

### DON'T FORGET

### **April 28**

New Tecumseth Memorial Run https://www.events.runningroom.com/ site/15640/new-tecumsethmemorial-2019

### June 8

Fire & Ice Hospital Gala https://transformingstevenson.ca/ 2019-fire-ice-gala-ticketearlybird/

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Throughout this whole ordeal, Dr. Scheeres continued to contact the nurses to see how I was doing, even on his days off. This was the scariest time of my life and I am so glad I came into Stevenson. I truly felt like a person and the people working cared so much about my wellbeing.

I am so thankful to all the staff at this hospital. The nurses in OB, Trish, Felina, Ally, Katie, Karen, Shaija, Krystal, Chris, Andrea, Judith, Pat, and Nikki, were phenomenal. They were amazing people to talk to and often helped out with my newborn then I was all by myself. They were in constant contact with Dr. Scheeres to ensure I was okay.

The housekeeping, security, ultrasound and lab staff all helped to take my mind off the situation and make my stay more "enjoyable." Dr. Iraji and Steve in Emerg were fantastic and had the foresight to keep me in the hospital.

Finally, Dr. Scheeres, there are not even words to express my gratitude towards him. I really felt like he actually cared about me and my well-being. He is the reason why I came out of this so well.

Your staff saved my life. It was very clear how well the nurses, doctors and midwives consult and communicate with each other. They really work together to make sure that their priority is the patient and their care.

I can not thank these people enough and I am so happy and lucky to continue to be a mom, wife, daughter and sister. I get to watch my boys grow up and I could not be more thankful for these wonderful people that came into my life at such a difficult time!

My sincerest thanks to these amazing people,

Renee Trivelli





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## CELEBRATING WHERE FAMILY BEGINS



Stevenson is proud to be the place where so many families choose to welcome their little ones into this world. To honour these births, Stevenson Memorial Hospital recently unveiled the new Family Tree in the Obstetrics Department.

The wall was made possible through the financial support of the Nottawasaga Foundation, and members of the foundation took part in the unveiling on Feb. 28. The idea for the tree came from Bridget Mitchell, Manager of Obstetrics unit.

"I've worked at other facilities where I've seen walls, and when I came to Stevenson about four years ago I just felt it was something that was missing," she said. "I really appreciated the family atmosphere here and felt it would be a nice way to be able to recognize the births that we have."

### To purchase your leaf visit:

https://transformingstevenson.ca/stevenson-family-tree/ or contact Whitney at wneilson@smhosp.on.ca, or 705-435-6281 ext. 2351.







### STEVENSON GETS A FRESH COAT OF PAINT

### Thank You to Everyone Who Rolled up Their Sleeves

Stevenson Memorial Hospital (SMH) is looking brighter thanks to a fresh new coat of paint to many areas of the hospital.

All of the paint was generously donated by Alliston Home Hardware Building Centre and other supplies were donated by Wilton's Floor & Wall Coverings.

Stevenson welcomed several enthusiastic teams of volunteer painters as part of the "Roll Up Your Sleeves" for Stevenson revitalization projection. Staff, corporate partners and volunteers joined together to create a revitalized, refreshed space, that more reflects the high level of care found within SMH.

The groups who rolled up their sleeves include: Alliston Home Hardware, Banting Memorial High School, BMO - Bank of Montreal,Grand & Toy, Honda, Jane Schreeve, and Penny Mitchell.

Over the past few months, patient spaces, meeting rooms, and hallways have received a face-lift thanks to these eager volunteers, and an incredibly generous donation of paint (265 gallons committed to!) from Alliston Home Hardware Building Centre.

Thank you for refreshing our hospital, and making it a brighter and more welcoming place for patients!

You have all made a difference at Stevenson.













### **DID YOU KNOW?**

In 2017-18, 38,369 patients used the Emergency Department and 447 babies were born at Stevenson.

Your support ensures everyone receives care when they need it most!



## REDEVELOPMENT **UPDATE**

On November 13th, the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care released the \$500,000 Stage 1 Planning Grant funds to Stevenson Memorial Hospital.

The money has been used to prepare the responses to questions from the October 2015 Stage 1 submission and to help prepare the Draft Stage 2 submission,

which was hand delivered to the Ministry of Health's Capital Branch by Stevenson Memorial Hospital President & CEO Jody Levac, on December 20th.



### YOUR **DONATIONS**



## Saving and Improving Lives, One Person at a Time

by Renee Trivelli

On Friday December 28th, 2018, we welcomed our third little boy to our family at your hospital. The midwives and nurses who delivered our little man were fantastic!

After 2 short days at home, I began to spike a fever. My midwife, Marci, told me to go get checked out in Emerge and my husband made the choice to go back to Stevenson. We had to take our newborn with us, as he was being breastfed by myself.

The Emergency Department was very busy, but I was triaged by a nurse named Steve. Right away, he took care to make sure our newborn was kept away from the Emergency area, and other sick patients. I was then seen by Dr. Iraji, who ordered blood work, blood cultures and set me up on intravenous antibiotics. She was also consulting with Dr. Scheeres.

As we were about to be discharged my fever spiked again.

Dr. Iraji made the decision to keep me and I am so grateful for this. We were moved to the OB department and my husband stayed with us, in the bed next to me. Dr. Scheeres immediately started me on several different antibiotics. Had this not been done, my story would have looked differently!

The following day, Dec. 31st, Dr. Scheeres was in and out of my room, ordering tests, and after my fever spiked again, he was contacting other doctors and specialists to determine how to treat me.

On Jan. 1st, I was told that I had contracted invasive Group A Strep. Thank goodness, by the time I found out what I had, I had started to feel better. This is where all the nurses in the unit truly helped to make me feel better. They took such great care of me, answered my many questions and put up with my overwhelming anxiety!

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