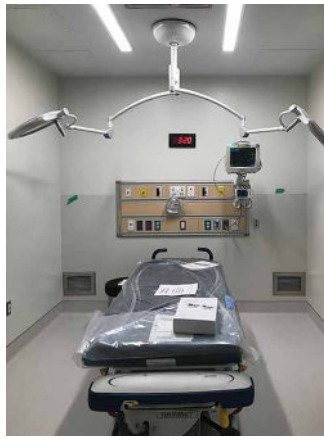


Diane Kazarian

Welcome on Board!

A big welcome to Diane Kazarian, our new Chair of the St. Joseph’s Health Centre Foundation Board of Directors. Diane is a seasoned, transformational senior executive with more than 30 years’ experience and is now an Alumni Managing Partner at PwC. She’s excited to put her skills to work to help drive big, bold changes at St. Joe’s.

“There are major transformations on the horizon to reinvent patient care experiences at St. Joe’s. The opening of the new innovative spaces here over the coming months are just the beginning,” she says. “St. Joe’s is my hospital too, and it has always been here for my family. I’m passionate about making care experiences better for all of us.”



The first phase of the Emergency Department redevelopment

NOW OPEN! An improved Emergency Department

The first phase of the Emergency Department redevelopment is now open. When the entire transformation is complete, the new Emergency will be more than 40% larger. It will include a dedicated children’s emergency, additional treatment spaces with better equipment, and expanded resuscitation areas to help continue to serve our more than half a million neighbours.

Thank you to everyone for supporting emergency care and ensuring the best care experiences. Learn more at supportstjoes.ca.

“He saved my life that night.”

Haley Camacho-Funk says she will never forget that weekend back in November 2020 when her health went downhill fast. She had intense chills and couldn’t find a way to warm up. A doctor at a walk-in clinic told her to get to the hospital right away, so she headed straight to St. Joe’s.

“Dominique Nguyen, one of the nurses in the Emergency Department, realized I was septic,” she says. “Within minutes, two doctors were explaining that how severe sepsis can be: your organs can start to fail. But as scary as it was, I knew I was in great hands with the team at St. Joe’s.”

Haley spent a week at St. Joe’s, but doesn’t know if she would have made it through the night if it wasn’t for Dom. “He saved my life.”

To thank Dom for his care, Haley has made a donation through the St. Joe’s Circle Program – it’s a great way to ensure your care provider is publicly recognized for making a difference in your life.

Visit supportstjoes.ca – Ways to Give to learn more how you can also honour someone at St. Joe’s and support care at the same time.



Dominique Nguyen and Haley Camacho-Funk

NOW OPEN! New specialty high-risk pregnancy clinic

Your gifts are enabling Dr. Marie Buitendyk to lead a new specialty high-risk pregnancy clinic at St. Joe's. This enhanced clinic is now open, providing an essential service to patients with high-risk pregnancies. Thanks to you, the clinic space has a new ultrasound machine to monitor mom's condition. It's wonderful to offer a one-stop unit for mothers at higher risk in our community.



New parents are grateful to have a new pregnancy clinic led by Dr. Marie Buitendyk (pictured above). New Mom Lily Salsberg and her twin sons spent time in the Neonatal ICU after they were born. The Neonatal ICU is undergoing renovations to ensure better experiences for new parents, in addition to upgrading new equipment thanks to donor support.

OPENING SOON! Timely breast cancer screening and treatment

A new Centre of Excellence in Breast Cancer Screening and Treatment will open in early 2023, with your help. It will enable St. Joe's to perform double the number of breast cancer screenings with greater accuracy and timely results because of new technology that your support helped make possible. This local centre is designed to be a one-stop visit for women at every stage of the breast cancer journey.



Pictured below on the right is Radiologist and Divisional Director of Breast Imaging at St. Joe's Dr. Andrea Miller, who is one of the visionaries behind The Geoffrey H. Wood Foundation Centre of Excellence in Breast Cancer Screening and Treatment. Inez Kim (left) is a patient and breast cancer survivor who has supported the campaign for a new centre from the beginning, knowing first-hand what timely screenings and treatment mean.



Pictured above: Medical radiology technologist Annie Baxter screening a patient for breast cancer.

NOW OPEN! New mental health unit for youth

A new mental health unit for young adults just opened at St. Joe's. It's the very first of its kind in a Toronto hospital and let's us look after more young people in better ways than ever before. We also have innovative new equipment to help those with lasting depression. Treatments take just 12 minutes per session and don't require patients to stay in the hospital. These are just some of the ways we're looking after your mental health.

With your support we can continue to ensure the best care experiences for every westender. Please donate today at supportstjoes.ca!



Pictured left to right: Dr. Mariam Abdurrahman, Chief of Psychiatry at St. Joe's and Krista Couture, Patient Care Manager in Mental Health, who were both leaders in the opening of a new mental health short stay unit for young adults.

OPENING SOON! New Palliative Care Centre

Our new Lake House Palliative Care Centre, with its cozy, cottage-inspired finishes overlooking Lake Ontario, will be the finest palliative care unit in the country. When open in early 2023, it will offer both inpatient and outpatient care, giving all our neighbours and their families choices. You are making this new centre possible, while also funding important training for our staff on advanced care planning and how to have difficult conversations with patients and families about their choices at end-of-life.



This past spring, Chris Rosati (left) lost his wife to bile duct cancer. She spent her final days in palliative care at St. Joe's, where he says clinical nurse specialist Maria Rugg (right) was his "hero." Maria is also an educator, providing specialized training – funded by donors – to our healthcare teams across St. Joe's to ensure the best end-of-life experiences for our patients.

“Just like we care about our family and neighbours, I believe we should care for St. Joe’s, who is always there for us.”



Julia Overs

“I want St. Joe’s, and my neighbours, to continue to thrive and serve all of us for generations to come,” says Julia Overs.

Inspired by our healthcare teams, Julia took the incredible step of naming St. Joseph’s Health Centre Foundation in her will.

“I was very moved by the way the staff at the hospital cared for those who were suffering by moving quietly around and making sure everyone was properly looked after with as little fuss as possible.”

You too can join our St. Joe’s Society by becoming a legacy donor and supporting St. Joe’s into the future.

To learn more about leaving a legacy gift, contact Janine Kuzma confidentially at 416.530.6000 Ext 3851 or jkuzma@stjoestoronto.ca.

“I am finally breathing a sigh of relief.”



Brooke McClelland

After years of pelvic pain, multiple hospital visits and two surgeries, Brooke McClelland was so relieved to get answers at St. Joe’s. “When you have profound symptoms but no diagnosis, you feel helpless.”

Brooke was doubled over in pain at St. Joe’s Emergency where her journey began. It was team effort between gynecologist Dr. Suzanne Wong, Dr. Maria Melchior and Dr. Clarissa Bambao that led to the realization that Brooke had endometriosis. She needed what Brooke describes as “exceptional care and life-saving surgery” in the middle of the pandemic that took her pain away.

Your support this past year helped fund new and replacement surgical equipment for our operating rooms, including imaging tools, operating tables and new lighting.

This holiday season, St. Joe’s is raising critical funds to support new and replacement equipment and technology. Donate today at supportstjoes.ca.

To learn more about St. Joe’s, the difference you are making, and ways to support healthcare in our community, please visit supportstjoes.ca. Your donations will help ensure the best care experiences for all westenders.