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# CAMPAIGN PROGRESS REPORT

April 1, 2014 to March 31, 2015

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# ***You have the Power to Heal!***

In 2014-2015, the JGH Foundation's **Power to Heal** campaign—its most ambitious Capital Campaign to date, with a goal in excess of \$250 million—continued to progress.

We are proud and gratified to report that over **\$139 million** in pledges and direct gifts has been raised as of March 31, 2015—now approaching **\$156 million** as this publication goes to press. This growth is obviously the result of the generous spirit of our donors and the dedication of our leaders: campaign Co-Chairs Harvey Levenson, Christine Marchildon and Bernard Stotland; our devoted Vice-Chairs Ralph Benatar, Gaby Bitton, André Bureau, O.C., Q.C., Jean Bureau, Pierre Brosseau, André Charron, Vincent Guzzo, Pierre Meloche, O.C., and Bernard Poulin; Senior Advisor Edward Wiltzer; and Honourary Chairs Marvin Corber, C.M., France Chrétien Desmarais, C.M., Leo Kolber, O.C., and Michael Sabia.

The campaign has had a profound impact on the JGH's ability to provide outstanding, quality medical care to our population. This has been manifested in so many ways, be it the best and latest equipment, the renovation of facilities, support for research and most importantly, the recruitment of physicians and clinician scientists. In the following pages are just a few examples of how every dollar donated to the **Power to Heal** campaign is making a difference.



Our Capital Campaign theme, ***You have the Power to Heal***, expresses the very essence and core of what the JGH and its supporters are all about.

It sums up in a few words our common goal of achieving better health and better health care for the people of Montreal and Quebec, now and in the future.

It represents the fact that each of us is a stakeholder and plays an important role when it comes to ensuring the continued health and well-being of those we love and, indeed, the entire community.

It stands for the power that each one of us has to make a difference and what can be accomplished when our hospital's leaders, medical staff and generous donors come together for a common purpose.

# Bringing the best and brightest doctors and researchers to Montreal and Quebec, and supporting their work

2014-2015



**Dr. Cristiano Ferrario** is a medical oncologist and hematologist who trained at the Scientific Institute of Romagna for the Study and Treatment of Cancer (IRST) in Italy. His keen interest in translational research led him to McGill University, where he undertook several key Clinical Research Fellowships under the supervision of Dr. Lawrence C. Panasci. He is now an associate researcher in the cancer axis at the Lady Davis Institute, with an emphasis on molecular oncology, and a member of the Clinical Research Unit team of the Segal Cancer Centre. Dr. Ferrario's training and research in identifying molecular biomarkers that can be used to target specific tumours in cancer patients is a key asset in advancing personalized medicine at the JGH.

# Providing the finest facilities, equipment and programs to deliver excellence and meet the changing healthcare needs of Quebecers

2014-2015

- Completion of the first phase in the major upgrade of the Hospital's Information Technology infrastructure and systems with the construction of a new and **expanded state-of-the-art Data Centre Facility**. Major improvements include: additional server capacity to accommodate the increasing volume of data and support the addition of new technology and applications; highly robust and reliable infrastructure combined with improved monitoring and security to ensure uninterrupted access to patient-critical clinical systems 24 hours per day, 7 days a week and prevent irreparable damage to critical components and any loss of data; and expanded staff working area and room for physical expansion to accommodate long-term needs. The new **Nan and William Lassner Data Centre** provides the JGH with the proper infrastructure to maintain and improve current levels of access, quality and safety, to support Pavilion K and ensure seamless connectivity with the rest of the Hospital, and to meet rapidly evolving medical and technological advances.
- Construction of **two footbridges** connecting Pavilion K to the rest of the hospital – one on the Atrium floor and the other on the Food Fair floor –, which are designed to ensure smooth and efficient movement every day between the old and new facilities.
- Construction and outfitting of a **hybrid operating room** in Pavilion K with advanced medical imaging devices and the most up-to-date digital surgical tools, such as a sophisticated angiography system, articulated arms for services, high-tech surgical lights, integrated multimedia devices, etc. The combination of high-resolution imaging devices with an operating room allows for the concurrent use of robotic surgery and angiography, enabling our vascular and cardiac surgeons as well as our cardiologists to perform advanced cardiac, vascular and hybrid procedures. Using 3D imaging, these types of interventions are far less invasive and more precise, considerably reducing the amount of pain and recovery time for patients.



