

# THIS IS FOR ALL OF US.



As a loyal donor, I wanted to take a moment to reach out to you and offer you some assurance at this uncertain time.

Cambridge Memorial Hospital's team continues to work hard to ensure we are able to care for our community with the same level of exceptional care that we are known for, even during this time of increased pressure on our resources.

Thanks to the collective efforts and support of so many - our donors, volunteers, hospital team, community partners - we are ready, and will remain ready to respond when you need us most.

Our hospital's Operations Team meets daily to address critical concerns from the frontline, such as inventory management, communications and the health and safety of our employees. I have the opportunity to attend these meetings that always begin with a 'kudos' moment. Inspiring stories of kindness and bravery are shared, that make me feel proud to be a part of the CMH team.

In an effort to be ready to care for patients suffering from COVID-19, elective surgeries were cancelled, staff have been redeployed and new units have been set up and equipped with supplies. We have expanded our ICU from 12 beds to 32 and our Medicine Unit from 64 to 118. Reduced patient numbers have been instrumental in giving us time to prepare, and adequate resources to respond timely to new admissions.

As I take a moment to reflect, I am grateful that our new wing is open with advanced features to enhance infection control. We have the capacity to isolate patients, within all our departments. I am also grateful we had the chance to celebrate with you at our hospital opening, which seems such a long time ago. Your participation in the WeCareCMH campaign helped us to be ready, and no one could have predicted the immediate impact of your gifts.

With the help of community donations, we have purchased 6 new ventilators to add to our fleet, and have another 3 on loan from Conestoga College. Additional ICU beds, medication pumps, and IV poles have also been purchased to support our patients and equip our front line staff. These are just a few examples of how your donations allow CMH to always be prepared.

This pandemic has brought our community partners closer. Early collaboration between the CEO's of St. Mary's General, Grand River and Cambridge Memorial Hospitals was the catalyst for our region-wide COVID-19 preparedness fund RegionReady. This fund has raised over \$340,000 to date with Google and Open

Text providing matching donations for employee contributions.

As difficult as it may seem, thank you for doing your part in following public health recommendations to help flatten the curve. Don't hesitate to reach out to myself or our Foundation team at any time – let's stay connected through emails and phone conversation until a time when we can visit once again. Please know that your calls, notes of encouragement and donations are very much appreciated by our team here at CMH ([click here to learn more about our #KindnessCorner](#)). Our staff are humbled by your concern, and thankful for your outpouring of support.

Be safe, and stay well

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**Thank you for your continued  
support of our hospital.**

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