Our future community hospital is in sight

Phase 1 Construction has begun!
Several years ago we had a dream to see our hospital redeveloped and expanded to meet the needs of our community. Now that dream is becoming a reality.

On March 6th, we gathered with many of our esteemed partners, including representatives from the City of Burlington, Region of Halton, McMaster University and more, to celebrate the official ceremonial groundbreaking of construction on Phase 1 of our Project. Phase 1 will consist of the Halton McMaster Family Health Centre (HMFHC), administrative space for JBH staff and a multi-level parking structure that will provide hundreds of parking spaces for our patients, families and visitors. At the end of March, Bondfield Construction Company Limited began to mobilize its forces to start construction of Phase 1 of the project. We look forward to our new partnership with McMaster University and the great benefits the new HMFHC will bring to our community when it opens in 2014.

On page three of this issue, you will see highlighted the milestones of our Redevelopment and Expansion Project. Our Redevelopment Team, along with our project partners, are simultaneously working on both phases of the project, as construction builds Phase 1 and we continue to plan and operationalize our vision for Phase 2.

In this issue of Momentum, you will also read columns by two of our leading physicians - Dr. Hack and Dr. Opavsky – news from JBH Foundation President, Anissa Hilborn, and an invitation to join our team as volunteers or as nurses. Tomorrow we will be hosting a Nursing Job Fair, focusing in the areas of Critical Care and the Emergency Department, to enable us to provide exemplary care to our patients and families as our community continues to grow and evolve.

We are proud of our hospital and the significant achievements we have made as we see construction begin on our Redevelopment and Expansion Project. Our future is being built on the great care and service that we have provided the Burlington community for the past 53 years. It is also built on the great physician and hospital leadership over those years that has brought us to where we are today. A sincere thank you to our physicians, our staff, our volunteers, our board members and our community partners for their hard work and commitment to JBH. We have a rich history to draw on as we prepare for a bright future of patient-centred care.

Hard hats, shovels and smiles mark the Ceremonial Groundbreaking at the future site of McMaster’s Family Health Centre.

FROM L-R: Halton Regional Chair Gary Carr, Burlington Mayor Rick Goldring, Joseph Brant Hospital President & CEO Eric Vandewall, Dr. David Price, Chair, McMaster Department of Family Medicine, Dr. Amie Davies, Halton Site Director, McMaster Department of Family Medicine, Hon. Ted McMeekin, Minister of Community and Social Services and MPP Ancaster-Dundas-Flamborough-Westdale, Dr. Graham Swanson, McMaster Department of Family Medicine, Tracey Carr, Director, McMaster Department of Family Medicine, Dr. Adam Grzeslo, McMaster Department of Family Medicine.
Phase I construction has begun at Joseph Brant

Since receiving Ontario Government approval for our Redevelopment and Expansion Project in 2011, JBH has achieved several milestones in preparation for the Project which will include two major phases of construction as well as improvements to existing spaces and facilities.

In Phase I, a new three-storey building on Lakeshore Rd. will house the Halton McMaster Family Health Centre (HMFHC), the Department of Family Medicine of McMaster’s Michael G. DeGroote School of Medicine and JBH administrative offices. A new parking garage with more than 800 spaces is being built adjacent to the new centre. Bondfield Construction Company Limited will be leading the team to build the new HMFHC and parking facility. Construction has already begun and is expected to be complete by next Spring.

In Phase II, a new six-storey patient-care tower and significant renovations to existing space will take place, adding state-of-the-art facilities and services to meet the health care needs of our community for many years to come.

REDEVELOPMENT & EXPANSION MILESTONES

**AUGUST 2011** – Ontario Government approves the Redevelopment & Expansion Project.

**APRIL 2012** – MOHLTC provides $22.5 million in capital funding for planning and design work.

**MAY 2012** – Demolition of Ministry of Environment building on Lakeshore Rd. to make way for building of Phase I.

**MARCH 2013** – Ceremonial Groundbreaking on Phase I Halton McMaster Family Health Centre, the Department of Family Medicine of McMaster’s Michael G. DeGroote School of Medicine, and parking garage.

