

Ontario Updating and Repairing Community Health Facilities At Progress Place

Helping People Access Safe and High-Quality Health Care within Toronto Central LHIN

NEWS

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Today we announced that through the Community Infrastructure Renewal Fund the province is investing more than \$2.8 million in 17 facilities within the Toronto Central LHIN including Progress Place, which is receiving \$217,000.00 to upgrade our building and renovate 10 bathrooms.

Across Ontario, this fund is helping 68 community health service providers across the province to support crucial infrastructure projects, including replacements to roofs, windows, heating and air conditioning systems, fire alarms and back-up generators.

Ontario is increasing access to care, reducing wait times and improving the patient experience through its [Patients First: Action Plan for Health Care](#) and [OHIP+: Children and Youth Pharmacare](#) – protecting health care today and into the future.

QUOTES

“By investing in community health infrastructure, we will help ensure that community health organizations can keep their facilities in a good state of repair, make them accessible, and continue to provide high-quality care, close to home.”

— Dr. Eric Hoskins, Minister of Health and Long-Term Care

“Toronto Central LHIN is committed to strengthening our local care providers and supporting their efforts to serve patients, clients and their families with the care they need — when and where they need it. Our health service providers are extremely dedicated and community-focused organizations and it’s important that we support the services they provide within our city with investments like the Community Infrastructure Renewal Fund.”

— Susan Fitzpatrick, CEO, Toronto Central Local Health Integration Network (LHIN)

“We strive to create a warm, welcoming and respectful environment that helps create the sense of community and our members have said that being able to attend a program where facilities are well cared for instils personal dignity and makes them feel a sense of pride and ownership when attending our program. We are very grateful for the additional funding from the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care to carry out vital repairs to improve our facilities and help us to continue to provide an environment that is conducive to supporting our members on their journey to recovery.”

— Criss Habal-Brosek, Executive Director, Progress Place

QUICK FACTS

- Progress Place is a community based mental health and addiction organization located at 576 Church St and has been at this location for 29 years.

- Progress Place serves 1,275 people annually comprising of 53,887 visits per year, approximately 200 people attend the program per day and we are open 7 days a week.
- Community Infrastructure Renewal Fund investments have increased 78 per cent from last year, up from \$4.1 million to \$7.3 million, which will support 68 communities across 85 sites province-wide.
- Community health facilities are publicly funded and provide a range of programs, including primary care, community mental health and addictions, allied health care (e.g., physical therapists, occupational and respiratory therapists, dietitians, speech language pathologists and audiologists) and health promotion (e.g., not-for-profit programs and services delivered by a public health unit).
- Ontario's health care budget in 2017-18 is \$53.8 billion — a 3.8 per cent increase from the previous year.
- As part of the 2017 Budget, Ontario is also spending an additional \$9 billion to support the construction of new hospital projects across the province. This brings Ontario's total planned investment in hospital infrastructure to more than \$20 billion over the next 10 years.

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