



SPRING / SUMMER 2021

Connecting YOUR IMPACT

From cataracts to checkups, to a helicopter pad that saved her granddaughter's life, **Ann Hamby** has a lot of reasons to love Stevenson Memorial Hospital.

The longtime Hospital Auxiliary member has given back in what ways she could, serving as the treasurer of the Auxiliary while working shifts at the hospital gift shop and Coffee Corner. In the early days of the pandemic, she designed a mask template so that the community could make masks for recently discharged patients and added 94 of her own masks to the pile!

And now, Ann wants you to join her in helping Stevenson. **Next month, check your mailbox for a letter from Ann, where she'll tell you about 30 minutes of her life that she will never forget.**

We make an impact because we stay connected to the things that matter most. Connect with Stevenson stories inside!

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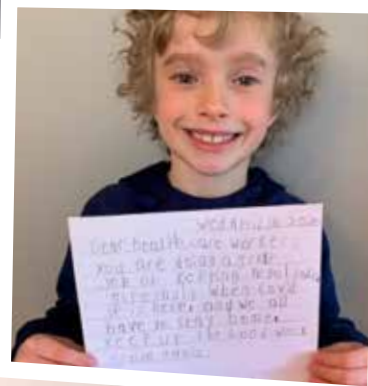
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LEFT Courageous cancer survivor, Sarah Hamby is supported by her parents, Gillian and Mark, and her older sister, Kiarra
RIGHT Celebrating Ian and Ann Hamby's anniversary are their proud sons, Rob (L) and Mark (R)

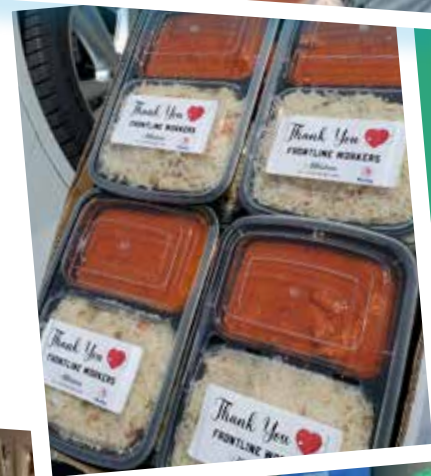


YOU WERE THERE WHEN WE NEEDED YOU!

Our dedicated community of supporters not only helped raise over \$535,000 through the COVID-19 Pandemic Response Fund, but also answered our call for PPE supplies when Stevenson Memorial Hospital needed them the most. Thank you to all the companies and individuals for their ongoing support by providing financial gifts, PPE donations like N95 masks, examination gowns, hand sanitizer, elastic laces, protective suits, face shields, hand-made masks, 3D mask clips, not to mention meals, beverages, flowers, fresh produce and baked goods to bring a smile to the faces of SMH frontline workers!



*A special thank you to **The Morningview Foundation** for matching all COVID-19 Pandemic Response donations up to \$150,000 and the **Honda Canada Foundation (HCF)** who donated PPE, built a temporary COVID unit at SMH during the early stages of the pandemic and donated \$100,000 to the Stevenson Memorial Hospital Foundation's COVID-19 Pandemic Response Fund.*



CELEBRATING THE COMPLETION OF

OUR NEW LEVEL 2 ICU

Stevenson Memorial Hospital (SMH) celebrated the completion of its Level 2 ICU, now called the High Acuity Unit (HAU).

This is a milestone that the staff are very proud of as the construction was halted on the project last spring due to the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. Despite the competing demands, the staff and leaders at SMH continued with the project with contractors in July and are thrilled with the outcome.

Since March, 2020 SMH has had four inpatient beds in their Medical/Surgical Unit designated as Level 2 ICU beds to care for their highest acuity patients. The newly renovated space will provide the right environment, in their considerably dated infrastructure, to ensure optimal care for their patients.

"I am incredibly proud of our team of staff who continued to manage this project amongst many competing demands during the pandemic," says Jody Levac, President and CEO, SMH. "This is a significant improvement to our facility as we wait for

the redevelopment of our Hospital. Within our dated infrastructure we will continue to strive to enhance the patient experience until we receive an approval from the Ministry to move forward with revitalizing our Hospital," he adds.

The Hospital admitted their first patient in the HAU in early February.

"We've renovated our existing space to accommodate the current standards including the technology and equipment required to care for patients needing high acuity care," says Carrie Jeffreys, VP Clinical Services & Chief Nursing Executive, SMH. "Our staff will continue to

care for these patients, but in a space that is optimal for their care and recovery. South Simcoe community members will continue to receive the care they need, close to home," she adds.

The Stevenson Memorial Hospital Foundation is fundraising to support additional costs related to the build, including equipment and technology.

We are still fundraising and relying on community support to fully equip the Level 2 ICU and cover the additional costs related to the build, including equipment and technology. To donate visit: www.transformingstevenson.ca

Far right image above: Our HAU nursing staff spent some time in Southlake Regional Health Centre's ICU training with Dr. Barry Nathanson (SMH Chief of Staff and Southlake Medical Director, Critical Care Services) in December and January in preparation for our new unit opening.

REDEVELOPMENT UPDATE

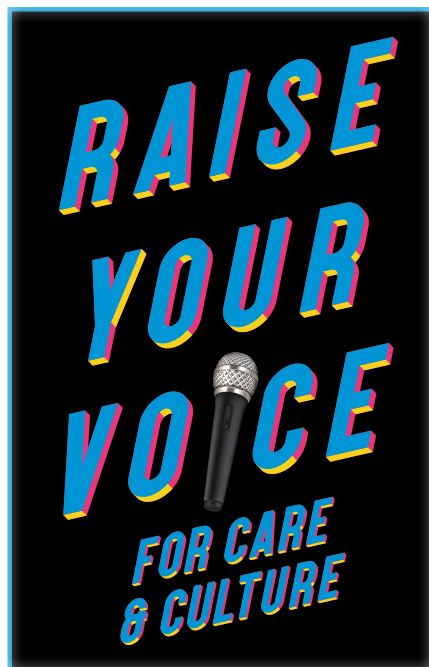
Jody Levac, President & CEO, SMH

In July, 2020 we received approval from the Ministry of Health on our Stage 1 submission for a redeveloped hospital. This is the

first official approval that SMH has received from the Ministry regarding the redevelopment project and is a significant milestone in our journey to revitalizing our dated infrastructure. An

updated Stage 2 was re-submitted in early January, 2021 including an option for 100% single occupancy patient rooms. We expect to hear back from the Ministry with feedback in March, 2021.





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June 3



DID YOU KNOW?

From 2019-2020, **35,482** patients visited the Emergency Department, **37,053** diagnostic exams were completed and **512** babies were born at Stevenson Memorial Hospital.



SAVE THE DATE...

April 1, 2021 – Watch our social channels for a special announcement!

June 3, 2021 – Raise Your Voice Virtual Concert (See above)

June 19, 2021 – Lifebeats Child CPR Fundraiser (By Donation)
Register at www.trellis.org/lifebeats

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