**APRIL 2013** – Construction begins on Phase I.

**SUMMER 2014** – Completion of Phase I construction.

**FALL 2014** – Construction begins on Phase II.

**2017/2018** – Completion of new Hospital Tower.

**2017/2018** – Completion of Redevelopment & Expansion Project.
Preventing infectious diseases keeps us all safe

By Dr. Anne Opavsky, Infectious Disease Specialist

As an Infectious Disease Specialist, I am proud to be a part of an organization that is so strongly committed to quality and safety. This commitment is not only made for the benefit of our patients and those who work at or visit the hospital but is also made for the benefit of our community. The prevention of infectious diseases, particularly through the simple act of cleaning our hands, keeps us all safe.

As part of my role as an Infection Disease Specialist, I work with the hospital’s Infection Prevention and Control Team on various quality and safety initiatives, as well as provide consultation and advice on the diagnosis and treatment of infectious diseases for patients admitted to JBH. I lead the hospital’s new Antimicrobial Stewardship Program with Hala Basheer, Infectious Disease Pharmacist. This program focuses on ensuring that patients receive the best antibiotic, at the best dose and for the best length of time.

Since joining JBH in 2011, I am pleased to see how well our quality and safety initiatives have been implemented and the outstanding achievements we are making. In the first few months of the Antibiotic Stewardship Program, we reviewed over 300 patients and made recommendations on how to optimize their antibiotics. During this time we have seen a decrease in antibiotic use across the hospital. This is important as the appropriate use of antibiotics can improve patient health, help reduce the risk of C. difficile infection, shorten hospital stays and control the development of antibiotic resistant bacteria.

Another part of my role at JBH is to help develop best practice guidelines and strategies for treating infectious diseases, such as pneumonia and influenza. This work includes advocating for influenza immunization during influenza season and acting as a resource for community physicians if they have questions regarding infections, vaccines and antibiotics.

One of the best ways to control the spread of infection is through cleaning your hands. At JBH, we have implemented a Hand Hygiene Steering Committee made up of a multidisciplinary team of health care providers who meet regularly to promote and support hand hygiene for everyone across the hospital. Hand hygiene is a general term that refers to the use of soap and water or waterless antimicrobial agents on our hands. Effective hand hygiene is the single most important strategy in preventing healthcare associated infections.

JBH is deeply committed to hand hygiene compliance. One of the ways we are working on to achieving excellence in hand hygiene is through a new, innovative clean hands program that invites patients, family members and visitors to play an active role in reminding healthcare providers to clean their hands. We want to do everything we can to help prevent hospital-associated infections. At JBH, your healthcare team wants to be asked if they have cleaned their hands because they want to prevent infection as much as you do. So, over the next few months, you will see posters in patient rooms and waiting areas letting you know that your healthcare provider welcomes a reminder that “It’s OK to ask me if I have cleaned my hands.”

I have seen how quality and safety at JBH goes hand-in-hand. I am happy to be part of a leading-practice community hospital where staff and physicians are dedicated to the prevention of infection and to providing the highest level of care to all of our patients.

EFFECTIVE HAND HYGIENE IS THE SINGLE MOST IMPORTANT STRATEGY IN PREVENTING HEALTHCARE ASSOCIATED INFECTIONS

Cleaning your hands correctly (or using an alcohol-based hand rub) is the most effective thing you can do to protect yourself against a number of infectious diseases, such as influenza (the “flu”) and the common cold. Not only will it help keep you healthy, it will help prevent the spread of infectious diseases to others.

Even if your hands appear to be clean, they may carry germs. Hands pick up micro-organisms (germs) in a number of ways.

When people who are sick sneeze or cough, the germs that are making them sick are expelled into the air in tiny droplets. If these droplets get onto your hands, and then you touch your mouth, eyes or nose without washing away the germs, you carry the infection. You can also get sick if you don’t wash your hands before and after preparing food, after handling raw meat, and after using the toilet.

Cleaning your hands not only prevents you from getting sick, but it also reduces the risk of infecting others. If you don’t wash your hands properly before coming into contact with others, you can infect them with the germs on your hands. Other people can also get sick from the germs unwashed hands leave on shared objects like doorknobs, keyboards, and other equipment in the home or workplace.

Hand-to-hand contact can spread mild conditions, such as the common cold, but also more severe or life-threatening diseases. Infectious diseases are a particular risk to the very young, the elderly, those with a pre-existing disease, and people with a compromised immune system, such as those with HIV or AIDS.

(source: www.hc-sc.gc.ca).

