

My Foundation

You made so much possible this holiday season

You Gave Joy. You Gave Warmth. And you bought bricks to support the Our Lady of Mercy (OLM) Wing. Thank you for sharing the spirit this holiday season and making so much possible for our friends and neighbours in our community.

You shared the spirit, and together we raised more than \$39,000 for St. Joe's.

Giving Joy to local families

Thanks to you, 142 families with 175 children had a brighter holiday season. Your gift to Give Joy helps mothers like Janey Porte, who has been benefitting from the Women's Health Centre pre- and postnatal support programs and counselling service since she found out she was pregnant. Now her son Phoenix is seven weeks old.

"Everyone here has been so supportive. Phoenix spent just over a week in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit and St. Joe's was my second home," she says. "The information from the different programs, the chance to meet other mothers, and being able to use our vouchers for basic needs like food and diapers has helped us get off to the right start. I am just so thankful."

Buying Bricks to support the OLM Wing

The bricks are sold-out. And 500 bricks sold means \$50,000 to help complete the OLM Wing and equip it with today's essential medical equipment. Thank you for your support, and for



Janey Porte and her son Phoenix with Mira Nikolovski, a Family Support and Outreach Worker with the Parkdale Parent's Primary Prevention Project, which is a partner of our Women's Health Centre. Janey says Mira is amazing. "She was so supportive. I smile just thinking about her."

the many stories you shared about what your brick means to you. [Click here](#) to read some of the stories these bricks represent. Just click on Behind the Wall.

Giving Warmth to patients

Equipment like blanket warmers are essential throughout the Health Centre. Warm blankets provide comfort to those who are not well, recovering from surgery or undergoing treatment. Your gifts to Give Warmth this holiday season will help us buy one blanket warmer.

On behalf of the Foundation, Women's Health Centre, FUNraising Committee and all of our volunteer helpers, thank you for sharing the spirit. Your support helps us take care of our friends and neighbours who turn to St. Joe's every day for the best care right here in our community.

Creating a Culture of Inquiry and Innovation

Learning together, learning better: Interprofessional Student Placements make a lasting impression!

Instead of the usual model where students are placed with a Preceptor or Instructor from their own profession, Interprofessional Student Placements bring together students from different professions to meet once a week and talk about how the different health professions can work together – and work more collaboratively with patients and families. We ran our most recent Interprofessional Student Placement in November and December. Here are some of the great things our students told us they learned from the experience:

“IPE (interprofessional education) is a way to understand that we are all interconnected with a common goal: the well being of the patient. We are not isolated in our little bubbles but connected in such a way that we complement each other.”

- Oscar, Occupational Therapy/Physiotherapy Assistant Student

“My shadowing experience with a RT helped me understand the complexity, patience and bravery that front line health care workers experience.”

- David, Medical Laboratory Student

“The group was so diverse with all the students coming from different backgrounds and professions. I feel that the diversity helped develop my interprofessional collaboration skills that I will take into future placements and into my future career.”

- Cassandra, Occupational Therapy Student

“It helped me understand not only the roles of each profession but also how each of them were connected to my own work.”

- Social Work Student

“The placement gave me an opportunity to appreciate the various roles of other health care professionals. This provides a better understanding of what you can do for the patient and who they need to see to get the best care for their particular need – which ultimately improves patient care.”

- Shanthan, Medical Laboratory Student



Interprofessional placement students with their facilitators Scott Graney, Professional Practice Leader for Social Work (back row, far right) and Elizabeth McLaney, Director of Interprofessional Education & Collaboration (front row, far left). Missing: two Social Work Students.

“The best part of the placement was meeting all of the other placement students with whom I connected on a professional and personal level – building a network of contacts is important in the Social Service field not only to enhance our understanding of the continuum of care, but also it ensures that we optimize the resources that are available here at St. Joe’s.”

- Genyk, Social Service Worker/Addictions Service Worker Student

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