

Thank you from our President & CEO

On behalf of Women's College Hospital Foundation, thank you for hosting an event in support of Women's College Hospital (WCH). In so doing, you are joining a community of more than 33,000 donors who are contributing to the success of WCH in its mission to advance the health of women and improve healthcare options for all through groundbreaking research, care and education.

Historically, women have been underserved in healthcare and faced gaps that put their lives and well-being at risk – particularly those from marginalized or disadvantaged communities. This is what we call the Health Gap. For more than 100 years, Women's College Hospital has been at the forefront of research and innovation that has been helping to close these gaps.

WCH pioneers were involved in the development of the simplified Pap test to screen for cervical cancer; we were the first hospital in Ontario to use mammography as a tool to detect early signs of breast cancer; and WCH was the site of the first hospital-based sexual assault and domestic violence centre, to name just a few of the key ways in which this institution has helped drive forward a better future for the health of women and their families.

Today, Women's College Hospital is the only academic, ambulatory hospital in Canada devoted to improving healthcare for women and their loved ones. Our Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Care Centre provides 24/7 care to victims and survivors of sexual assault and domestic violence. Our Women's Mental Health Program is the largest clinical and research program of its kind in Canada. Our researchers are breaking new ground in women's cancers research, identifying genes that put women at greater risk of cancer, and developing new models of care to help women decrease their risk. And the list goes on.

We are incredibly grateful to you for joining us in our mission to raise vital funds to advance life-changing and life-saving work. Thank you so much for your support.

Sincerely,



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