NEED MORE INFO?
Visit these helpful sites to learn more about cleaning your hands:

Public Health Agency of Canada  Community and Hospital Infection Control Association Canada  www.handhygiene.ca  www.who.int  www.caringforkids.cps.ca
quality

Changes in the ED and Nursery enhance patient experience

Thanks to generous donors, the Emergency Department has a new look: fresh paint, new furniture and wall signage to help our patients have a more comforting, informed emergency care experience. Renovation work will continue in the department, including the addition of a Snoezelen bubble tube for kids.

Renovations in the Nursery, again made possible by generous community donations, include larger, more individualized care spaces for patients and their families, the addition of O2 and medical air throughout the existing Nursery space, a new Team Centre, new security features and improved lighting.

Our Nursery has also been designated a Level 2b Nursery — this means we can provide care closer to home for women giving birth at 32 weeks gestation and up. We are able to provide Nasal Continuous Positive Airway Pressure (NCPAP) to assist those infants having difficulty breathing. We are also able to provide Total Parenteral Nutrition (TPN) on a short term basis for those infants requiring respiratory support and who are unable to take anything by mouth. Previously, we would have needed to send these infants to tertiary care centres to receive this higher level of care.

When Herb learned about his diagnosis, he was shaken. Dr. Rawlinson kept him calm and reassured him that he would be alright. Today, thanks to Dr. Rawlinson, Herb has his health back.

This is just one example of how our leading practice staff understood what a patient was going through and provided the care he needed. Our staff continues to provide this level of service, so people like Herb can always be looked after.

Visit josephbranthospital.ca

"We are passionate about providing the care you need."

— Dr. Rawlinson, Chief of Radiology
JBH Staff Member for 7 Years

What to Expect

Welcome to Joseph Brant Hospital

We know you need help.
Here’s how to begin:

• When entering the Emergency Department (ED) please clean your hands. If you have a cough and fever, use a mask.
• Have your health card available to check in at Triage.
• A Triage Nurse will do a brief assessment of your illness or injury.

The Triage Process
Upon your arrival in the Emergency Department (ED), you will be welcomed by a Triage Nurse who will complete a brief medical history and assessment.

Why are you waiting?
Patients are seen based on their level of care needed, rather than a first-come first-serve basis. Although this system can lead to longer waits, it is the safest way to deliver care within a busy Emergency Department (ED). This process is the same if you arrive on your own, if you arrive by ambulance, if you have been asked to return to the ED for follow up or to meet with a specialist.

Waiting in the Emergency Department (ED)
Every effort will be made to serve you as quickly as possible. While we cannot control demands placed on our department by the volume or condition of our patients, we will provide quality care and service to everyone in need. We will keep you informed about the steps in your care and we will explain how long we anticipate each step to take.

Thank you for choosing Joseph Brant Hospital.
From the new HMFHC to defining leading practice care, JBH’s Dr. Arshad Hack answers your questions about family medicine and Joseph Brant Hospital

Q Joseph Brant Hospital just celebrated the groundbreaking for the Halton McMaster Family Health Centre – what services will this new centre provide?

A It is so exciting for our community to see the construction of the Halton McMaster Family Health Centre (HMFHC) on the Joseph Brant Hospital footprint. This has been the vision of many family physicians in the community who have worked tirelessly over a number of years to bring this vision to fruition. Although there has been Family Medicine Residency training in Burlington for many decades, Joseph Brant Hospital will now be designated a fully affiliated Academic Community Hospital with McMaster University. The construction of the HMFHC truly marks the new home around which Family Medicine Residency teaching will take place in Halton. This new Centre will house 10 full time Family Physicians who are all full staff at JBH. They will train a total of 16 Family Medicine Residents split between two years of Residency in their outpatient clinics, and through various inpatient experiences at JBH. The clinic will provide care to many residents of Burlington, and will include access to Social Work, a Psychiatrist, a Dietician, Pharmacist, and Nurse Practitioner.

Q Why is it important to attract and keep family doctors in our community?

A Family Physicians represent your first line of contact when entering the healthcare system and, as I have mentioned before, are the “quarterbacks” of your care. Without adequate numbers of Family Physicians in a community, patients are faced with having to seek care at walk-in clinics and in the Emergency Department. Comprehensive care delivery by a physician who knows you, your family, and your medical history is the favoured approach to your care. Family Physicians are vital to providing disease prevention and health promotion in a community, and provide a wide variety of medical services from cradle to end of life care. In Burlington, we strive to have the healthiest community in Canada, and this will only happen if we continue to train, recruit, and retain excellent, full-service Family Physicians.

