

ST. MICHAEL'S EVENTS GO VIRTUAL.

Dear [NAME],

I hope everyone is staying healthy and cool during this hot summer. Here at St. Michael's, the battle against COVID-19 goes on, and our teams and scientists continue to respond to its challenges with their customary compassion and ingenuity.

We've got lots of news.

Our 2019-20 Annual Report is [now available](#). Because of you, we've had a record-breaking fundraising year that has meant new treatments, new medical discoveries and new state-of-the-art facilities. And when COVID-19 hit Toronto, your spirit of compassion helped St. Michael's do what we do best: take on the toughest health challenge of our time.

While the pandemic prevents us from gathering at our events, we're recasting them as virtual experiences — and the results are exciting. On June 25 we held the first virtual edition of St. Michael's [Powerhouse Exclusive Speaker Series](#), and it was a major success. More than 400 people tuned in to hear Dr. Muhammad Mamdani, our Vice-President of Data Science and Advanced Analytics, discuss the potential impact of artificial intelligence on the pandemic and the future of health care, followed by a lively Q&A discussion on this hot topic.

Next up is our [Urban Angel Virtual Golf Classic](#). We can't go to the greens this year, so we're taking our legendary golf tournament online for a public auction of amazing experiences for golfers and non-golfers alike. We're also launching a fabulous new event: [PUSH THE LIMITS: St. Michael's Summer Challenge](#), where you exercise during the month of August and raise funds for the hospital. And last but not least, we're going online with [Angels Den](#). It's Canada's hottest medical research competition, with prizes for both COVID-19 and non-COVID-19 research projects. That's coming up in September. See below for details on all these events.

COVID-19 has exposed the urgent need to end homelessness, and the Schroeder Foundation is helping to do just that with a new fundraising challenge. For every dollar you donate to St. Michael's MAP Centre for Urban Health Solutions, the Schroeder Foundation will match it, up to \$1 million. Your donation will support the pioneering work MAP director Dr. Stephen Hwang and his team are doing to find sustainable and scalable solutions to the homelessness crisis. Donate [here](#).

Finally, St. Michael's Drs. Darren Yuen and Anish Kirpalani — whose research on kidney transplantation MRI has been supported by our donors — have had their study accepted for publication in the prestigious journal *JMRI*. Congratulations, Darren and Anish.

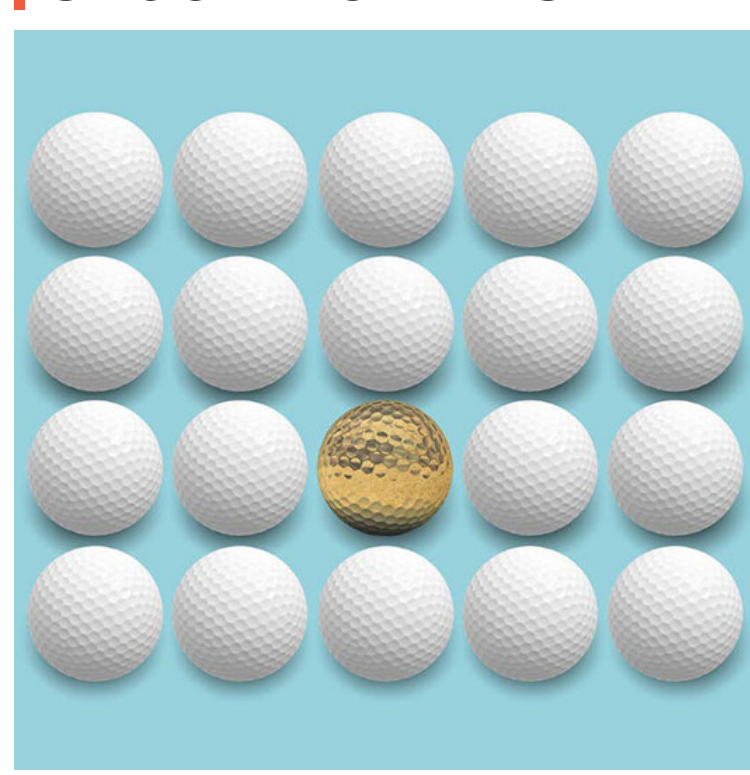
As always, on behalf of everyone at the Foundation, thank you for your continuing support of St. Michael's Hospital. Enjoy your summer.

