



TORONTO EAST  
GENERAL HOSPITAL  
FOUNDATION

# Toronto East General Hospital Foundation Newsletter

# \$60 MILLION RAISED! ALL THANKS TO YOU!

THE KEN AND MARILYN THOMSON  
PATIENT CARE CENTRE WILL BE A REALITY



Campaign Completion Celebration at The Toronto Hunt on Wednesday, February 25 – TEGH President and CEO, Sarah Downey; Peter and Diana Thomson; Foundation President, Teresa Vasilopoulos and Foundation Chair, Michael Burns.

## Time for Celebration

**W**e are thrilled to announce the completion of Toronto East General Hospital Foundation's redevelopment campaign. Thanks to your generosity and support, you have helped us raise an unprecedented \$60 million!

At the heart of a successful campaign, are the people who epitomize the spirit of philanthropy. We celebrate our donors, our volunteers, our physicians and staff, our community and our philanthropic leaders. Toronto East General Hospital's community of donors extends to a circle of passionate supporters who understand and have embraced the opportunity to truly impact positive and lasting change. Through your combined, generous support the Ken and Marilyn Thomson Patient Care Centre will become a beacon of health care excellence.

We have much to celebrate beyond this achievement. With outstanding care, far-reaching innovations and world-class medical expertise, Toronto East General Hospital has earned its place as Canada's leading community teaching hospital. Through the overwhelming commitment and profound generosity of our supporters, we are on the cusp of extraordinary growth and transformation.

On behalf of the Foundation and the Hospital, we thank you for your generosity, your visionary leadership and your trust.

– Teresa Vasilopoulos, President TEGH Foundation and Rob Devitt, Former President and CEO TEGH

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## Message from Foundation Chair

What a huge success! SIXTY MILLION dollars raised! All thanks to you!

Toronto East General Hospital Foundation is thrilled to announce that our goal of raising \$60 million to support the hospital's historic redevelopment project has been reached.

You have dreamed with us — and you have given with uncommon generosity to make the dream a reality. With the successful completion of our capital campaign, Toronto East General Hospital's vision for the future is at hand. The new Ken and Marilyn Thomson Patient Care Centre will usher in a whole new era in patient-centred health care for our diverse community.

Thank you and congratulations to all our donors, physicians, staff, volunteers, patients, neighbours, community groups,

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**Teresa Vasilopoulos has been an inspiration to donors and volunteers alike.**

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foundations and corporate partners who have contributed to this remarkable success.

This is a time of change and renewal at Toronto East General Hospital. Throughout the campaign — and indeed throughout her more than 20-year fundraising career at the hospital — TEGH Foundation President Teresa Vasilopoulos, has been an inspiration to donors and volunteers alike. The successful completion of this campaign is a fitting culmination to an extraordinary tenure. As Teresa steps down, she is leaving an indelible mark — advancements that will continue to benefit our patients and our community at our hospital long into the future.

As we look to the future, I would like to take this opportunity to introduce our incoming Foundation President, Mitze Mourinho. Mitze comes to us with extensive and impressive fundraising experience and a deep commitment to health care and health equity. We look forward to working with her as we move forward — with you, our loyal donors — to support the exciting growth and renewal of our outstanding hospital. Please join me in welcoming Mitze.

**Michael Burns** – Foundation Chair, TEGH Foundation

## Message from Hospital Chair

The successful completion of the \$60 million campaign for the hospital's redevelopment is a tremendous achievement and through this, our community and our donors have demonstrated their support and appreciation for the expertise and patient-centred care at Toronto East General Hospital.

As Board Chair, I can attest to the excellence of our hospital. Much of the credit for this must go to Rob Devitt, who retired on March 31st, after eleven years of exemplary leadership

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as President and CEO. Under Rob's guidance, Toronto East General has flourished — delivering exceptional patient care, receiving numerous prestigious awards and earning recognition as a model of fiscal responsibility.



Rob set the hospital on a course to enter a new phase in its service to our community. We thank him for his vision, his leadership and we wish him well in his retirement.

I know I speak for everyone on our Board when I say how delighted we are to introduce Sarah Downey as our new President and CEO. Sarah's experience, strategic thinking and planning, and proven leadership make her the ideal person to lead our hospital as we head into the next era of care. Welcome, Sarah.

**Eric Tripp** – TEGH Board Chair

# TEGH Foundation and Hospital Welcome New Presidents

■ **Mitze Mourinho** comes to Toronto East General Hospital Foundation following more than 16 years with St. Michael's Foundation. Prior to joining St. Michael's Foundation, Mitze worked as Manager, Development at Wellesley Hospital.

As Vice-President Major Gifts and Planned Giving at St. Mike's Foundation, Mitze was a key member of the team that completed the most successful year in the Foundation's history. She played a pivotal role in the hospital's capital campaigns and in securing the hospital's largest individual and corporate gifts. She has extensive experience building mutually-beneficial relationships with donors and working with volunteer boards, and has deep contacts in the Toronto business community.



