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Healthier Future**

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Together, we are building a hospital for the future.

As we look back on the past year, we are filled with gratitude and pride for everything we have accomplished together. Your generosity has had a profound impact on Lachine Hospital, enabling us to make incredible strides in transforming care for our community.

Thanks to your support, we raised \$4.8M for the *Dream Big: Lachine Hospital* campaign—a groundbreaking achievement that brings us closer to our vision of world-class care for all. This is just the beginning, and we look forward to the future that we are building together. As you flip through the pages of this report, you'll discover all of the inspiring ways that your contributions are rewriting the story of health care throughout Lachine and the West Island.

From the opening of our Intermediate Care Unit (IMCU) to the ongoing construction of five new state-of-the-art operating rooms, every step we've taken is a direct result of your belief in our mission. Your commitment makes all the difference, empowering us to continually enhance care, invest in cutting-edge technology, and strengthen the Lachine Hospital Foundation's ability to meet the needs of our growing community.

With the new wing set to open in 2026, we know this is only the beginning of what we will achieve together. We're almost there—and we are incredibly grateful to have you by our side as we prepare to unveil everything we've accomplished over the past few years.

Together, we will continue to push the boundaries of excellence, elevate the standard of care, and ensure that Lachine Hospital remains a place where every patient feels valued and cared for.

Thank you for being an essential part of this journey.



Marie-Hélène Laramée

President and CEO, MUHC Foundation



Jacques Filion

Chair, Lachine Hospital Foundation
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A word of gratitude from Lachine Hospital

Looking back on 2024-2025, we are filled with gratitude for the remarkable progress we've achieved together, all made possible by the unwavering commitment of our community. The *Dream Big: Lachine Hospital* campaign continues to build momentum, and we are truly thankful to each of you for your vital role in this journey. Your support is not just about financial contributions—it reflects a shared commitment to providing exceptional health care for the West Island and beyond.

This year, we've seen meaningful advancements in our modernization efforts. From cutting-edge medical equipment to creating more welcoming spaces for our patients, we are shaping an environment where health care professionals excel and patients receive the highest quality of care close to home. Your contributions are transforming Lachine Hospital into a facility that will serve our community's needs for generations to come.

As we look ahead, we are energized by the partnership we have with all of you. The journey to a modern and welcoming Lachine Hospital is well underway, and we are excited to see what we achieve together in the coming years. With your continued support, we will build on the strong foundation we've established and take bold steps toward an even brighter future for health care in our community.

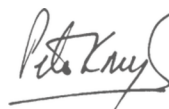
Thank you for your belief in the future of the Lachine Hospital and your generosity.

Sincerely,



Lucie Opatrny, MD MSc MHCM, FRCPC

President and Executive Director, MUHC



Peter Kruyt

Chairman, Board of Directors of the Establishment, MUHC

A heartfelt thank you from our campaign co-chairs



As co-chairs of the *Dream Big: Lachine Hospital* campaign, we are deeply grateful as we reflect on another successful year for Lachine Hospital. For many of you, supporting Lachine Hospital is a personal commitment, making this moment all the more meaningful as we usher in a new era for the hospital we all cherish. This transformation reflects our shared, bold vision for the future of health care in the West Island.

To date, we've made remarkable progress in advancing the hospital's capabilities, from upgrading essential equipment to providing compassionate, patient-centred care. Our goal remains clear: to ensure the comfort and well-being of every patient who walks through the hospital's doors and to offer access to world-class care for everyone in our community.

With the new wing set to open in 2026, we are on the verge of completing this significant milestone. There is still work ahead, but with your continued support, we are confident that we will reach our goals and raise the standard of care. Together, we are laying the foundation for a healthier, brighter future for each patient who relies on Lachine Hospital.

The progress we've made is a direct result of your unwavering generosity and support. It is an honour to be part of such an inspiring community of changemakers, actively shaping the future of health care for all.

Thank you for your continued belief in our mission. We are proud to have you as a partner in this journey and look forward to many more successes, together.

With sincere appreciation,

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Lachine Hospital: Where world-class care meets community



The Lachine Hospital Foundation, in partnership with the MUHC Foundation, is leading the *Dream Big: Lachine Hospital* campaign to bring world-class health care to the West Island. As we reflect on 2024-2025, we also look ahead to a new and exciting era of care, with the completion of our hospital's new wing just around the corner. In 2026, the fully equipped and newly constructed section of the hospital will open to the public – and we cannot wait to show you everything we have been working towards.

But this is only the beginning of what we will achieve together, as we build a hospital for the future. Generations of Quebecers will benefit from the new and improved Lachine Hospital, fully modernized, and equipped with the latest, cutting-edge technology to complement its people-first approach to care.

INSPIRING PROGRESS

Celebrating Breakthroughs

As you flip through the pages of this report, you'll see how close we are to realizing our big dream for Lachine. The five state-of-the-art operating rooms currently under construction will benefit departments like ophthalmology, orthopedics, plastic surgery, and bariatrics, positioning Lachine Hospital as a leader in surgery. With your support, we're also introducing audiovisual teaching tools to train the next generation of surgeons.

