



MY GBGH

Community eNewsletter

GBGH celebrates therapeutic garden opening



Georgian Bay General Hospital (GBGH) officially opened a new therapeutic garden for patients, families, and staff after years of planning and hard work. Members of the community, volunteers, and GBGH's team gathered to celebrate this new outdoor garden for healing and hope at the hospital's Midland site.

"Over the years that I've worked at GBGH, I have witnessed countless times the positive change that connecting with nature has on patients," says Crystal Handy, recreation therapist, GBGH. "Patients who have been withdrawn suddenly find hope and positivity when engaged in gardening activities. That motivation is what we wish to extend to others through opening the garden."

After three years of planning and rallying community support for the project and extensive help from our volunteers, it has finally concluded with new garden space, patio, furniture, water feature and fencing. The therapeutic garden is located off the 1 North Complex Continuing Care and Rehabilitation wing of the hospital. Designed to give patients a change from the institutional feeling hospitals often have, this unique space serves as a quiet place for patients and family to enjoy, as well as provides a venue for recreation therapy.

"It has been a while in the making, but we're now very happy to see the project complete," says Karen Roberts, president, GBGH Volunteer Association. "The volunteers at the hospital, along with so many other people played an integral role in bringing this idea to life. From fundraising to assembly, the project would not have been possible without their support. Now we're so proud to open up the therapeutic garden and celebrate the peaceful atmosphere that has been created because of their support."

Supporters and donors of the therapeutic garden include the GBGH Volunteer Association, Hardship Acres Landscaping Inc, Pat Lalonde Fencing, Penetang Sand and Gravel, Brampton Brick, Elmvalle Home Hardware, Asselin Insurance Brokers and Huronia Community Foundation.

Georgian Bay General Hospital

1112 St. Andrews Drive., Midland, ON L4R 4P4 Phone: 705-526-1300

ED Construction Update

The construction of our Emergency department (ED) is nearly finished! As renovations to the area are finishing, our staff are working hard to turn it into a space that is efficient and functional to provide the community with a high level of care. It is exciting to see the space evolve over the summer and we look forward to the finished product. The final phase will be operational early September and we thank you for your patience and understanding during this time.



GBGH

is now on Twitter!

Follow our feed for the latest on hospital news and events:

@GBGHMidland

GBGH and OSMH recognized for good governance

This spring, the Board of Directors for both Georgian Bay General Hospital (GBGH) and Orillia Soldiers' Memorial Hospital (OSMH) were awarded the North Simcoe Muskoka Local Health Integration Network's (LHIN) inaugural Award for Good Governance. The LHIN's Board of Directors made the selection based on a nomination recognizing the work of both hospitals in developing the framework for their Birthing Partnership.

The nomination specifically highlighted how the statement of principles led to the establishment of the Joint Birthing Program and how the foresight of the OSMH and GBGH Boards in establishing this governance framework has assisted both organizations in successfully operationalizing this initiative.

"This award was a great honour to receive given the investment both organizations have made in establishing this partnership," says Patrick McNamara, chair, GBGH Board of Directors. "The Statement of Principles between GBGH and OSMH has helped us ensure the provision of quality birthing services for women in our communities."

The NSM LHIN Board of Directors recognizes how the collaboration and innovation involved in this birthing partnership improves the patient experience and care, and aligns with the Patients First mandate to improve access to services and deliver integrated care. Through the Joint Birthing Partnership, patients have access to high quality care and the reassurance the birthing and gynecological services they need are available close to home. Through the program, GBGH provides services for low-risk births while OSMH provides care for higher-risk mothers and babies.

"The most successful hospital partnerships are those that benefit patients and their families," said Dan Germain, OSMH Board Chair. "We're happy to be making a positive difference in the lives of patients we serve."



Receiving the North Simcoe Muskoka Local Health Integration Network (NSM LHIN) inaugural Award for Good Governance on behalf of Georgian Bay General Hospital (GBGH) and Orillia Soldiers' Memorial Hospital (OSMH) are (from left) Al Scott, vice chair, OSMH Board of Directors; Pat Campbell, president and CEO, OSMH; Bob Morton, past chair, NSM LHIN; Ralph Befort, past chair, GBGH Board of Directors; Gail Hunt, president and CEO, GBGH; and Bernie Uhlich, chair of the Governance Committee, GBGH Board of Directors.

GBGH Birthing Program Survey

New and experienced mothers –we want to hear from you!

Take part in our
Birthing Program
Survey

Visit www.gbgh.on.ca to complete
either the Pre-Delivery or
Post-Delivery Survey.



GBay Gals Give sees the results of their generosity first-hand



Local philanthropic group, Gbay Gals Give, recently visited Georgian Bay General Hospital (GBGH) to see first-hand what the proceeds from their recent \$24,000 donation purchased. With some of the funds, the hospital replaced an outdated piece of surgical equipment with new electrocautery equipment and a functional smoke evacuator – vital components for surgical procedures. The new equipment helps remove air contaminants caused during surgical procedures that cut, cauterize, or destroy tissue with heat-producing devices. The remainder of funds raised for GBGH is being directed to the Adopt-a-Room project to renovate and upgrade a room at the hospital.

GBay Gals Give is a group of local women dedicated to giving back their community through philanthropy. Meeting twice per year, each member contributes \$200 per meeting and the money is directed to a local non-profit. The next social is taking place October 15 and the group is looking to add to its 142-person membership.

For more information or to join, visit:
www.gbavgalsgive.com

Endoscopy team awarded for high-quality care

We wish to highlight the efforts of our Endoscopy Team as they received the Canadian Quality Endoscopy Recognition Award provided by the Canadian Association of Gastroenterology. The organization assists in assessing a site's quality of clinical care and patient experience. The award is issued to teams who participate in the process of evaluating endoscopy quality by participating in the Canadian-Global Rating Scale.

The award is an excellent representation of GBGH's efforts to strive to meet our goals and mission through providing and improving our high-quality service to the community.

The attention to care in the Endoscopy Team's work with patients and families is outstanding. Congratulations to the entire team for their admirable teamwork and well-earned recognition.



Surgical unit recognized for patient wait times

GBGH's surgical unit received recognition from Cancer Care Ontario for meeting targets for cancer surgery wait times. The department has made a conscience effort in meeting targets for reducing wait times from referral to consultation.

The commendable work and care the surgical team has placed on getting our patients the care that they need has improved the hospital's efficiency through strategic prioritization based on urgency and flagging requests.

Congratulations to Dr. Sacks (left), Dr. Tavernier (right), and the surgical team for receiving this recognition. Your demonstration of high quality patient care contributes greatly to GBGH and our efforts towards quality improvement.

