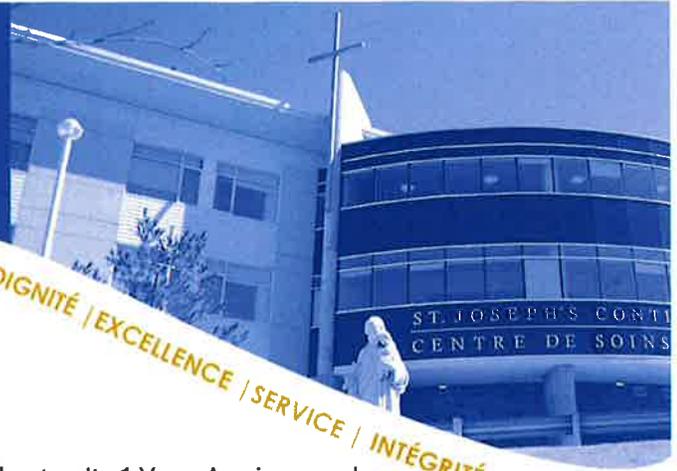




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Media Release

St. Joseph's Continuing Care Centre's Clarion Site Celebrates its 1 Year Anniversary!

(Sudbury) April 6, 2021 – Today marks the first anniversary of St. Joseph's Continuing Care Centre's Clarion Hotel Transitional Hospital site.

In collaboration with Health Sciences North, Ontario Health North and in partnership with Laurentian University, College Boreal, and Cambrian College, who donated equipment and supplies, the Clarion Site opened to admissions.

In 2020, 30 beds were opened, to decant Alternate Level of Care (ALC) patients from Health Sciences North (HSN) to SJCCC's Clarion site in order to free up acute care beds at HSN for a potential surge of COVID-19 patients. In the weeks and months following, the Clarion site admitted its first 60 patients to the transitional hospital.

Since that time, 220 individuals have flowed through the Clarion Site. "I am deeply proud of how we have responded to this pandemic and how we have worked closely with our health system partners and government partners to contribute to a regional solution and make a difference to our patients in the Sudbury and District area" said Jo-Anne Palkovits, President and CEO. "A huge amount of gratitude is also owed to all of our staff for their dedicated efforts in providing such great care to our patients during these uncertain times".

The Clarion Hotel Transitional Hospital is slated to close by June 30, 2021. However, SJCCC in partnership with Autumnwood are working to push out the date to December 31, 2021 allowing both parties time to build on a new site.

SJCCC has been working with the Ministry of Health and has submitted a 72-bed expansion plan to be located at the Red Oaks Villa at 30 Ste. Anne Road in Sudbury. These hospital beds are desperately needed for the Sudbury and District area as Health Sciences North continues to run over capacity. The 60 Clarion beds, with an additional 12, would be re-located to this new site which is anticipated to be built and ready to accept patients by December 31, 2021 pending Ministry approval.



SJCCC's 72 non-acute rehabilitative beds will allow for a reduction in Alternate Level of Care patients in acute care beds at HSN. A majority of these patients can benefit from the level of rehabilitative care provided by SJCCC. The expansion would provide the right level of care to an aging population whose needs are not currently being met and therefore leading to ALC designation, and in many cases, premature long-term care placement.

Background:

St. Joseph's Continuing Care Centre of Sudbury is the only rehabilitative care hospital in the North East.

SJCCC provides specialized care and services to adults requiring slow paced rehabilitative and / or supportive care to maximize their function. The goal is to work with these patients to transition them back to independent living, whether that is at home, a retirement residence or an assisted living environment.

Our focus is on functional rehabilitation, which encompasses participation in daily functional activities that are individualized to meet the unique needs of each patient. This may include participation in a daily exercise program, use of the therapeutic gym, therapy focused on restoring independence for basic care needs such as dressing and grooming, and / or use of the therapy amenities (e.g. stairs, kitchen, laundry) to enable independence with higher level tasks. Patients will receive customized discharge planning to ensure successful reintegration to the community.

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