

Dear [NAME],

I have a very special announcement, on behalf of St. Michael's Hospital Foundation.

This past week, the boards of St. Michael's Hospital Foundation (SMHF) and Providence Healthcare Foundation voted to progress towards a combination of our organizations. Formal approvals will take place early in 2021.

As St. Michael's and Providence are both a part of Unity Health Toronto, our board members saw many opportunities to come together. In brief, Providence Healthcare is integral to St. Michael's ability to provide integrated care to patients throughout their entire lives. This decision was not taken lightly. In fact, board members spent a lot of time in thoughtful discussion and deliberation, taking into account what this would mean for our cherished donors and tireless volunteers, for the culture of our foundation and our devoted staff, and for our wonderful health-care teams at St. Michael's. And of course, the overriding question was: What will this mean for our patients?

I'm hoping this letter answers some of the questions you may have.

### WHY IS THIS MERGER GOOD FOR ST. MICHAEL'S HOSPITAL FOUNDATION?

#### We'll have more to offer.

COVID-19 – and the tragic experience of patients in long-term care facilities – has brought into sharp focus what is needed to care properly for the frail elderly. Providence Healthcare, which focuses primarily on the last phases of the patient journey, in fact, has garnered provincial and national attention for its safe and excellent management during the crisis. Because many of our donors are keenly interested in ensuring that seniors get the care they deserve, both in hospital and as they recover and return home, this coming together means that we will have more opportunities to offer donors in terms of the impact they wish to have.

#### We'll have another world-leading specialty program to promote.

Providence Healthcare is about to become a Centre of Excellence for Rehabilitation and Healthy Living, cementing its standing as a world leader in rehab and senior care, education and training, and research. Its new Campus of Care will promote good health through medical care and rehabilitation.

### WILL SMHF FUNDRAISE FOR PROVIDENCE HEALTHCARE?

The answer is yes, and we are looking forward to it. We have some wonderful opportunities on the horizon. For instance, we are building a new Care Experience Institute that will be dedicated to providing our patients with the health-care experience they deserve: more seamless, connected care that makes navigating the system easier and faster. The Institute will have a centre for geriatric medicine, in which researchers will evaluate the optimal care experience for the frail elderly, including those experiencing disadvantage.

### MOVING FORWARD

Imagine a health-care system where you move seamlessly from one care centre to another, so that you feel comforted, connected and confident in the care you're receiving at every stage of your journey?

In today's health-care environment, that would be a stand out. And that is what a merged and expanded SMHF and Providence Healthcare Foundation will help make possible.

For any questions, please contact Cynthia Quai, my Executive Assistant at [416-864-5000](tel:416-864-5000).

We are very excited by the opportunity to support needs across the entire arc of patient care. It's new for St. Michael's Hospital Foundation, and it's right up our alley. As you know, we stop at nothing to take on some of the toughest health challenges.

Sincerely,



Lili Litwin  
President, St. Michael's Hospital Foundation



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