



ST. JOSEPH'S CONTINUING CARE CENTRE  
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## St. Joseph's Continuing Care Centre Celebrates 10 Years of Caring...Beyond the Moment!

(Sudbury) – May 31, 2019

St. Joseph's Continuing Care Centre of Sudbury (SJCCC) celebrated its 10th year anniversary on May 31, 2019. In honour of this momentous occasion, dignitaries, patients, family members, staff and volunteers attended a special celebratory event held today.

His Excellency Most Reverend Marcel Damphousse of the Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie provided a special blessing in recognition of St. Joseph's Continuing Care Centre's 10th anniversary. A host of dignitaries and special guests including: Frances Gélinas, MPP for Nickel Belt, Jamie West, MPP Sudbury and Paul Marleau, Chair, St. Joseph's Continuing Care Centre along with current and former Board members, community partners and supporters were present.

Jo-Anne Palkovits, President and CEO took the opportunity to thank those in attendance and provided the history of how the SJCCC came to be. In speaking to the future she indicated that "we are growing St. Joseph's Continuing Care Centre. With the support and collaboration from Health Sciences North (HSN), we will be submitting a capital planning proposal to the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care in June to allow for a 72 bed expansion. The most recent data shows that 24% of the patients at HSN who are designated Alternate Level of Care or ALC are waiting for rehab at the SJCCC. In addition, there are people waiting for rehab in the community and in our neighbouring hospitals. These new beds are desperately needed by our local health care system to ensure residents of the City of Greater Sudbury are able to return to independent living in the community and avoid admission to our acute hospital HSN."

Since its opening on June 1, 2009, St. Joseph's Continuing Care Centre has had many milestones and highlights.

Paul Marleau, Chair of St. Joseph's Continuing Care Centre Board of Directors stated, "We are tremendously proud to be able to celebrate SJCCC's 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary with you. Ten years ago, the much anticipated opening of this new 64-bed state of the art complex continuing care facility became a reality. Since that time, over 3000 patients have transitioned through these hospital doors. The majority of individuals are those who otherwise would most likely have continued to stay at Health Sciences North but who are now in a more appropriate setting including either at home, retirement living or long-term care."



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Left to right (Back): Bishop Marcel Damphousse, Jamie West, MPP, Jo-Anne Palkovits, President and CEO, Paul Marleau, SJCCC Board Chair, France Gélinas, MPP Nickel Belt  
Left to right (Front): Sr. Bonnie Chesser, Shirley Newell, former patient, Nancy McDow, patient

### Backgrounder:

St. Joseph's Continuing Care Centre (SJCCC) is a 64-bed class G hospital that opened on June 1, 2009, as the first stand-alone continuing care facility in the North East Local Health Integration Network (NE LHIN). In January 2019 SJCCC was also granted class E designation as a rehabilitation hospital. St. Joseph's Continuing Care Centre contributes to an expanded continuum of care for the Sudbury area and will nurture the body, mind and spirit of all patients at various stages of their life journey.

St. Joseph's Continuing Care Centre is located at 1140 South Bay Road, on St. Joseph's Village of Care site, that also includes St. Joseph's Villa. <https://www.sjsudbury.com>

Within our facility, we provide specialized care and services to adults requiring slow paced rehabilitative and / or supportive care to maximize their functional potential. The goal is to work with these patients to transition them back to independent living, whether that be home, a retirement residence or an assisted living environment.

Our focus is on rehabilitative care which encompasses participation in daily functional activities which are individualized to meet each patient's unique needs. This can include participation in a daily exercise program and use of the therapeutic gym; therapy which focuses on restoring independence for basic care needs such as dressing and grooming; use of therapy amenities (i.e., stairs, kitchen, laundry) to enable independence with higher level tasks. Patients will receive customized discharge planning for the opportunity for a successful community reintegration.