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*Thank you Hyacinth and
to the whole team.*



Dear Hyacinth:

On behalf of The Scarborough Hospital and The Scarborough Hospital Foundation Boards of Directors and the thousands of dialysis patients who have benefited from your organization's support, I thank you and the Jamaican Canadian Association of Nurses (JCAN) for the generous gift of \$5,000 in support of the nephrology program. I commend you and JCAN for the commitment to improving health care in impoverished communities both in Jamaica and Canada.

As you are aware, the population of the Scarborough community has a high prevalence of diabetes, the number one cause of kidney failure requiring dialysis. With 6,000 patients across four sites for care related to diabetes and kidney failure, TSH is home to the largest chronic kidney disease (CKD) program in Canada. To meet the demand for more space with current patient volume and the projected increase of 34.6% for demand in dialysis in 2023, we are working towards a community-based health care facility.

Known as the Bridletowne Neighbourhood Centre (BNC), it will provide fully integrated services for the prevention, treatment and management of chronic diseases related to diabetes and dialysis under one roof. Through community partnerships, it will also offer other services such as fitness space, child care centre, and a shared social community space. It will effectively address problems for patients who have a greater chance of going to their appointments if the services they required were offered in one centralized location. BNC will fill a health care gap right here in Scarborough.

The gift from JCAN came at a time of significant need. Our patients and their families thank you for the generosity. Your support will move us closer to bringing BNC to fruition with better access and improved care for everyone who needs it close to home. It also demonstrates that when we partner and collaborate, we can and will make changes happen.

Please extend our sincere appreciation to the Board of Directors.

Sincerely,



Michael Mazza
President and CEO
The Scarborough Hospital Foundation