- The newly renovated and expanded **Alan and Roula Rossy Microbiology Laboratory** is allowing the Department of Diagnostic Medicine to perform a higher volume diagnostic evaluations of body fluids and tissues from patients more rapidly and provide additional services to meet the growing demand for information that is critical to the diagnosis, monitoring, prevention and treatment of disease as well as for cutting-edge research to all departments of the hospital.
- Upgrade of the new **Perioperative Information Management System** in the operating rooms. This is an advanced software system that efficiently automates the entire perioperative environment, from scheduling to post-operative recovery, thereby ensuring a more efficient use of the hospital's operating-room resources. The system helps improve operational efficiency, patient workflow and safety, decision making, quality of care and surgical outcomes. Benefits for patients include better preparation for their surgery, fewer delays and cancellations, more focused care from nurses and physicians who don't have to spend as much time performing manual administrative tasks, and realtime status communication to patients' loved ones through one or more big-board electronic displays. The system also enables nurse clinicians and physicians to measure outcomes and evaluate the quality and effectiveness of care, allowing the JGH to continue to improve the quality of the patient experience and care.
- Major support for the Department of Psychiatry's state-of-the-art **First Episode Psychosis Program** which provides intensive care to patients aged 16-30 years who are experiencing their first psychotic episode in the form of delusions, hallucinations, disorganized thinking and/or paranoid ideation on two or more occasions over a one week period.
- Acquisition of a **High Intensity Focused Ultrasound (HIFU) machine**, enabling the Division of Urology to become the first in Canada to treat prostate cancer with focal therapy and to be a centre expertise for this technology in the country. This advanced type of targeted therapy can effectively destroy specific areas of cancer within the prostate, while preserving normal prostate tissue and function. It is minimally invasive and has fewer side-effects than surgery or radiation.
- Ongoing support for the **Rossy Cancer Network**, a landmark collaboration between the McGill University Health Centre (MUHC), the JGH, St. Mary's Hospital Centre and McGill University. Its aim is to achieve world-class outcomes in patient survival, mortality and satisfaction and to contribute to reducing the burden of cancer. It will also advance the research and teaching missions of the partner institutions by preparing the next generation of skilled scientists and trainees with new research tools to build on the progress that has been achieved.
- Ongoing support for the **Ludmer Centre for Neuroinformatics and Mental Health**. This initiative will harness basic and clinical research at the Douglas Institute, McGill University, the Lady Davis Institute at the JGH, the Montreal Neurological Institute and Hospital, the JGH and other international bodies to become a global hub for the study of human development and mental health. The Centre will use an innovative and unprecedented multidisciplinary approach that incorporates such areas as neuroscience, computational biology, mathematics, genetics, epigenetics, bioinformatics, epidemiology and computer science. It will also analyze and process complex amounts of data from research projects around the world, with the ultimate goal of significantly reducing the rate of mental illness by identifying scientific methods to establish early childhood risk factors.



