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Summer 2023

St. Joseph's Health Centre Foundation Impact Report



**IMPACT IS
EVERYWHERE
THANKS TO DONORS**

Thank you for supporting our teams on the frontlines.

Look inside to see how your donations have helped open a new phase in our Emergency Department redevelopment to increase capacity for care.

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HEALTH CENTRE FOUNDATION

Your support is making a huge difference.

With your help, we have raised more than \$17.7 million to improve emergency care for the future, build new centres for specialized care, purchase the latest equipment and technology, and support cutting-edge innovations.

This year, you've been instrumental in making the following possible – some of which you will read about in this issue:

- The phase 1 opening of the Emergency Department redevelopment;
- A new first-of-its-kind clinic for young adults who need mental health care;
- A specialized high-risk pregnancy clinic for expectant moms;
- Improvements to our Neonatal Intensive Care Unit;
- New equipment and technology for across the hospital;
- And much more!

Your donations have helped build and equip these new spaces to provide specialized care for our community and beyond. We can't wait to tell you about them and show you spaces once they are open this summer.

The impact of your giving can be seen across St. Joe's – in the patient care units and rooms, in the operating rooms, throughout the diagnostic imaging department where tests take place continuously, in emergency areas and outpatient clinics.

Thank you for everything you are doing to ensure the best care experiences at St. Joe's!



Maria Dyck
President and CEO
St. Joseph's Health Centre
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Diane Kazarian
Chair, Board of Directors
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Six months later: Improving emergency care

In fall 2022, St. Joe's opened the first phase of our improved Emergency Department to expand our capacity to care for patients. Before our emergency had more than 100,000 visits annually in a space built for 60,000. Now the ER is 40% larger.

Dr. Joan Cheng, Chief of Emergency, says the Emergency's biggest challenge was space. "The corridors were tight, the waiting areas small, and the rooms narrow," she says. "Donor support gave us more room."

The new Emergency Department "Yellow Zone" adds 12 more patient treatment spaces, including two private patient rooms, two negative pressure rooms, and seven stretcher bays. This new area also has its own team station, new standing workstations, a charting area and medication room.

"Our teams are able to provide better care to patients because everything we do is more efficient," Dr. Cheng says. "There is more room to move, the workspaces are more comfortable, and one nurse said that it 'feels better to arrive for a shift and walk into this space.' It is amazing we can offer this new environment for our patients and healthcare teams."

Dr. Maria Ivankovic, Associate Chief of Emergency, adds that patients have noticed the change. "The new space is brighter and more inviting, making the experience better for patients."



A gift for our tiniest patients

New parents and their babies now have an even better experience in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU). Grateful grandparents Robert Tunderman and Christine Couturier are giving back 13 years later after their grandson Andrew spent time in the NICU.

Thanks to their generous contribution, our NICU Parent and Family Lounge has been transformed into a space for wellness and relaxation. Dale Clement, Vice-President, Clinical Programs, says the renovated lounge has been designed with great detail to make the biggest difference. "For exhausted, anxious parents in those first few days, everything and anything that provides support, soothing and calmness makes a world of difference."

That's what this donation has done for our tiniest patients and their families at St. Joe's. Every year, about 200 pre-term babies are born at St. Joe's and stay in the Neonatal ICU for extra care – one of four in the GTA.



For more stories of how you are making an impact, visit supportstjoes.ca/impact

Proud grandparents giving back

Long-time St. Joe’s supporters Marilynne Day-Linton and Bill Linton are proud grandparents of two new grandsons who were born just 10 days apart. The care of both moms-to-be and their new bundles of joy inspired them to make a donation to honour members of our Family Birthing Centre team through the Circle Program as a way of saying thank you.



Pictured above is Christine Linton who says her birthing experience was “beyond expectations” thanks to two fantastic RNs, Gizelle and Daniella, who made her feel “comfortable and informed” as she and her husband Rob welcomed their newest family member Ellis.



Pictured above is Heather Linton with Dr. Suzanne Wong who she described as “attentive, informative and supportive,” and credits her for making her feel “safe and cared for” during the birth of her son Wes with husband Philip.