Q I keep hearing about how JBH is on its way to becoming a “teaching hospital”. What is a teaching hospital and why is that designation important for our community?

A In simple terms, when a Hospital partners with a University that has a Medical School and various Residency Programs, it is considered a Teaching Hospital. In the case of JBH, we are an Academic Affiliated Community Teaching Hospital. What this means for our patients at JBH is that we will begin to see more medical learners (medical students and Medical Residents) as a part of our care teams. These bright young minds who are training in our Community will be future leaders in their respective fields. Learners positively influence organizations in many ways, namely asking inquisitive questions that encourage all care providers to be current and cutting edge with their knowledge and quality of care. These “Learners as Teachers” also increase manpower, and have been shown to enhance the patient experience while in hospital. At JBH, we also look at our teaching affiliation as something that will allow us to train physicians in a compassionate and patient-centred way, and ultimately recruit these physicians to stay and contribute to our community.

Q What is “leading practice” care? How does that affect the quality of care the hospital provides?

A Accreditation Canada defines leading practices as noteworthy examples of innovative solutions, practices, strategies and services that improve quality of care. At JBH we are committed to becoming the best community hospital in Canada. This means that we want to redefine the way healthcare is provided, and act as leaders to our peers in the areas of health outcomes, research, customer service and patient satisfaction, efficiency, medical education. By committing to providing leading practice care, we are committed to improving and enhancing the quality of care at JBH.

Q JBH is a “Community Hospital.” What does this mean, and how is JBH working to integrate with the Community?

A JBH’s mandate is to provide care tailored to the needs of Burlington and the surrounding community. JBH realizes, however, that we are not a stand-alone entity in the delivery of care, but rather one part of the continuum of care for patients. As such, we are working hard to integrate with our community partners. We currently have 35 full time Family Physicians as a part of our physician staff. These docs all run outpatient clinics in the community, and act as real assets when it comes to continuity of care from hospital to community. Our goal at JBH is to recruit and train more family docs who will be a part of this continuity of care system. We have focused on improving communication with family physicians in the community who are unaffiliated with the hospital. Our initiatives to date include timely discharge summaries, medication reviews and liaison with community pharmacies upon discharge, the creation of a supportive care level of hospital privilege for family physicians to encourage GPs to engage in aspects of their patients’ care in hospital, encouraging access to a patient information platform called Clinical Connect for all physicians in Burlington, and more. Currently, JBH is in the process of leading the development of the Burlington Health Link, a consortium of healthcare providers and community agencies aimed at providing care to patients in a more integrated and patient-centred fashion. We are very excited about these initiatives and what it will mean for the quality of care provided to our patients in Burlington.

Q I currently do not have a family doctor, but I don’t want to wait for the new health centre to be built. Should I get a family doctor now and how?

A You should absolutely get a Family Physician now. Although the HMFHC will provide care to many patients in Burlington, it too will have a capacity that will limit how many patients can enroll. Today, we are fortunate to have many great Family Physicians in Burlington who are accepting patients and who will be great advocates for you and your family. I encourage you to call Health Care Connect, a very good service run by the Ministry of Health, to connect patients and Family Physicians together, at 1-800-445-1822 or visit www.ontario.ca/healthcareconnect.

Q I recently was treated at JBH’s Emergency Department and I really liked the doctor who treated me – how can I find out if she has a family practice so that I can become one of her patients?

A All of the Emergency Physicians at JBH are certified Emergency Medicine Specialists who have either completed a Fellowship in Emergency Medicine through the College of Family Physicians of Canada, or who have completed a five-year Residency certified by the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada in Emergency Medicine. Our Emergency Physicians do not provide outpatient Family Medicine clinics – they are full-time Emergency Medicine Docs. Should you require admission to the hospital, one of the physicians taking over your care may be a Family Physician who has an outpatient clinic. Should the above situation arise where you really appreciate the care you received and see this physician as a fit for you and your family, do not hesitate to ask that physician if s/he is accepting new patients.
volunteering

Want to make a difference?
Become a JBH Volunteer!

