

# The difference you make

As our community grows, more people than ever are relying on Michael Garron Hospital for exceptional care. Your investment in our hospital's pressing needs – including vital equipment and facility upgrades – is helping us meet rising demands.

## Historic redevelopment approaches finish line

The largest redevelopment project in our hospital's nearly 100-year history is almost complete, and we have you to thank for making it possible. With your generosity we've built state-of-the-art facilities that offer greater comfort and convenience to patients, ushering in a new era of healthcare in East Toronto.

There's our eight-storey Ken and Marilyn Thomson Patient Care Centre, with bright and spacious facilities for outpatient care, recovery after surgery, mental health care, medical education and more. We've also fully renovated areas within our legacy buildings – for instance, creating the BMO Child and Youth Centre, a one-stop shop where over 20 clinics provide care for children, teens and their families.

Having finished the removal of outdated buildings in November, we're preparing to build our new main entrance on Coxwell Avenue. This includes a long U-shaped driveway for easier drop-offs and pick-ups, and a landscaped outdoor community hub. Come August, this phase of our campus transformation will be complete.

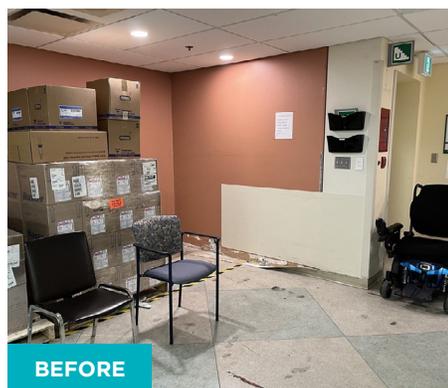


With the demolition of outdated buildings, our future main entrance is coming into view.

## An uplifting space for patients with kidney disease

You've brightened the hospital experience for people who rely on our Dialysis Unit for life-sustaining treatment. Previously, the unit's space in the hospital's basement was rundown and cluttered. Now, thanks to your support, the area has been refreshed.

Fresh paint, new signage and better storage have made the waiting area more inviting. New lighting and updated flooring have been added. There are also new, more comfortable chairs for patients and height-adjustable stools for staff to use at the bedside.



BEFORE

The Dialysis Unit's appearance didn't measure up to the excellent care patients receive.



NOW

Patients benefit from a brighter, more welcoming space during their dialysis appointments.

Aly, Mara and Shannon.



“Michael Garron Hospital feels more like a community centre than a hospital. There's a sense that everyone is working together toward something positive.”

– Aly, who was born at our hospital, as was his partner, Shannon. When they started their own family, they knew they wanted to give birth here. “The staff are warm, and they take the time to get to know you as a person,” says Shannon. Your philanthropy funds equipment that is essential to our Family Birthing Centre team as they deliver over 2,600 babies each year.



Respirologist Dr. Ian Fraser and Tracey Monahan, Senior Respiratory Therapist, with one of our new Dräger ventilators.

## Your giving saves lives

When illness or injuries prevent people from breathing on their own, they require life-saving mechanical ventilation that keeps their airways open, delivers oxygen and removes carbon dioxide from their lungs. With your help, Michael Garron Hospital has become the first in Canada to use Dräger Evita V800 ventilators – 44 of them, in fact.

These leading-edge machines provide patients with the latest respiratory therapies. They're used in our Intensive Care Unit, as well as in units supporting patients who depend on long-term ventilation or are learning to breathe on their own again after prolonged ventilation.

## Pivotal imaging equipment

Thanks to you, we've purchased a new computed tomography (CT) scanner to replace a 20-year-old machine at the end of its serviceable life. CT scans are crucial for lung cancer screening, identifying blood vessel blockages and other diagnostic procedures.

Compared to the machine it's replacing, the modern CT scanner will expose patients to less radiation. This is particularly important for children, as they're significantly more sensitive to radiation than adults. Our new machine can also complete more scans per day, reducing wait times and helping us save more lives. At the same time it will help to detect disease earlier, enabling better health outcomes and lowering health system costs.

**People throughout East Toronto and its surrounding areas turn to Michael Garron Hospital for skilled, compassionate care. Your generosity funds equipment and space improvements that help our teams be at their best. Thank you for strengthening the heart of the east.**

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