



Dear Friends,

Last month, I marked my first year as the chair of the board of directors of St. Joseph's Health Care Foundation. During my tenure, I have learned a great deal about the exceptional - even heroic - medical work that is done daily by thousands of hospital staff across St. Joseph's Health Care, London. Caring for patients and ensuring they have access to the best care possible is our number one priority, and, in fact, the sole reason why our foundation exists.

On behalf of the board of St. Joseph's Health Care Foundation, I want to thank you, our donors and community partners, for your continued support of this important work, and to take this opportunity to clarify a few details related to our work, and our foundation's relationship with the hospital.

St. Joseph's Health Care Foundation is a separate charitable organization governed by a 21-member board of directors that is representative of our communities. Charitable donations received from the community are separate and distinct from hospital operating dollars, and are stewarded on behalf of donors by the foundation's board of directors.

It may also interest you to know that St. Joseph's Health Care Foundation is one of only 250 Canadian charities accredited nationally as compliant with the standards of Imagine Canada's Ethical Fundraising & Financial Accountability Code. This code holds the foundation to a higher standard on fundraising and financial reporting practices, and is a mark of our commitment to that ethical standard. Our foundation was one of the very first in Canada to attain this mark of distinction.

As volunteers, we want to ensure that all of our donors can continue to have confidence that their past and future investments are well-placed in patient care at St. Joseph's.

In the last year, the foundation granted \$7.3 million to patient care at St. Joseph's, funding a number of critical patient care projects, such as the Transitional Care Unit at Parkwood Hospital, new patient examination suites in the Ivey Eye Institute at St. Joseph's Hospital, and the purchase of specialty mattresses and beds for Parkwood veterans and residents of Mount Hope Centre for Long Term Care. These are services that were made possible through donations from the community. Today, fundraising is critical to the way in which our local hospitals work. We simply wouldn't have the level of health care we enjoy in our community without it.

There are many patients from across Southwestern Ontario who rely on our foundation's fundraising efforts to help provide the medical equipment and technology people in our community have come to expect in our hospital. We are committed to ensuring the funding is available to meet those needs, especially at a time when they feel the most vulnerable.

Your continued support can ensure we meet this need.

If you have any other questions regarding the work of our foundation, please do not hesitate to contact **Michelle Campbell**, our foundation president and CEO via email at michelle.campbell@sjhc.london.on.ca.

Once again, on behalf of the board of directors, our thanks for your continued support.

Sincerely,

*Jeff Macoun, Chair
Board of Directors
St. Joseph's Health Care Foundation*

To learn more about other patient care, teaching and research projects that received support in the last year, please click here to access our 2008-2009 annual report.