- Ongoing support for innovative programs that cater to the special needs of particular groups of cancer patients and are entirely funded through private donations. These include the **Bell Canada Adolescent and Young Adult (AYA) Oncology Program**, the **Consultation Service for Senior Oncology Patients**, the **Cancer Nutrition-Rehabilitation Program (CNRP)**, the **Cancer Prevention Centre** and the **Louise Granofsky Psychosocial Oncology Program (LG-POP)**.
- Support for the Department of Child Psychiatry's **Childhood Disorders Day Hospital Services**, the largest and most comprehensive in the McGill Network, for children ages 5 – 12 years, who suffer from complex and severe behavior disorders. The program accepts children who are unable to function in their school, family or community due to serious psychological, cognitive, behavioural and family problems and provides them with a unique multimodal treatment regimen that is organized in accordance with the children's stages of development and that promotes the child's ability to attend their regular school.
- Ongoing support for the **Goldman Herzl Family Practice Centre's Continual Improvement Fund**, which is used to improve the quality of care through new healthcare programs, staff training and organizational enhancements; for the **Vicki & Stan Zack and Family Herzl Teenage Health Unit**, which provides free services ranging from basic medical care and reproductive health to helping teens aged 13 to 19 deal with problems such as bullying, depression, stress, anxiety, substance abuse, eating disorders and suicide; and for the **Goldfarb Breastfeeding Clinic**, which provides breastfeeding families with lactation services based on excellence of care and current research, educates professionals in lactation management, and contributes to the field of breastfeeding research, all within an inter-disciplinary setting.
- **5 new portable ultrasound machines** and a **new generation of state-of-the-art point-of-care ultrasound system** are helping the Emergency Department and the Intensive Care Unit physicians in Pavilion K to reduce test delay, improve workflow and provide the best care possible for patients at the bedside. These advanced ultrasound machines are specifically designed for rapid diagnosis and treatment in the high-pressure setting of a hospital emergency room and intensive care unit where every second counts.
- **9 new specialized, ceiling-mounted surgical lamps** provide high quality, easy to control and to adapt illumination through LED technology at the Family Birthing Centre of the JGH Maternal-Child Health Division.
- **35 new mobile medical recliner chairs** in the Chemotherapy Treatment Area located on the 8<sup>th</sup> floor of the Segal Cancer Centre have made a world of difference in ensuring the comfort and safety of the many cancer patients who receive vital chemotherapy treatments every day.
- Additional support for the **Insulin Pump and Diabetes Education Centre**, the first of its kind in Quebec, which provides the growing number of patients suffering from diabetes with the comprehensive care and support they need to achieve and maintain optimum control of their disease.



- Since 2013, the **Morris and Bela Fainman Foundation Award for Research in Hematology** has been supporting the research of Dr. François-René Bertin – a large animal veterinary internal medicine specialist from France and PhD candidate in Physiology at McGill University investigating the role of the innate immune system in the development of venous thrombosis under Dr. Mark Blostein, Director of the Anticoagulation Clinic and Director of the Coagulation Laboratories at the Jewish General Hospital and Research Scientist at the Lady Davis Institute.
- Ongoing support for the **Nursing Education and Professional Development** initiative, which provides funds to sponsor, in whole or in part, educational and networking opportunities that empower JGH nurses to rise to the top of their field. In this way, they can excel at delivering superior care in a humane and compassionate manner. The initiative has made possible such activities as participation in the Canadian Nursing Association specialty certification program, pursuit of Master's degree studies, attendance at prestigious regional, national or international conferences and other continuing education events, Nursing Week 2014 activities, the Department of Nursing's Annual Symposium, which had for theme this year The Aging Adult and Critical Illness: Mastering the Complexities of Care, Clinical Nurse Education Day, the ICU Family Rounds, and support for research in nursing development. This year, funds were also used to cover the tuition cost for several nurses to attend courses with the International Institute of Human Lactation.
- Ongoing support for the **JGH Azrieli/Israel Fellowship program**, which provides vital funding to recruit and train talented Israeli medical practitioners and researchers each year. In 2014-15, these included: Dr. Remi Shoukrun who started a two-year fellowship in Head and Neck Oncologic Surgery and Reconstructive Surgery and Dr. Gil Shechter-Maor who has been accepted for a 2-year fellowship in High Risk Pregnancy. Dr. Shoukrun is also the holder of the prestigious **Martin J. Black Endowment Fund for Fellowship Training in Head and Neck Oncology**, which supports the recruitment and training of skilled head and neck oncology surgeons, not only at the JGH but across Quebec. Both physicians will apply the expertise that they have gained from their Fellowship training in their respective home cities, often becoming the key experts at the local or even national level.
- With the acquisition of an advanced **Electronic Brachytherapy device**, the Division of Radio-Oncology is gearing up to be the first in Canada to offer a new radiotherapy technique called **Intraoperative Radiation Therapy (IORT)** for the treatment of early stage breast cancers. IORT allows for the delivery of the entire course of radiation treatment to the patient at the time of surgery, with great precision to the desired location in only a few minutes, thereby reducing treatment time from the standard 3 to 6 weeks to a single exposure. It also offers very good dose homogeneity and reduces exposure of normal tissues (for instance, lungs, heart and skin) to radiations. Donor support is also enabling the Division to conduct a preliminary feasibility/safety study of IORT on a group of up to 30 breast cancer patients this year. IORT will offer the people of Quebec access to a unique and practical treatment that will greatly improve patient care and quality of life of breast cancer patients and will eventually be used to treat about 60 patients per year at the JGH once the technique is well established.



