



You're saving lives and strengthening East Toronto

A REPORT ON YOUR IMPACT

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Opened two years ago, the Ken and Marilyn Thomson Patient Care Centre reflects Michael Garron Hospital’s commitment to putting patients first. With easily accessible outpatient services, advanced facilities for mental health and chronic disease care, bright patient rooms and modern medical education spaces, the Thomson Centre supports exceptional healthcare.

It’s thanks to donors like you that these new facilities exist. And the impact of your support is being felt by a growing number of patients through our hospital’s ongoing redevelopment. Check out some new spaces that came online over the last year.

BMO Child and Youth Centre

This state-of-the-art facility enhances convenience for families by serving as a one-stop centre for over 20 paediatric outpatient clinics previously located throughout our hospital. Opened in December 2024, the BMO Child and Youth Centre offers care for developmental challenges, heart conditions, eating disorders, asthma and much more.

The new space includes additional procedure rooms and spacious areas that can better accommodate family members who accompany their children. “It further strengthens our role as a centre of excellence when it comes to care for our youngest patients,” says Melanie Kohn, President and CEO of Michael Garron Hospital.

The centre also includes a brand-new Family and Newborn Clinic. Led by midwives, it operates seven days a week to provide care to birthing parents and newborns when timely primary care is unavailable. The clinic addresses semi-urgent concerns and routine care in the eight weeks following birth.



BMO Child and Youth Centre staff and hospital leadership celebrate the centre’s opening.



“I was impressed with the Thomson Centre. My room was double occupancy, but I had my own bathroom and shower. It was easy to walk the bright and spacious halls to get my steps in and help speed up my recovery.”

- Margrie Wallace, who stayed in the centre for three days

“In addition to the privacy provided by the new unit design, which helps patients get the rest they need to recover, there’s lots of new equipment in the Thomson Centre, like bed lifts and vital signs monitors, so we don’t need to search for what we need. We can spend more time at the bedside with our patients.”

- Michelle Dass, Registered Practical Nurse



Improving spaces for a better patient experience

With your gift, we’ve improved areas where patients and their loved ones spend considerable time. We’ve added fresh paint, better lighting and new flooring in our Dialysis Unit, where patients with kidney disease spend several hours each week receiving life-saving treatment.

Elsewhere, a new hallway between the Thomson Centre and our Stavro Emergency Department provides convenient access to high-quality urgent care and patient-related services, such as offices for Patient Experience and Health Records.

Looking ahead

This spring, outdated facilities facing Coxwell Avenue – specifically A, B, C and F wings – will start to come down. This will create room for a beautifully landscaped outdoor community hub and our new main entrance, including a spacious U-shaped driveway to make drop-offs and pick-ups much easier.

Our original 1929 building, with a completely renovated interior, will stand prominently as a link between our proud history and our exciting future. Additionally, the Thomson Centre’s two outdoor terraces – one dedicated to mental health programming and the other available to all patients and staff – will offer enhanced views of the city once the old wings are brought down.



Rendering of our future main entrance.

You're equipping us to save lives

Your generosity allows Michael Garron Hospital to purchase cutting-edge equipment and complete essential renovations – improvements that support outstanding patient care.

Because of you, we were able to acquire a new da Vinci surgical robot as our previous model reached the end of its serviceable life. With robotic-assisted surgery, doctors operate through small incisions for the best possible outcomes. Patients benefit from reduced pain, shorter hospital stays and faster recoveries.

In addition to prostate cancer, we now use the robot to treat lung and kidney cancers.



Dr. Ryan Groll, Chief of Urology, with our new da Vinci surgical robot.

Expanding our Cardiac Catheterization Lab

You're enabling us to significantly increase the capacity of our cath lab, where heart disease is diagnosed and treated with minimally invasive stenting procedures.

Thanks to you and fellow donors, we've raised \$6.3 million to help fund the construction and equipping of a second cath lab procedure room. Work is set to begin this spring. It's a good thing, too, because our community has a high incidence of heart disease.

Your support is changing our hospital – and healthcare – for the better. Thank you for investing in leading-edge facilities and equipment that enhance the well-being of our community. Having you by our side means the world to us.

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