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President, St. Michael's Hospital Foundation

UPCOMING VIRTUAL EXPERIENCES



Urban Angel Virtual Golf Classic Online Auction

August 5 to 19

Canada's premier charity golf tournament is going public this year, with an auction of one-of-a-kind golf and celebrity experiences that anyone can bid on. We've got court-side Raptors tickets, a private Zoom concert with a Broadway star, golf gear signed by Tiger Woods and much more. It's all in support of the hospital's most pressing priorities. The 2020 version of the Classic is being held in honour of our dear friend and board member Mike Thompson, a passionate golfer and tireless fundraiser who passed away in January. I'm happy to report that we've already raised a record \$1.7 million through sponsorships and donations. What a tribute to Mike.

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Angels Den 2020: The Virtual Edition

Coming end of September

We are recording Angels Den 2020 this summer and streaming the show online in the fall. The final six teams of St. Michael's scientists have been selected to pitch their game-changing ideas to secure a total of \$400,000 in research funding. Three will compete for the Keenan COVID-19 Research Award and three for the Odette Innovative Health Award. They're aiming to find a COVID-19 vaccine, use laughing gas to treat depression, find a way to safely share health-care data among hospitals and much more. And welcome to our new judge, Vinay Virmani, who'll be joining returning judges Joe Mimran and Michele Romanow for Angels Den 2020.

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PUSH THE LIMITS: St. Michael's Summer Challenge

August 1 - 30

Our new Summer Challenge is a great way to get back to (or improve on) your pre-COVID fitness levels while supporting our hospital's most urgent priorities. It's easy: Get your friends and family to sponsor you in any sport or activity of your choice, and track your hours over the month of August to win prizes and raise funds for St. Michael's. Sign up as a team or an individual.

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Powerhouse 2020 Exclusive Speaker Series

Coming in September

If you missed the virtual Powerhouse Speaker Series event on artificial intelligence and health care with Dr. Muhammad Mamdani and Dr. Amol Verma, you can watch the video [here](#). Stay tuned for the next edition of Powerhouse, coming in September.

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ANNUAL REPORT



A record-breaking year for our Foundation

Our annual report is now out! Read about the events, the campaigns, the achievements and the remarkable donors who made it a year to remember. To receive your own copy, please contact Keisha Whyllie at WhyllieK@smh.ca.

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IN THE NEWS



Overcrowded housing a risk for COVID-19 transmission

Ever since the pandemic began, St. Michael's Dr. Stephen Hwang has been speaking out about COVID-19's impact on vulnerable populations. He stresses the need for space to isolate as the lack of affordable housing in Toronto exacerbates the impact of the pandemic.

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Federal government supports St. Michael's COVID-19 research

Four St. Michael's scientists have received federal funding for COVID-19 research projects that are investigating why the virus spreads differently across Canada, how a short course of medication might help those exposed to the virus, whether data analysis can improve hospital services and how overdoses can be prevented during the pandemic.

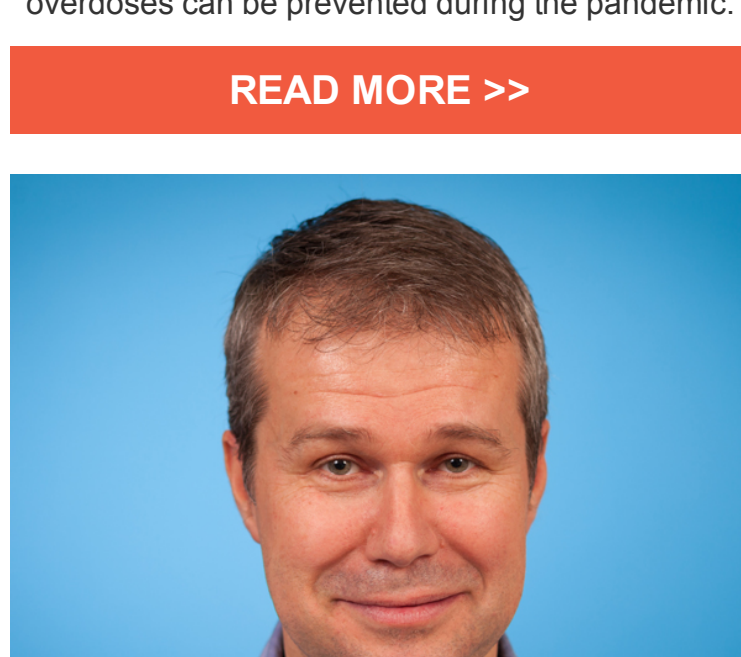
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Connecting Indigenous patients with health care

Indigenous people experience inequities in health-care delivery and often don't get the care they need. Jennefer Simo, a community support worker in St. Michael's Emergency Department, is working to change that.

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Will COVID-19 be like the annual flu?

A study led by St. Michael's Dr. Peter Jüni suggests that while COVID-19 does not appear to be linked to local temperature variations, it might eventually become seasonal as the virus and the human population interact with each other.

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