Volunteers are vital to the quality of health care services provided by Joseph Brant Hospital. They can be found helping in almost every area of the hospital, providing an outstanding 83,000 plus hours of service each year in 45 different areas of the hospital.

Dedicated to exceptional customer service, JBH volunteers are often the first people our patients, families and visitors meet when coming to the Hospital, acting as supportive, helpful ambassadors at the Information Desk in the main lobby, in our Emergency Department, and as our Patient Courtesy Shuttle drivers helping patients, family members and visitors to and from their cars and the hospital’s main entrances.

WE ARE CURRENTLY SEEKING VOLUNTEERS
JBH’s Volunteer Resources is currently seeking volunteers for the Hospital Gift Shop and Assisted Dining/Feeding Volunteer Program – EATING MATTERS. Visit josephbranthospital.ca and click on Current Volunteer Opportunities for more information.

JOIN US AT ONE OF OUR UPCOMING INFORMATION SESSIONS TO FIND OUT HOW YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE VOLUNTEERING AT JBH
April 18 | 5:30 p.m.
May 6 | 5:30 p.m.
May 23 | 5:30 p.m.

Reserve your spot by contacting: 905.632.3737 ext. 1314 or emailing volunteering@josephbranthospital.ca.

JBH is proud to celebrate National Volunteer Week April 21-27

ABOUT THE AUXILIARY TO JOSEPH BRANT HOSPITAL

The Auxiliary to Joseph Brant Hospital is an important part of the hospital, generating revenue for JBH from its various businesses including Tim Hortons and the Gift Shop.

Fundraising events are also a mainstay for the Auxiliary with signature events like the Antiques and Collectibles Auctions that take place in the Spring and Fall and the Party in White Couture Fashion Shows.

THE AUXILIARY’S $5 MILLION PLEDGE

The Auxiliary has pledged to raise $5 million for the Capital Campaign for the JBH Redevelopment and Expansion Project. This pledge is the largest single donation in the Hospital’s history.

ABOUT THE AUXILIARY TO JOSEPH BRANT HOSPITAL

We are seeking two Volunteer Board members for a two-year, renewable term with demonstrated collaborative leadership and a champion of new ideas. Be part of Our New Era. Interested community members should contact mltinmouth@josephbranthospital.ca.
Looking to begin a rewarding career in nursing at Joseph Brant Hospital? JBH will be hosting a Nursing Job Fair on Friday, April 12. The Fair is focused on recruiting nurses in the areas of Critical Care and the Emergency Department, however, nurses interested in working in all clinical areas are welcome to attend (off-site parking is preferred).

Bring your resumes and join us from 1-6 p.m. in the Bodkin Auditorium at JBH where you will:

- Participate in on-site interviews conducted by Clinical Managers;
- Interact face-to-face with Clinical Managers and front line staff;
- Learn about Joseph Brant Hospital, our programs and services, our Redevelopment and Expansion Project and our community;
- Observe first-hand our welcoming environment and customer service focus;
- Discuss current and potential vacancies.

**JBH’S INTENSIVE CARE UNIT (ICU):**

JBH currently operates a 15-bed Level III Intensive Care Unit serving the medical, surgical and cardiac patient population where an inter-professional approach to the provision of care is provided by a talented, knowledgeable team of health care providers. In 2012, in partnership with Halton Healthcare Services, JBH introduced acute dialysis for our critical care patients. Quality-focused with high priority given to prevention of hospital-acquired infections, this area provides an opportunity for RNs to participate in an affiliated Critical Care Nurse training program and receive one-on-one hands-on orientation tailored to their individual needs.

**JBH’S EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT (ED):**

In JBH’s Emergency Department, you will work as part of a dynamic team, in a fast-paced high-acuity department, building on critical care, resuscitation and trauma skills in a challenging and rewarding environment. JBH provides ongoing growth and development of our nurses through educational opportunities, conferences, workshops and unit and hospital wide committees for quality care and patient safety improvement, all providing career flexibility and job satisfaction. We offer a comprehensive orientation with a focus on evidence-based practice and the development of the ED nurse.

**NATIONAL NURSING WEEK MAY 6-12**

This year’s theme, Nursing: A Leading Force for Change, celebrates the role of nurses at the forefront of effecting change in the quality of health care.

We thank all of our dedicated nurses who provide Compassionate Care, Exemplary Service, Every Time to all of our patients, families and visitors.

