



June 30, 2020

Dear Friends of the Foundation:

Toronto General & Western Hospital Foundation is pleased to acknowledge **The Muskoka Motor Rally** taking place on **Saturday, August 29, 2020**. We are aware of this event and are grateful to be the beneficiary of the proceeds. Funds raised through this third party event will support The Emergency Department at the University Health Network, (UHN).

Toronto General Hospital's Emergency Department is on the front lines of the COVID-19 global pandemic. As the virus spreads, straining our healthcare system and making physical distancing a necessity, we need your help in raising funds to expand and enhance Emergency space.

The emergency department at Toronto General Hospital was named the number-four hospital in the world by Newsweek; TGH is uniquely positioned as a leader in health care to change the course of the COVID-19 global pandemic. Our Emergency Medicine team comprises 90-plus physicians, nurse practitioners and physician assistants, and over 200 nurses across two sites, including Toronto Western Hospital. EDs are the safety net of the healthcare system; they had to be ready to serve as the initial testing centres for COVID-19. Prior to and during this pandemic, we have had the knowledge to compassionately care for the sickest and most complex patients in the country due to our highly skilled experts across all programs, including cardiac, transplant and oncology. Our hospital is a provincial and national referral centre and people come here from across the country for our specialized care. We need an Emergency Department space to reflect that.

We are grateful for events like **The Muskoka Motor Rally** to create awareness and raise funds to support our values. As Canada's largest research hospital, UHN is dedicated to providing exemplary patient care, innovative education and ground-breaking research. Above all else, our purpose is to transform lives and communities through excellence in care, discovery and learning.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Irene Salvani 647-631-5695 or irene.salvani@uhn.ca.

Sincerely,

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