In winter 2025, the hospital opened its first Intermediate Care Unit (IMCU), which will be moved to the new wing in 2026. This five-bed unit offers specialized care for patients who need more attention than those in general care but don't require intensive care. This expansion ensures we can treat more patients locally. Your donations are also funding a fully equipped emergency room, a modern palliative care unit, and private patient rooms designed for comfort, safety, and accessibility.

Our mission is simple: to deliver exceptional care close to home. As we build the future of Lachine Hospital, we remain grounded in our core values—compassion, patient-centred care, and community.

Thank you for your belief in our mission. Please know that we could not have achieved any of this progress without you.

\$4.8M

CAMPAIGN TO DATE

\$3.3M

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A new era of surgical expertise at Lachine Hospital

“Thanks to your generosity, we have been able to acquire essential equipment and instruments that truly make a difference in the quality and efficiency of our care.”

— **Julie Marcil**, Nurse Manager, Operating Room

Donations to the Lachine Hospital Foundation have made it possible to significantly enhance the hospital's surgical capabilities, improving both patient care and the efficiency of our health care system. With the acquisition of cutting-edge equipment, the ophthalmology department has nearly tripled its volume of corneal implantations, offering even more patients the lifechanging opportunity to regain their vision. Last year, the team performed 34 procedures, and this year, they expect to perform more than double that amount—around 80!

Lachine Hospital also plays a key role in reducing wait times across Quebec. By investing in our surgical department, we simultaneously free up space for more complex surgeries at the MUHC and other specialized care centres, helping to alleviate pressure on the province's long surgical waitlists.

In addition to benefiting patients, the hospital's enhanced resources also support medical education. McGill University's Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences, one of the country's leaders in the field, relies on Lachine's well-equipped facilities to train the next generation of specialists, ensuring high-quality care and education.

You made these improvements possible—every dollar donated is what made the difference between standard care and excellence in care. Together, we are transforming patient care, reducing wait times, and advancing medical education at Lachine Hospital!

Palliative Care at Lachine Hospital

In 2024-2025, our donors helped fund essential services such as music and massage therapy that truly enrich the lives of patients requiring end-of-life care at Lachine Hospital.

Under the leadership of Dr. Geneviève Chaput, the palliative care unit at Lachine Hospital is dedicated to people-first, compassionate care that ensures dignity and quality of life for patients at every stage of serious illness. The program integrates medical care with holistic therapies, addressing not only physical symptoms but also emotional and spiritual well-being. These services provide comfort, reduce stress, and foster connections during life's most challenging times.



Thanks to your generosity, we continue to provide this vital care to the most vulnerable patients in the heart of the West Island. Together, we are making meaningful difference in the lives of those who need it most—thank you for caring for our community.

“Donations to the Lachine Hospital Foundation enable us to offer care that truly respects the whole person, and for that, we are deeply grateful.”

—**Dr. Geneviève Chaput**, Chief, Supportive and Palliative Care services

Lachine Hospital unveils its first Intermediate Care Unit (IMCU)

In March 2025, Lachine Hospital celebrated a major milestone with the official opening of its first Intermediate Care Unit (IMCU). This five-bed unit provides specialized care for patients who need more attention than what is available in the general care unit but don't require intensive care. The IMCU marks a significant expansion of the hospital's ability to treat patients locally, enhancing the quality of care available to the community.

Planning for the IMCU began in spring 2024, with a temporary unit opening on the ground floor in January 2025. Now relocated to the fifth floor, this new facility is a direct response to the growing need for specialized care, reducing the need for inter-hospital transfers and allowing Lachine Hospital to care for more patients on-site.



The success of this project is a testament to the commitment of the hospital's staff, physicians, and the ongoing support from the Lachine Hospital Foundation's donors.

“The IMCU marks a new era of care for the West Island and Lachine. With the opening of the new unit, we are already seeing a significant decrease in inter-hospital transfers, and things will only get better from here.”

—**Myriam Ménard**, Associate Director of Lachine Hospital and Camille-Lefebvre CHSLD



Behind the scenes of Lachine Hospital's Emergency Department

Lachine Hospital combines community warmth with world-class care, especially in its Emergency Department (ED), which is currently housed in a temporary unit as the new, state-of-the-art space is being developed. This major transformation is made possible by your donations to the Lachine Hospital Foundation, which is equipping Lachine Hospital's urgent care specialists with the cutting-edge resources needed to take on any situation, at any moment.

In this high-pressure environment, the ED team must adapt quickly to provide lifesaving care. Flexibility and seamless collaboration are vital, as staff step outside their usual roles to ensure that every patient receives the treatment they need in unpredictable circumstances.

The new ED space will provide more room, better equipment, and specialized areas for different types of care, all of which will help staff continue their high standard of care. At Lachine Hospital, it's not just about treating medical conditions—patients are cared for as whole individuals, with compassion and respect.

“The new space will make such a difference—not just in how we care for patients, but in how we work as a team. We’re being supported in ways that help us better support our patients.”

—Stéphanie Rose Di Nunzio, Nurse Manager, Lachine Hospital Emergency Room.