**DID YOU KNOW?**

**Registered Practical Nurses (RPNs)**

All RPNs in Ontario must earn a diploma in Practical Nursing by taking a program consisting of four semesters over two years in a college program leading to a diploma in Practical Nursing. Because an RPN’s education is less comprehensive and more focused, RPNs’ careers are most appropriately suited to patients with less complex needs, and patients with stable and predictable conditions.

**Registered Nurses (RNs)**

All Ontario RNs must have a baccalaureate degree. RNs either take a collaborative college-university nursing program or a four-year university nursing program — both leading to a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree (BScN) or Bachelor of Nursing degree (BN). Because an RN’s education is more comprehensive, they have a deeper knowledge base to draw on in areas such as clinical practice, critical thinking and research utilization. RNs can care for patients with more complex needs in unpredictable situations.

To learn more visit rnao.ca.
We are grateful for our community's support

By Anissa Hilborn, JBH Foundation President

It never ceases to amaze me how our community supports our hospital through great events, like the 2013 Levelwear Chilly Half Marathon and CIBC Wood Gundy Frosty 5K. The Marathon took place on Sunday, March 3rd and was another great success raising over $18,000 for the JBH Cancer Clinic. Thank you to Kelly Arnott, the staff of VR PRO, the volunteers and the over 4,000 runners and walkers – we look forward to next year’s race.

In the early days of the Our New Era Capital Campaign for JBH’s Redevelopment and Expansion Project, we are happy to say that donations, gifts and pledges to the campaign from several businesses, organizations and individuals, including the JBH Auxiliary, the Rotary Clubs of Burlington, and the JB 2 Day Men’s Golf Tournament committee, have nearly reached the $14 million mark bringing us closer to our $60 million goal. Our most recent gift comes from a family well known in our community for their dedication to building in Burlington – The Molinaro Group. Read more about these pillars of the community on page 11.

The Foundation office has temporarily moved from the hospital to 440 Elizabeth St., Unit 101 in downtown Burlington to free up much-needed space for hospital staff as construction begins on Phase I of the JBH Redevelopment and Expansion Project. This temporary location also provides us with a home base from which our team can work with our volunteers and donors on the Capital Campaign and other fundraising initiatives. We invite you to stop by to say hello, to find out how you can volunteer, or to make your donations in support of JBH’s critical needs (donations can also still be made at the main hospital’s cashier’s desk). You can also visit our new website – www.jbhfoundation.ca – to learn more about the JBH Foundation and to make a donation.

Finally, we hope you’ll join us for the 13th Annual JBHF Crystal Ball at the Mercedes-Benz Burlington dealership on June 8th. Call 905-632-3737 ext. 3471 for more information.

We are just imagine…

If you want to imagine what a new Joseph Brant Hospital will look like, just ask students at Fern Hill School. The Foundation recently invited students in grades three and four to draw their impression of what the new Joseph Brant Hospital will look like after the Redevelopment and Expansion Project. Art teacher, Martyna Cofini, helped the students who submitted some amazing ideas about our hospital’s future.

The Foundation thanks all of the students for their lovely drawings. Everyone did a great job! Shown here are just a few of our favourite pics.

BURLINGTON WELSH MALE CHOIR – MAY 4
The Burlington Welsh Male Choir will be performing a Choral Presentation with Soloists at the Burlington Performing Arts Centre. The JBH Foundation is a co-beneficiary of funds raised which will support JBH’s critical needs. For more information, contact Mike Skyrme at 905-332-3400 ext.269.

J. B. 2 DAY INVITATIONAL GOLF TOURNAMENT – JUNE 13-14
This is the 10th Anniversary of the J. B. 2 Day Invitational Men’s Golf Tournament at the Grand Niagara Golf Course. Funds raised at this year’s tournament will support the JB 2 Day Committee’s $1 million pledge to the JBH Redevelopment & Expansion Project. For more information, contact Emma Fitzpatrick at efitpatrick@josephbranthospital.ca or at 905-632-3737 ext. 5542.

THE ROTARY CLUB OF BURLINGTON CENTRAL PARTNERSHIP CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT – JULY 18
The Rotary Club of Burlington Central is proud to contribute a portion of the funds raised at this year’s Partnership Charity Golf Tournament, being held at Crosswinds Golf and Country Club, towards meeting the Rotary Clubs of Burlington’s $1 million commitment to the JBH Redevelopment & Expansion Project. For more information, contact David Beckett at 905-333-5066.