- Ongoing support for the state-of-the-art **Marlene & Joel King Breast Centre**, which has been designated by the Quebec government as a Breast Referral and Investigation Centre and plays a key role in the Province's Breast Cancer Screening Program.
- Support for the **Harvey H. Sigman Lecture in Surgical Education**, an annual lecture series established in recognition of Dr. Sigman's lifelong commitment to education to enhance the Surgical Education Program at the JGH and McGill University. The 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Harvey H. Sigman Lecture in Surgical Education was held on November 19, 2014 with Dr. Kenneth A. Harris, Executive Director, Office of Specialty Education at the Royal College of Physicians & Surgeons of Canada, as guest speaker.
- The acquisition of a new **Optical Coherence Tomographer/Scanning Laser Ophthalmoscope (OCT/SLO)**, a **Endoscopic Cyclophotocoagulation (ECP) Laser** and an **ETG Eye Tracking System with BeGaze Mobile Video Analysis Software** has enhanced the Department of Ophthalmology's ability to diagnose, treat and carry out research on challenging eye conditions. The OCT/SLO is a highly advanced instrument that enables clinicians to both diagnose and track changes in the most complex retinal diseases and their treatments, resulting in significantly higher productivity and enhanced diagnosis. The ECP Laser is an effective tool for the treatment of refractory glaucoma and in the management of patients with both cataracts and mild to moderate glaucoma that offers the advantages of precise tissue treatment, short surgical times, rapid postoperative recovery and reduced complications. The Eye Tracking System is used to conduct advanced eye movement research and vision studies that assist in furthering understanding of the human eye and vision as well as in developing innovative approaches to diagnosing eye diseases.
- Ongoing support for the **Hope & Cope Compassionate Fund** through the Make Your Pennies Count campaign. This unique program helps cancer patients and their families who are experiencing financial difficulties and do not have access to other family or community support.
- The **Rosalind and Morris Goodman & Family Endowment for the Comprehensive Stroke Centre** continues to provide vital support for the Edmond J. Safra Stroke Centre and the internationally competitive **neuroplasticity research program**, established by Dr. Alexander Thiel to investigate the mechanisms involved in functional recovery following a stroke, and to define predictors for successful post stroke recovery.
- The replacement of the Department of Radiology's single, outdated **Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) scanner** with a new, more efficient 3-Tesla model is ensuring continued access to this important imaging technology for all patients and cancer patients in particular. MRI is an indispensable tool in the early detection and accurate diagnosis of a number of conditions – proving especially useful in neurological (brain), musculoskeletal/orthopedic, cardiovascular, and oncological (cancer) imaging – and is particularly important at the JGH, owing to its very busy Segal Cancer Centre. Furthermore, being the only modality that allows for the detection of lesions otherwise not visible by mammography or ultrasound, MRI plays a crucial role in the detection of early breast cancers and the investigation of breast lesions in high-risk patients.



