

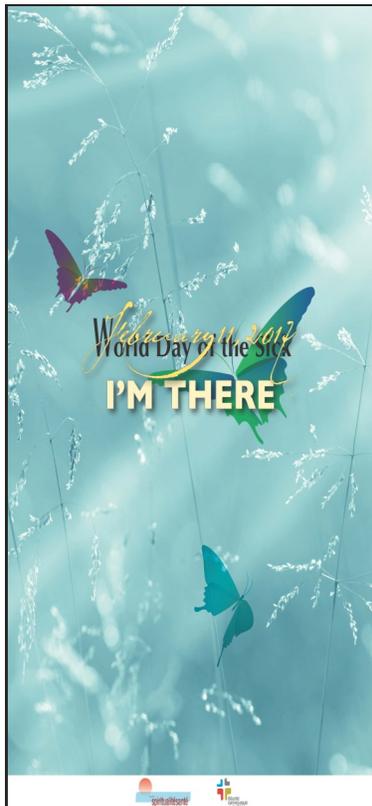
The Torch

World Day of the Sick 2018

February 11th, 2018 is the 26th World Day of the Sick. Materials have been distributed to all CHI facilities. The theme for this year's Day of the sick is provided by the words that Jesus spoke from the Cross to Mary, his Mother, and to John:

“Woman, behold, your son...Behold your mother. And from that hour the disciple took her into his home.”

(Jn 19:26-27)



Hôpital Stella Maris de Kent, Sainte Anne de Kent, NB



Stella Maris de Kent Hospital presenting CHI's Volunteer Excellence Award to Alice and Ronald Poirier. Congratulations!

L-R Marthe Léger, Facility Representative, Charles Allain, Volunteer Coordinator, Lisa Alary-Cormier, Administration, Adélarde Cormier, Advisory Council Chair, Alice and Ronald Poirier, Recipients, Oliva Guimond and Sr. Thérèse Belliveau, Advisory Members.

STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE:



At the November meeting of the Board of Directors of Catholic Health International, as part of the review of the Strategic Plan presently in place—five goals were established for the 2017-2018 year.

This is an update on the Status of each of the goals:

1. *RESTRUCTURE THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS:*

As a result of recommended revisions to the By-Laws, restructuring of the Board of Directors has begun. For example, association representation has been reduced to one person; a review of the appointment of the Bishops within our system coverage area has begun with discussions presently taking place with the Bishops. In addition, geographic representation is being reviewed and assessed.

2. *REVIEW/REVISE POSITION DESCRIPTIONS FOR EMPLOYEES:*

This has been completed. The position of Vice-President Governance/Communications has been made; advertisements for the administrative Assistant/Receptionist have been posted with a deadline of February 15th for applications.

3. *REVITALIZE THE CENTRE FOR EXCELLENCE IN LEADERSHIP:*

The Centre under the guidance of our Vice-President of Operations, David Levangie has been undergoing major change and becoming more active. New positions and replacements within our Pillars have been filled and the Pillars are now meeting on a more regular basis with a planned agenda.

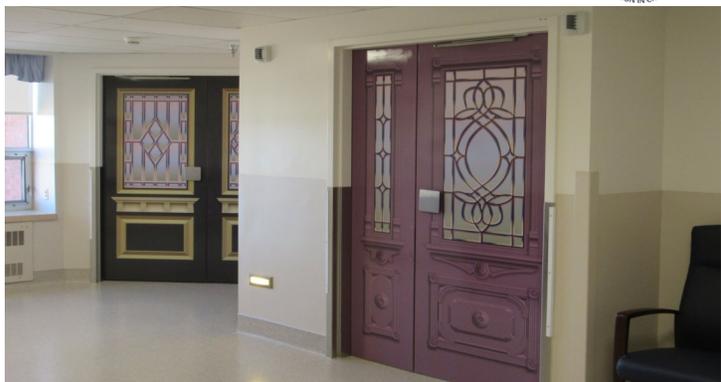
4. *IMPLEMENT THE MAJORITY OF THE STRATEGIC PLAN:*

There are other areas of the Strategic Plan which have been receiving a great deal of attention. It is recommended that another Strategic Planning session be held in the Spring of 2019.