BURLINGTON GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT – AUGUST 1
John Stookes and the Board of Directors of the Burlington Golf & Country Club invite you to join the 28th Annual Charity Golf Tournament in support of JBH’s Redevelopment & Expansion Project. For more information, contact Tami Fisher at tfisher@burlingtongolfclub.com or 905-634-7726 ext. 251.

Go to page 10 for more event listings
in the spotlight

On March 6th, Joseph Brant Hospital and Foundation volunteers, board members and campaign donors gathered at Spencer’s at the Waterfront in Burlington to celebrate the recent Groundbreaking for Phase 1 of the JBH Redevelopment and Expansion Project. The JBH Foundation wishes to thank all who joined us for this exciting milestone celebration.

FROM l-r: Eric Vanderwall, JBH President and CEO; Kevin Brady, Chair, Capital Campaign Cabinet; Anissa Hilborn, JBH Foundation President; Brian Torsney, Chair, JBH Foundation Board of Directors.

FROM l-r: Vince Molinaro, President, The Molinaro Group; Brian Torsney; Diane Peller, member of the Capital Campaign Cabinet; Robert Molinaro, The Molinaro Group.

FROM l-r: Anissa Hilborn; Stephen Pustai, member of the Gift Planning Advisory Council; Barbara Pustai; Kevin Brady.

FROM l-r: John Douglas, Past President, Rotary Club of Burlington Inc.; Bob Wercholoz, President of Rotary Club of Burlington Inc.

FROM l-r: Caroline Wallace; Justine Giuliani; Rick Giuliani, member of the Capital Campaign Cabinet and Gift Planning Advisory Council.

FROM l-r: Diane Peller; Brenda Loomans; Hugh Loomans, member of the Capital Campaign Cabinet.

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JBH GOLF SKINS CLASSIC – SEPTEMBER 11
Dr. Dan Naidoo, Dr. Charles VanBaardwijk, Dr. Edward Kwong, Dr. Frank Fornasier, Fareen Samji and Burlington Orthotics Centre invite you to join the 7th Annual Golf Skins Classic in support of JBH’s critical needs. Contact fareen@burlingtonorthotics.ca or call 905-331-4391 for more information.

4TH ANNUAL AMAZING BED RACE – SEPTEMBER 22 Organized by the JBH Foundation and Rotary Club of Burlington Inc. North. Sponsor the event, enter a team to race, or volunteer by contacting Emma Fitzpatrick at efitzpatrick@josephbranthospital.ca or 905-632-3737 ext. 5542. Proceeds raised for JBH will go towards the Rotary Clubs of Burlington’s $1 million commitment to the JBH Redevelopment & Expansion Project.

UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC WOMEN’S LEAGUE OF CANADA HOLY PROTECTION BRANCH

BURLINGTON CHARITY DINNER – SEPTEMBER 28 Dinner and silent auction in support of JBH’s Maternal and Child Care Unit. Contact Nadia Dusanowsky at 905-317-4129.

BEAUTY AND THE BISTRO – BE OUR GUEST, SAVE OUR BREASTS – OCTOBER 19 The LEGGAT Chevrolet Cadillac Buick GMC dealership at 2207 Fairview St., Burlington will be transformed for the second year to support the purchase of a digital mammography unit with biopsy attachment for JBH. For more information, contact Angelo Bentivegna at beautyandthebistro2013@gmail.com or at 905-973-6923.

UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC WOMEN’S LEAGUE OF CANADA HOLY PROTECTION BRANCH Burlington Charity Raffle – DECEMBER 15 Help to raise funds for JBH’s Maternal and Child Care Unit. Tickets are 1 for $3 or 5 for $10. Draw will be on December 15. Contact Nadia Dusanowsky at 905-317-4129.

The Rotary Clubs of Burlington present the 42nd Annual LOBSTER FIESTA Saturday, May 25th All you can eat lobster, chicken & salad bar, live auction, casino, music, and prize for best table decorations. All proceeds will go towards the Rotary Clubs of Burlington’s $1 million commitment to the JOSEPH BRANT HOSPITAL REDEVELOPMENT & EXPANSION PROJECT and ROTARY CHARITIES. Tickets, Corporate Tables and Sponsorships Available - Visit www.lobsterfiesta.ca.
we remember…

Stan Degraaf – a friend to JBH and the Burlington Community

A long-time resident of Burlington and a champion of healthcare in his community, the late Stan Degraaf was a generous supporter of Joseph Brant Hospital. His commitment to Joseph Brant began more than 50 years ago with a contribution to the building of the Hospital and continued annually throughout his life until his death in 2011 at the age of 86.