- Ongoing support for the establishment of an endowment fund to provide a stable source of funding for the **Orthopedic Surgery Fellowships and Research Program**, which allows for the recruitment of two fellows annually in addition to supporting research at the Orthopedics Research Laboratory in the Lady Davis Institute at the JGH. The creation of this endowment fund is crucial to enable the Department of Orthopedics to meet the rising demand for accessible, life-enhancing treatment and care, and to maintain its leadership and expertise in orthopedic surgery, research and teaching.
- Acquisition of **2 Giraffe Omnibed Incubators** for the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU). This state-of-the-art combination system brings together the thermal advantages of a traditional incubator and the access advantages of an open-bed radiant warmer. It provides premature newborns with an improved life-sustaining environment that helps maintain body temperature and regulate oxygen levels so the infants can continue to develop, while reducing stress on babies, staff, and family members by eliminating the need to transfer the infants between incubators and warmers.
- The new **Frances & Gerald Kessner Hospitality Room** on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of Pavilion B provides members of religious families with a quiet and peaceful space to gather, sleep over, have food, or relax while a loved one is hospitalized.
- Support for a comparative **study of radiotherapy treatments to treat high risk prostate cancer patients** being conducted at the Division of Radiation Oncology of the JGH. This Quebec-wide clinical trial involves the establishment of a prostate cancer biomarker bank together with the development of the tissue microarray (TMA) of high-risk prostate cancer patients in order to find more targeted therapies and develop personalized treatment for the most common form of cancer in men after skin cancer. So far, the Division has built the TMA of over 40 patients and the recruitment on this Institutional Review Board approved study is continuing.
- The addition of new **surgery clips for the Da Vinci surgical robot** – each clip being usable for a dozen surgeries – is enabling the JGH to perform more operations using this highly successful, minimally invasive technology. The robot can perform complex operations with minimal invasion and more precision, resulting in less pain, less scarring and blood loss, a lower risk of complications, shorter operation times and hospital stays, and remarkably quicker recovery for patients. It is currently used in such areas as Urology (e.g., removal of the prostate and kidneys, removal tumours from the kidneys, repairs to the ureter), Cardiac Surgery (e.g., repair or replacement of the heart's mitral valve, repair of the tricuspid valve, closure of congenital holes, removal of benign tumours on the right side of the heart), Gynecologic Oncology (e.g. removal of the uterus, removal of tumours from the ovaries, repairs to the Fallopian tubes) and General Surgery (e.g., repair of a hiatus hernia in the esophagus, removal of the gall bladder, resection of the bowel, repair of the esophagus to improve swallowing).
- Support for the **Osteometabolic Clinic**, a special outpatient osteoporosis clinic run jointly by the Divisions of Rheumatology and Endocrinology. The clinic provides comprehensive care to patients suffering from osteoporosis and other metabolic bone disease as well as inpatient consultation service.