5. *PREPARE AN OPERATIONAL NEEDS ASSESSMENT:*

The needs assessment is an ongoing item. As needs are discovered, a plan of action is taken to address the need.

In preparation for the upcoming Strategic Planning Session a full copy of the existing plan and a request for input will be sent to all CHI Facilities.



St. Joseph's Hospital in Saint John is reopening its Cognitive Assessment Management (CAM) Unit after six months of extensive renovations. Patients were welcomed back to the unit on Jan. 30, 2018 after being temporarily housed at the Saint John Regional Hospital.

St. Joseph's Hospital CAM unit cares for 20 patients with cognitive illnesses at a time and is the only unit of its kind in Horizon's health network. The renovations completed respond to the needs of dementia patients and their families by creating a more comfortable and home-like environment.

The brightly painted space includes elements such as comfortable common spaces, sky panel ceiling, and a family room. Each patient door replicates a front door of a historical uptown Saint John home to symbolise a home environment rather than a clinical space. Each room includes a memory case where each family will have the opportunity to fill the case with memories that will be placed in their loved one's room during their time on the CAM unit.

The renovation, which began in July 2017, was a joint investment between Horizon and the St. Joseph's Hospital Foundation totalling \$530,000. The foundation received large donations from the St. Joseph's Hospital Auxiliary and the Friar sisters who held benefit concert in November 2016 at the Imperial Theatre with all proceeds going towards the renovation.

"I am overjoyed to see the environment that has been created with this renovation", said Laurie Flood, Executive Director of St. Joseph's Hospital Foundation. "This unit was in need of attention, and with the help of our partners, such as the Friars family, we have been able to provide a space where our patients can receive the best care.

The goal of the CAM unit is to assist patients with the management and behavioural problems so that they can return safely to the community. While some patients may spend up to six months on the unit, for some it becomes their "forever home." The renovation allows Horizon's CAM unit to implement leading-edge ways to support our vulnerable patients while creating an environment to provide the best care for dementia patients and their families.



Last week, Hôtel-Dieu Grace Healthcare in Windsor welcomed Mr. Gino Lomazzo, Chair of The Precious Moments Event. The Precious Moments Event, held in October of last year, raised both funds and awareness for Alzheimer's disease and Dementia. A portion of the 2017 event proceeds were donated during the afternoon of January 18th to Hôtel-Dieu Grace Healthcare's Geriatric Assessment Program (GAP), which aims to promote independence and avoid hospitalization of those over 65 years of age.

Lomazzo, whose mother suffered from Alzheimer's disease, has raised \$27,000 to date to bring awareness to what he says, "is a disease that requires more engagement and understanding in our community". The \$3,250 presented to the GAP staff will go specifically to upgrades in the patient waiting room.

Dr. Jennie Wells, a Geriatrician from London, Ontario that sees GAP patients monthly, stated that often details such as floor to wall colour contrast as well as upgrades in way-finding signs can make a huge difference for those with Alzheimer's disease or Dementia. The GAP Team will be consulting with patients on the upgrades they would like to see to their waiting room.

Thank you Gino and team for not only your monetary donation, but your time and dedication in bringing awareness and attention to this complex disease.

IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS!

Joint Leadership Council—Montreal

April 19th & 20th

Delta Hotel President Kennedy Montreal, QC

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| February 14, 2018 CHI Corporate Meetings | CHANB Annual Conference |
| February 21, 2018 CHANB Board meeting | September 20 & 21, 2018 |
| March 14, 2018 CHI Board meeting | CHAO Annual Conference |
| April 4, 2018 CHANB Board meeting | September 27 & 28, 2018 |
| April 17, 2018 CHI Corporate Meetings | |
| May 16, 2018 CHI Board meeting | |
| June 6, 2018 CHANB Board meeting | |
| June 20 - 22, 2018 CHI Annual General Meetings | |