*Mitze Mourinho*

In announcing Mitze's appointment, TEGH Foundation Chair, Michael Burns, said, "We see her building on the tremendous leadership and progress that has been established during Teresa's tenure. Mitze has the experience needed to take us to the next level."

"As the hospital moves forward with the historic redevelopment, I am honoured to have the chance to be part of all that this wonderful, diverse community does to support patient-centred care at Toronto East General," said Mitze. "I am looking forward to the exciting opportunities we have before us."

■ **Sarah Downey** comes to us from Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (CAMH). Previous to this, Sarah held senior leadership positions at UHN's Princess Margaret Hospital.

As Executive Vice-President of Clinical Programs at CAMH, Sarah oversaw a number of transformational initiatives and had a major role in the planning and building of that hospital's redevelopment. This experience has positioned her well to take on the challenge that comes with leading a major redevelopment project such as the building of our new Ken and Marilyn Thomson Patient Care Centre.



*Sarah Downey*

Sarah proudly calls Toronto East General Hospital her family's hospital of choice. "Toronto East General is our family hospital and my family has come here in our time of need – it's a place for which I had affection, even before I applied for the job", said Sarah.

Sarah has laid deep roots as a volunteer and east Toronto supporter and is currently a board member at WoodGreen Community Services. "Knowing my community has given me an understanding of the challenges and opportunities that our hospital faces. It's a time of growth for us and a great time in the history of Toronto East General. I look forward to working with all of you."

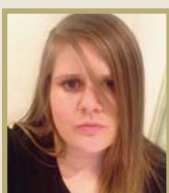
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## TEGH Foundation Welcomes



■ **Dave Casimiro** is the General Manager, Ontario, NorthWest Healthcare Properties REIT. He has over 12 years of Commercial Real Estate experience, with

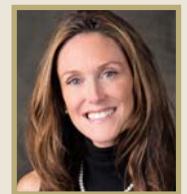
the past 8 years dedicated to the Medical Office Building niche in Ontario. Dave is recognized as a corporate and industry leader.



■ **Sarah O'Born** is Director, Innovation and Continuous Improvement Centre, The Printing House Limited. There are over 70 company owned locations across Canada. It has been in operation since 1961. She is a member of the TPH

Limited fundraising team.

■ **Jacqueline Ryan** is Vice President, Sponsorship and Partnerships, Canadian Marketing at Scotiabank, formerly Director, Corporate Donations, RBC Foundation and Head, Global Brand Marketing, Olympic Marketing, RBC. Jacqueline was awarded the Canadian Paralympic Committee Lifetime Achievement Award in 2010. She was also a Director of corporate donations for the RBC Foundation.



■ **George Tory** is a student-at-law at Gardiner Roberts. He attended law school at Western University. George has managed a mayoralty campaign and was an intern at a wealth management firm. George is one of the co-chairs of the TEGH Foundation Celebrity Softball Tournament.





## Farewell Message from Teresa Vasilopoulos

In my role as President of the Foundation, I have had a rare opportunity to see the most altruistic and genuine side of people. I have witnessed tremendous generosity and incredible contributions of time

and talent. Having worked at the Hospital and the Foundation for more than 25 years, 14 years as Foundation President, I have seen incredible growth and advancement. Our hospital has developed from a small residential, community hospital to one that is being recognized on the local, provincial and even national stage for its leadership in innovation, quality and fiscal management.

From a very personal perspective, I am honoured to have worked alongside the most remarkable team of physicians and surgeons, compassionate and professional staff, dedicated and enthusiastic volunteers and board members — and extremely kind and generous donors. The memories and relationships I have gained will remain with me always; it truly has been my privilege to have shared this time with our hospital “family”.

I must single out our exceptional Vice-President, Linda Henry, who — after 11 years of dedicated service to TEGH Foundation — has accepted the role of CEO of Ontario Shores Foundation for Mental Health. Linda is a trusted and respected, donor-centred fundraiser and has been a valued colleague and friend. Linda’s contributions to the Foundation and the Hospital have been immense and we wish her the very best in her new role.

As I leave Toronto East General, I see a hospital poised on an era of unprecedented growth, with the highly anticipated construction of the state-of-the-art Ken and Marilyn Thomson Patient Care Centre. I can visualize how this tremendous investment will truly benefit our community and allow our hospital to provide unparalleled, high-quality patient care. With a strong foundation beneath and the vision of excellence ahead, the future is filled with possibilities — there is no limit to where our hospital can soar as it charts its future course with all of you providing the wind for its sails.

My heartfelt thanks to each of you for your tremendous generosity and friendship and, for the unwavering commitment you provide to this dynamic facility.