- Construction of a highly secure **Information Technology infrastructure** for the Dubrovsky Molecular Pathology Centre on the fifth floor of the Segal Cancer Centre, enabling it to process, store and analyze the huge volume of DNA sequencing data generated daily from patient samples efficiently and safely. The infrastructure includes a data server that is directly connected to the equipment used to perform the genetic analysis of an individual patient's tumor to determine what combination of drugs will work best – which is what personalized cancer medicine is all about. Additional specialized equipment, such as a **Triple Quadrupole Liquid Chromatography / Mass Spectrometry System**, a **Focused Ultrasonicator**, a **Nitrogen Gas Generator**, an **inverted tissue culture microscope** and a state-of-the-art **Slide Scanner** are contributing to enhance the productivity, sensitivity and precision with which the DMPC can carry out next-generation DNA sequencing and discover new biomarkers.
- **Hospital-grade furniture and basic equipment for patient care** (such as chairs, Ankle Brachial Pressure Index Kits, vascular doppler machines, emergency carts, IV poles, glove box holders, tables and sofas, storage cabinets, locker units, television sets, computers and Ipads, specialized refrigerators, and keypad controllers) for various nursing stations and staff lounges, care units, waiting rooms and family rooms throughout the hospital. They have contributed to enhancing the comfort and safety of patients and staff.
- The development of a **clinical research infrastructure**, including the construction and maintenance of a robust database and the hiring of dedicated staff (database manager, research coordinator and retrospective data collectors), is empowering the Division of Colorectal Surgery to design and conduct multicenter trials that involve numerous hospitals across Canada, the United States and worldwide. These trials will help develop new minimally invasive innovations to improve patient outcomes and recovery at the JGH and worldwide in areas such as colorectal cancer care, screening colonoscopy, Crohn's disease and diverticulitis, to name a few.
- A **new portable 3-D ultrasound system** with Enhanced Tissue Definition and Angular Compound Imaging is allowing the Division of Colorectal Surgery to obtain extremely high resolution images of all layers of the rectal wall and perform a wider range of diagnostic tests, while ensuring an increased level of patient comfort. It is resulting in improved colorectal care and diagnosis, which translates into better outcomes for patients.
- A specifically adapted room, complete with built-in furniture, information technology hardware, cabling and specialized medical equipment, allows the JGH to participate fully in Hema Quebec's Public **Mother's Milk Bank**. This bank provides pasteurized mother's milk to critically ill pre-term babies (32 weeks' gestation or earlier) in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, helping protect them from serious life-threatening illnesses and infections such as necrotizing enterocolitis (NEC), a severe neonatal gastrointestinal disease that affects 5% to 6% of pre-term infants in Canada.
- The **Segal Family Chair in Molecular Oncology at McGill University**, inaugurated with the appointment of Dr. Christoph Borchers last year, is enabling the JGH and McGill University to become a central hub for the first pan-Canadian proteomics program and to accelerate the development of personalized medicine for the benefit of patients provincially and nationally. Dr. Borchers is a world authority in proteomics, a field that holds the promise of providing deeper insights into biological processes underlying cancer by identifying the proteins expressed in a patient's tumor.



- Establishment of a unique program in the **Inpatient Cancer Ward** on 8 North-West (Pavilion D) dedicated to the training of general practitioners and nurses about the special needs of cancer patients.
- **10 new hydraulic transport stretchers**, equipped with a retractable fifth wheel and integrated oxygen bottle holder, are helping nurses to transport patients throughout the hospital more efficiently and safely, without incurring the kind of effort and strain that can lead to injury.
- A new **Automated Blood Pressure Monitor** in the Division of Endocrinology is helping patients take an active part in their care.
- The new, air-conditioned **solarium and its attending outdoor deck**, located near the Internal Medicine Nursing Unit in front of the Hospital Chapel on the 6<sup>th</sup> floor of Pavilion B, offer a relaxing atmosphere, maximum exposure to sunlight and a breathtaking view of St. Joseph's Oratory and Mount Royal for the greater enjoyment of patients and visitors alike. The solarium is now being used by a program that enables elderly patients to leave their rooms in the 6 West Internal Medicine Ward and come eat under supervision in the company of others, while the outdoor deck is used to build a Sukkoth during the Jewish festival of Sukkoth.
- Establishment of an **Urachal Cancer Research Fund** that will be used to create and provide ongoing support to the world's first DNA screening research project focused on cancer of the urachus (a small tube that runs behind the belly button that normally shrivels away after birth), an extremely rare form of cancer that accounts for only 0.2% of all bladder cancers. The project team will be led by Dr. Normand Blais, an oncologist at Hôpital Notre-Dame, with an advisory board that includes Drs. Franck Bladou, chief of the JGH Division of Urology and Gerald Batist, Director of the Segal Cancer Centre, and Dr. Andrew Steinberg from Hôpital Charles-Lemoyne, with the ultimate goal of finding better treatments and a cure for urachal cancer.
- With its new **Endosoft GI Workstation**, the Division of Gastroenterology now has the ability to quickly and accurately document each patient visit from consent to discharge as well as log and save all of a patient's data in one complete record. The station will also be linked to the Endovault EHR system, currently in use at the Segal Cancer Centre, and will enable the Division of Gastroenterology to gain access to records of the Segal Cancer Centre and vice versa, resulting in improved coordination and continuity of care.