The Lachine Hospital Foundation Gala 2025

The Lachine Hospital Foundation's signature Gala raised an incredible \$406,500, supporting the *Dream Big: Lachine Hospital* campaign, a partnership between the Lachine Hospital Foundation and the MUHC Foundation. This \$5 million campaign is focused on purchasing state-of-the-art medical equipment and modernizing key areas of Lachine Hospital, ensuring that the West Island community continues to receive exceptional care for years to come.

Held on April 14, 2025, at the Montreal Airport Marriott In-Terminal Hotel, the gala brought together a passionate community of supporters dedicated to improving health care in the West Island. The funds raised will directly impact Lachine Hospital's ability to offer world-class care. With this support, the hospital will soon feature a fully equipped emergency department, advanced surgical suites, and updated palliative care and patient rooms—transformations that will make a profound difference in the comfort, safety, and overall experience of patients.

"Our *Dream Big: Lachine Hospital* campaign is not just about building a new facility—it's about creating a space where every patient feels valued, cared for, and supported. It's a place where community and compassion come together to ensure that all our loved ones get the care they deserve," says Marie-Hélène Laramée, President & CEO of the MUHC Foundation.





Café Jasette

Once a month, Danielle Carter, the president of the resident committee at Pavillon Camille Lefebvre, brings joy to the community with her musical performances at Lachine Hospital's Café Jasette. These lively sessions quickly transform into toe-tapping, singing, and dancing events that leave residents smiling long after the music fades. A big thank you to Danielle and the recreation and leisure team for making these gatherings a beloved monthly tradition.

At the Lachine Hospital Foundation Gala, Danielle was honoured with the E. Noël Spinelli Award. The E. Noël Spinelli Award of the Lachine Hospital Foundation is presented annually to a staff member, physician or volunteer of the Hospital or its Foundation in recognition of their community and philanthropic commitment.

This meaningful recognition is made possible thanks to the support of the Spinelli family. For generations, the Spinellis have stood alongside our Foundation, helping us honour those who go above and beyond to uplift our hospital community. We extend our thanks to Mathieu Spinelli and his family for their continued generosity and commitment.

Celebrating our Hospital Heroes

As we look back on the past year, we celebrate the many heroes who were nominated by grateful patients and community members. From lifesaving surgeons to nurses who offered comfort and guidance, and even the housekeeping staff who made a patient's day brighter, the Hospital Hero program highlights how small acts of care can have a lasting impact.

To our incredible community—thank you for recognizing and supporting the health care workers who dedicate themselves every day to making a difference in the lives of others. Your appreciation helps us continue to honour their commitment and inspire excellence in care.



Hospital Hero Spotlight: Mariela Gatej

Among Lachine many Hospital's heroes is Mariela Gatej, a dedicated nurse who has been recognized for going above and beyond. Mariela's extraordinary support was especially evident when Ms. Mundle Pomerleau, in gratitude for the exceptional palliative care her partner received, made a heartfelt donation to the Hospital Hero program in Mariela's name. This generous gesture was a way to thank Mariela for the warmth and comfort she provided during a challenging time.

The Hospital Hero program celebrates the staff, physicians, and volunteers who make a meaningful difference in the lives of patients and their families. Donations made to the program directly support Lachine Hospital and its ongoing initiatives, and the recipient receives a pin they can proudly wear.



Social Services at Lachine Hospital: A year of giving and care

Over the holidays, a special collaboration between the Lachine Hospital Foundation and Lachine Hospital's Social Services department brought much-needed support to patients and families in need. Our Foundation provided 27 families—14 from Lachine—with much-needed gift baskets filled with food, gift cards, clothing, and more. The effort raised \$4,000 and gathered 60 giant bags of clothing, showing how donations help combat loneliness and bring comfort to those in need—ensuring that no one is forgotten during the holidays.

How your generosity supports seniors at the Camille-Lefebvre Pavilion

A generous \$25K donation from a grateful family has made a significant difference at Lachine Hospital's Camille-Lefebvre Pavilion. This gift funded the purchase of a specialized shower stretcher, an essential aspect of care for elderly patients and those with limited mobility. Thanks to our generous donors, the Foundation also funded the beautification of the garden, promoting holistic care and well-being.

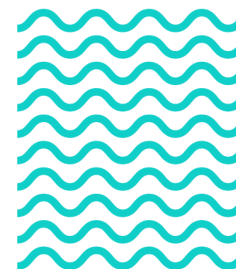


The Lachine Hospital Foundation also plays a vital role in providing support during various holidays, ensuring residents receive thoughtful gifts such as Father's Day socks and other meaningful items. These initiatives underscore the importance of care that goes beyond medicine, reflecting Lachine Hospital's commitment to compassion and dignity in every aspect of patient care.

Thank you for making this possible!

2024-2025

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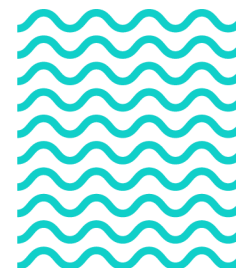
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