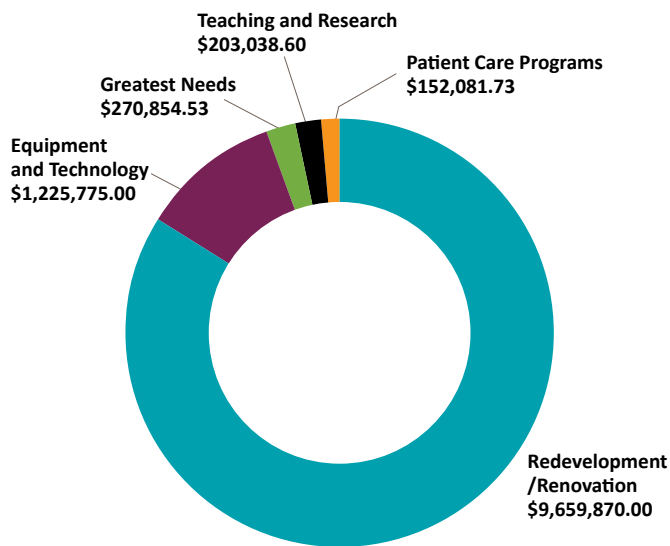
If you’d like to honour someone at St. Joe’s who made a difference in your life, visit supportstjoes.ca or call 416-530-6704 to make a gift to the St. Joe’s Circle.

This is where your gift made a difference this past year

Together we raised more than \$17.7 million to support care at St. Joe’s, including over \$13 million in contributions and \$4 million in future commitments. The pie chart shows where donations were directed, whether it was renovations, equipment, or patient programs.

Here are some examples of the new tools that are now in the hands of healthcare teams, thanks to your support:

- A new ultrasound machine for the Neonatal ICU and Family Birthing Centre;
- A mini C-Arm, which is a state-of-the-art tool to guide surgeons in the operating room;
- New orthopedic instruments and equipment for arthroscopy procedures, meniscal repair sets, trauma positioning equipment, fracture table accessories, elbow positioner, stools, and tables;
- 24 new Cardiac Holter Monitors to monitor heart activity and diagnose any medical conditions;
- A transesophageal echocardiography probe to diagnose conditions of the heart that are difficult to see; and
- A new electromyography machine, along with upgrades to another, to measure muscle response to detect neuromuscular abnormalities.



It makes me happy to know that I can help...

"I was with my wife every day when she was at St. Joe's, and I witnessed the outstanding care and love she received. When the time came to make my Will, I decided to honour and celebrate my wife Lina's wishes and include St. Joe's in my Will. It makes me happy to help others and say thank you by paying back for the care my wife and I received."

Achille G.

Legacy Donor and St. Joe's Society Member

As we look ahead to the future, we are inspired by St. Joe's Society donors, like Achille, and their impact on our hospital. Generous legacy gifts have helped fund new spaces and equipment, support new initiatives, and provide the best in care to our patients. With your help, we can continue their legacy for generations to come. Join us and plan for the future to make a difference that will last a lifetime.

Did you know?

- By planning strategically to lower or eliminate taxes payable on your Estate and to make your wishes known, you give your loved ones peace of mind.
- Without a plan of having a Will, your provincial government decides how your assets will be divided.
- You might be surprised to see how much you can afford to give without taking money away from your loved ones.
- You can designate how you want St. Joe's to use your gift.
- You can include a legacy gift in or outside of your Will like RRSPs, shares, GICs, life insurance.
- If you have Donor Advised Fund, you can designate St. Joe's to receive grants from the fund.
- If you already have a Will, you can easily amend/update your Will at any time by contacting your lawyer.
- By making a legacy gift, you will join St. Joseph's Society – a group of forward-thinking individuals.

If you are interested in more information, please contact Janine Kuzma, CFRE, Manager of Planned Giving, at 416-530-6486 ext. 3851 or jkuzma@stjoestoronto.ca.

Thanks for having heart

Thanks to you, the Cardiology team has 24 new Cardiac Holter Monitors to better track our patients' heart health. Doctors have their patients wear these monitors so they can look at the electrical activity of the heart to pinpoint any abnormalities.

These new cardiac holter monitors have advanced features like digital reporting, increased testing time, and they are smaller and more comfortable for patients to wear. With this new equipment, our Cardiology teams can now increase their capacity for testing, reducing wait times to better keep up with the demand.



Save the date

Be sure to mark the following dates on your calendar and get ready to join us for some fun ways to support St. Joe's.



St. Joe's Fall Classic

Monday, September 11th
Lambton Golf &
Country Club
stjoesfallclassic.ca



Cycle 4 St. Joe's

Sunday, September 24th
Mattamy National Cycling
Centre, Milton
cycle4stjoes.ca