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### **Greetings from the Queens General Hospital Foundation Board of Trustees**

We hope you and your families are well and managing through the challenges we have faced in the last fourteen months .

When the WHO announced the Covid 19 pandemic in March 2020, we had no idea the impact it would have on us and the length of time it would take to reach the stage where Queens County residents would be vaccinated against the virus and hopefully the new variants!

While many people in the workforce could adjust their workplaces and situations and in some cases work remotely, the people working the frontlines of healthcare could not. **You** and our many healthcare partners (paramedics, continuing care, home support ) have stepped up since the pandemic began and looked after our Community. We want to thank you for this vital service!

As 2020 progressed there were many hurdles placed in your way such as the Procedures Unit flood but you came up with solutions so QGH could maintain continuity of services. We are so proud of the caliber of our Hospital team that has served us so well during a very uncertain year. QGH has a unique distinction in never closing its doors in over 68 years and our healthcare team was not going to let a pandemic ruin that legacy!

We hope that you see the value the Foundation Trustees place in you and your workplace through the purchases made for the Hospital and the services that have been completed. In 2020 we made significant purchases for Rehabilitation Services, Lab Services, Maintenance Services, ER Dept, Medical Floor, Food Services, improved the atrium for staff use and purchased the building next to the Hospital for future hospital needs. This year we plan to have a significant beautification program, continue terrace and atrium improvements, finish the on call suites on the third floor, finish the Cafeteria renovations, purchase new equipment for the Rehab Dept, the Procedure Unit , Emergency Room and paint and finish the medical building renovations.

None of our work as Foundation Trustees or equipment and services we provide is as important as the people that step up every day, often at their own expense, to provide healthcare services to our Community. To each and every one of you we extend our gratitude and thanks for continuing to be there for our Community.



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