

Toronto Grace Health Centre Backgrounder

Toronto Grace Health Centre is a 119 bed palliative and complex continuing care facility that has been providing compassionate care in the heart of downtown Toronto for over 100 years. From its earliest days as a rescue home, to becoming a maternity hospital and now providing care to the most vulnerable, the facility continues to provide care where the need is greatest. The following is a brief history:

- 1889 The Salvation Army opens a Rescue Home in Toronto.
- 1905 The Home becomes The Salvation Army Maternity Hospital on Esther Street.
- 1909 Hospital moves to the corner of Bloor and Church Streets.
- 1925 An extension is added to what was then called the Toronto Women's Hospital.
- 1937 The hospital is renamed Toronto Grace.
- 1959 New building is constructed at Bloor and Church Street.
- 1969 Designated a general hospital.
- 1979 Designated a chronic care and palliative care hospital, opening the first Palliative Care Unit in the Province of Ontario.
- 1998 The Health Services Restructuring Committee directed the Toronto Grace and three other complex continuing care hospitals to close.
- 2001 The Ministry of Health reverses the decision and directs Toronto Grace to continue to provide its programs and services. The Hospital Board begins to look at emerging needs in the health system.
- 2005 Toronto Grace Hospital celebrates its 100th birthday at Church and Bloor Streets in downtown Toronto where it continues to provide its special blend of clinical excellence and compassionate care.
- 2007 Toronto Grace Health Centre launches its new logo and new look that reflects the care that is given to patients daily. Toronto Grace shows itself to be a leader on providing slow-paced rehabilitation, palliative and complex continuing care.

