We are committed to the vision - Make each life better. Together.

Your support is essential to this vision and to patient care.

Our exciting expansion has given us a solid foundation to grow needed programs.

Community support determines the scope and quality of care at RVH. By building and opening the expansion at RVH, on time and on budget, we demonstrated our ability to address the next areas of need. RVH meets community needs by anticipating and strategically planning for the future. In 2012 RVH opened its expansion, significantly improving health care for our region.

We are now a regional health centre offering:

• A Respiratory unit, Cardiac Care Unit, Cardiac & Renal inpatient unit and additional mental health inpatient beds.
• The Simcoe Muskoka Regional Cancer Centre, saving cancer patients more than two million kilometres and 20,000 hours in travel time, reducing stress and anxiety for patients and their loved ones since opening in 2012.
• World-class technology, improving diagnosis and treatment, and attracting exceptional care providers.
• Shorter emergency wait times, as well as improving quality and safety initiatives that improve patient outcomes.

At RVH, patients are at the centre of everything we do. YOU are an important part of our team.
Our recent accomplishments are the community’s accomplishments. Our three year plan will depend on your support as well. It will help us save the heart attack patient, help the teen in a mental health crisis, operate on the mother with ovarian cancer and ensure physicians have the latest technology.

The need for: Advanced Cardiac Care

You can’t get lifesaving cardiac care in this region. Last year 3,500 area heart patients had to travel outside Simcoe Muskoka for diagnosis and treatment. This means we are the only one of Ontario’s 14 Local Health Integration Networks (LHIN) without an advanced cardiac care program. Having to travel for cardiac care is detrimental because when it comes to a heart attack, time is muscle. The longer you wait for medical care, the more damage to the heart.

The gold standard of cardiac care means treatment within 90 minutes of having a heart attack, yet 60 per cent of residents in Simcoe Muskoka live outside this critical window of opportunity. Travelling to another region for this advanced care takes patients away from their home. In locating an advanced cardiac program at RVH in Barrie, most Simcoe Muskoka residents will have access to lifesaving cardiac care within the critical time period. With your support, advanced cardiac care will be within a safe distance.
The need for: Women’s Cancer Services

The success of the Simcoe Muskoka Regional Cancer Centre gives us the ability to support women with enhanced services including screening, diagnosis and treatment for ovarian and cervical cancers. **Currently women must still travel outside the area for many aspects of their care.**

RVH has been designated a Centre of Excellence. This means women from throughout Central and Northern Ontario will receive specialized care closer to home. With the cancer centre, much of the infrastructure is already in place to provide advanced care and additional preparations are currently underway, including mobilizing a top-notch clinical team. Offering comprehensive women’s cancer services also requires gynecologic surgical equipment, supplies for colposcopy, and a future brachytherapy treatment suite. We need your support to give women full cancer services.

The need for: Child and Youth Mental Health Services

Alarmingly, there are no in-patient health services available to children and youth in this region. This means children and youth experiencing a mental health crisis are inappropriately admitted to a pediatric unit or to inpatient adult psychiatry – a unit that is not designed to care for the region’s younger patients. Even more alarming, sometimes they are sent home with a long term referral because there are no appropriate services available at RVH.

Ideally children should be treated in an outpatient setting. However, children in crisis require specialized caregivers to fully support the child and their family. An inpatient unit for short term assessment and crisis stabilization is necessary and this inpatient program will act as an anchor for an expanded range of outpatient services to fully support families. We need your support to build a child friendly unit providing children and youth with mental health services.

- Sarah, 15, expresses her hope to get better.
The need for: Research

RVH has a strong history of innovation and leading-edge practice which has helped us attract and retain the brightest and best healthcare providers. A commitment to supporting research will help us continue this tradition by creating a culture of inquiry and innovation to promote better knowledge and ultimately, better outcomes for patients.

With your help, RVH will initiate a research institute to encourage and support physicians and other caregivers in research projects, clinical trials and practice improvements. By participating in applied, patient-centred research, local patients gain access to leading-edge treatments and new medications close to home.

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