Mr. Degraaf was the former co-owner of Bayshore Vegetables Shippers on Heritage Road, a wholesaler of fruits and vegetables. He ran the business for many years. Originally owned by his father, Jack, and known as Degraaf Produce, Stan took over Bayshore in 1961 and later amalgamated it with partner Theo Bullock’s business.

During his lifetime, Mr. Degraaf donated more than $500,000 to Joseph Brant Hospital, which included gifts to both the For a Healthy Tomorrow campaign in 1985 and the Tomorrow is Here campaign in 2001. In addition to his generous campaign support, many of Mr. Degraaf’s gifts funded urgently-needed equipment.

Mr. Degraaf always understood the need for a state-of-the-art and well-equipped hospital. “The hospital needs help and we are here to give it. I leave it to them to decide to use it as they see fit,” Mr. Degraaf said.

Mr. Degraaf realized that the hospital faced pressures and was always supportive of the project to redevelopment. Supportive of Joseph Brant. Even back in 2008, Mr. Degraaf felt that the government, both federal and provincial, should pay the bulk of the cost for redevelopment and that local municipality and community members should contribute.

Following his death in 2011, Joseph Brant Hospital received an exceptionally generous gift from his estate, bringing his total giving to Joseph Brant to more than $750,000 and leaving an incredible legacy for a man who was truly a friend of JBH and the Burlington community.

“The Joseph Brant Hospital Foundation would like to express our sincere gratitude to Stan Degraaf for his remarkable generosity. His gifts will benefit patients now and will help to ensure that Joseph Brant Hospital can continue to deliver exceptional care to patients for generations to come,” says JBH Foundation President, Anissa Hilborn.

“Donors and supporters like Stan Degraaf understand the need and have demonstrated that they are prepared to help build a hospital for the future.”

$1 million gift from The Molinaro Group sets the bar for generosity

On January 24th, JBH staff, physicians, volunteers and friends, supporters and partners of the JBH Foundation gathered at JBH to celebrate a truly groundbreaking donation of $1 million from The Molinaro Group, a Burlington-based construction and development company. The donation will go directly towards the Our New Era Capital Campaign in support of the JBH Redevelopment and Expansion Project. This is the largest single corporate donation made to the capital fundraising campaign to date and represents The Molinaro Group’s first donation to JBH.

“After learning about this incredible Redevelopment Project and seeing firsthand how it will benefit the community, my family and I knew this was something we needed to support,” says Vince Molinaro, President of The Molinaro Group. “We have been building communities in Burlington for more than a decade, carrying on the legacy of our father, Dominic, who built his first building in 1963. Supporting a new era and new legacy of quality health care in Burlington is important to our family, so it seemed fitting that we should be a significant supporter of the most important construction project in the history of Burlington.”

Founded in 1963, The Molinaro Group is one of Southern Ontario’s premier condominium and corporate building developers. They are well known in Burlington for their modern and sleek designs, as well as for being innovators in their use of ecofriendly materials. One of their recent developments is Strata Condominiums on Maple Ave, with views of the hospital they have chosen to so generously support.

With their support, The Molinaro Group has shown themselves to be true pillars of our community. “To receive a gift at the million-dollar level is truly inspirational, and we’re so grateful to The Molinaro Group for their generosity and confidence in our campaign,“ says JBH Foundation President, Anissa Hilborn.

To honour their gift, an entire inpatient unit will be named after The Molinaro Group once construction is complete on the hospital’s new six-storey tower. The Molinaro Group will also be included in the Pillars of the Community installation that will be erected in the new hospital entranceway to recognize prominent donors.

As for the Molinaros, they know just how important it is for our community to have a new hospital and have made the donation not for the recognition but because they truly believe in the cause. “This Redevelopment Project is essential if we want to continue receiving quality health care in our community. I invite other local businesses and organizations to join me in supporting this campaign; together, I know we can make the vision of a new hospital a reality.”

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