- Ongoing financial support for the **Lady Davis Institute** and its research into the causes and potential treatments for the most common illnesses—notably, leading-edge clinical work and research by Dr. Jason Agulnik (lung cancer), Dr. Raquel Aloyz (chronic lymphocytic leukemia), Dr. John Antoniou (quantitative MRI as a diagnostic tool of disc degeneration, tissue engineering of the intervertebral disc, and total hip arthroplasty), Dr. Mark Basik (breast and colon cancers), Dr. Murray Baron (scleroderma) Dr. Gerald Batist (translational research), Dr. Franck Bladou (prostate cancer), Dr. Simon Bergman (impact of surgery on elderly patients), Dr. Jean-François Boileau (breast cancer), Dr. François DeBlois (Photon and electron beam dosimetry, Stereotactic radiosurgery and Monte Carlo treatment planning and medical physics clinical software), Dr. Howard Chertkow (Alzheimer’s disease), Dr. Pierre-Paul Ernst (chronic obstructive pulmonary disease), Dr. William Foulkes (cancer genetics), Dr. Walter Gotlieb (ovarian cancer), Dr. Mervyn Gornitsky and Dr. Hyman Schipper (oral manifestations of Parkinson’s disease), Dr. Celia Greenwood (colorectal cancer), Dr. Nathalie Johnson (lymphoma), Dr. David Langleben (pulmonary hypertension), Dr. Andréa LeBlanc (Alzheimer’s disease), Dr. Koren Mann (new cancer therapies), Dr. Wilson Miller (melanoma), Dr. Elliot Mitmaker (endocrine cancers of the thyroid, parathyroid and adrenal glands) Dr. Lawrence Panasci (chronic lymphocytic leukemia), Dr. Joel Paris (border personality disorder in adolescents), Dr. Hemant Paudel (Alzheimer’s and Parkinson’s diseases), Dr. April Shamy (hematology), . Michael Tamilya (thyroid cancer), Dr. Marc Tischkowitz (hereditary predisposition to cancer), Dr. Ivan Topisirovic (cancer), Dr. Mark A. Trifiro (androgen insensitivity syndromes and prostate cancer), Dr. Isabelle Vedel (chronic disease management), Dr. Mark Wainberg (HIV/AIDS) and Dr. Michael Wichter (cancer).

These achievements are wonderful examples of how the JGH Foundation enters into partnerships with committed donors to build on government's basic funding and improve access, while providing the best care for all. Thousands of patients and their loved ones have benefited from these major advances, and many more stand to benefit as the Foundation continues to empower JGH staff to excel.

Maintaining the highest quality of care and meeting the healthcare needs of the population are becoming more and more challenging in the wake of severe budget cuts and the heavy demand for enhanced treatment, care and accessibility stemming from the rising prevalence of chronic and age-related diseases. These, combined with a serious decline in the budgets and allocations of granting agencies for medical research, are adding to the critical importance of our Foundation's efforts.

Donors like you are the lifeblood of our organization and we hope that this report gives you a good insight on how you do make a huge difference in our patients' lives.

With the renewed support of our community of donors and volunteers, our capital campaign will continue to gain momentum and fuel many more advances that will result in enhanced healthcare outcomes for all patients. Our current Vital Initiatives are part of our plan to build the hospital of the future with the very best people, equipment, facilities and programs to meet the changing and ever-increasing healthcare needs of Quebecers and overcome the challenges facing our healthcare system as a whole.



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