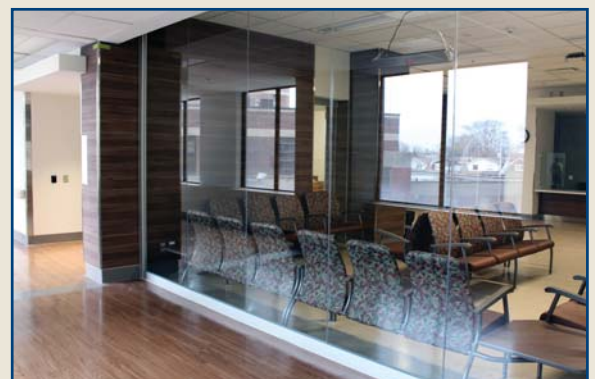
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## State-of-the-Art Chest Centre Set to Open in June

In recognition of Toronto East General’s leadership in chest health, the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care has designated the hospital with *Centre of Excellence* status in Thoracic Surgery (surgery of the lung, chest and esophagus) and in Prolonged-ventilation Weaning (liberating patients from mechanical ventilation).

In June, the hospital will open a leading-edge Chest Centre, which will combine the expertise of the hospital’s thoracic surgery and respiratory services within a single space. Co-locating respirology and thoracic surgery services in the Chest Centre will set a new, and even higher standard of care for patients with esophageal and chest disease. Patients will need to visit only one location to receive multiple types of services, facilitating ease of access, medical collaboration and effective patient navigation.

“Having our thoracic surgery program and respiratory medicine together in one location will really solidify our position at the forefront of care for people with chest disease and respiratory ailments,” said Dr. Carmine Simone, Chief of Surgery and Co-Program Medical Director, Surgery Health Service. With ongoing donor support, the new Chest Centre will improve accessibility and enhance the quality of life for lung patients – throughout our community, the GTA and beyond.





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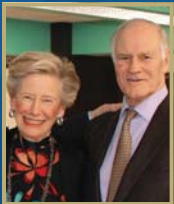
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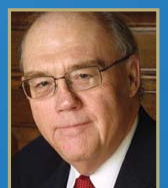
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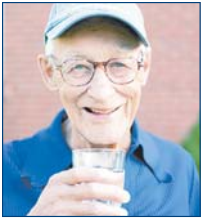
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## Bequests

> **Harry Compton** exemplified the best of what east Toronto has to offer – friendly, hard-working, financially prudent and community minded. He lived most of his adult life quietly with his wife as a long-term resident of the Parkview Hills area of our neighbourhood. Several decades ago when his wife became ill, Toronto East General Hospital was there for her delivering compassionate care until the end.

When Harry later fell ill himself, our hospital was there for him too, providing lifesaving surgery. Harry's decision to make this monumental bequest will truly make an impact on the future of health care for the community.

> **Margaret Chambers** was a friend to our Hospital, an ambassador, and so much more. A long-time Beach resident, Margaret had a passion for life, for her community for her hospital and of course bridge. If you were fortunate enough to be counted among her friends, you were truly blessed. Margaret gave generously during her lifetime and always directed her funds to urgent needs. Her gift to the hospital from her estate will continue her legacy of generous support.



> **Jenny Houghton** was someone who left an impression on everyone she met. When Jenny first discovered she had cancer, she chose to celebrate life with her friends and family. She held an annual summer party to celebrate and raise funds to purchase much-needed equipment for our oncology department. Through her estate, Jenny designated further funds to the oncology clinic. Her bequest was used to establish a beautiful and comforting oncology waiting room, a unique place where friends and family of patients can support their loved ones. The room is adorned with a spectacular work of art referred to as "Jenny's Garden", created with love by friend and artist, Jeremy Bortz.

> **Wendy Hunter** was not just a donor to our hospital; she was a part of its very fabric. A graduate of the Toronto East General Hospital School of Nursing, Wendy later went on to become a teacher to community college nursing students. In her later years at the hospital, Wendy assumed the role of President TEGH's School of Nursing Alumnae and built strong engagement from the generations of nursing graduates whom she taught and inspired over the years.



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OUR PHYSICIANS' FACES OF SUPPORT  
FROM OUR MEDICAL STAFF - THAT'S HOW MUCH THEY CARE!



## Upcoming Events

# 21st Annual GOLF CLASSIC

Monday, June 8, 2015  
Scarboro Golf & Country Club



Experience an Evening in  
**ARGENTINA**



Featuring Award-Winning,  
World-Renowned  
**Chef Natalia Machado**

The Toronto Hunt  
Monday, July 13, 2015

# LAUGHTER IS THE BEST MEDICINE II

**A \$2.5 MILLION DOSE OF COMEDY**  
in Support of Toronto East General Hospital



Toronto East General Hospital gratefully recognizes our Benefactors, Gareth and Monique Seltzer



Headline Performer, Chris Rock, with host, Will Arnett



2014 Gala Co Chairs, Michael Geddes and Michael Burns



Hospital Chair, Eric Tripp, bestows Host, Will Arnett, with an Honorary Medical Jersey

**Thank you to our Benefactors, Sponsors, Donors and Guests for making our second comedy gala, another rollicking success!**

*Laughter is the Best Medicine II* rocked the house and raised \$2.5 Million for Toronto East General Hospital on Saturday, September 27 in support of the Capital Redevelopment Campaign!

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