

**MEDIA ADVISORY
TORONTO LANDMARK CELEBRATES**

**100 YEARS OF GRACE AND CARE
TORONTO GRACE HOSPITAL**

CELEBRATES ITS CENTENNIAL

WHO: Toronto Grace Hospital

WHAT: There will be a celebration of Toronto Grace Hospital's 100 Years of Care on Tuesday, May 10th from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. We will be launching our 100th birthday with the unfurling of a new 40' x 60' outdoor banner in the parking lot and have activities to celebrate our nurses, as this date coincides with National Nursing Week. In addition we will be kicking off the Toronto Grace Baby Search. The hospital's MPP and the Province's Minister of Health George Smitherman will be speaking.

WHERE: Toronto Grace Hospital - 650 Church Street, Parking Lot
Enter from Bloor Street at the south west corner of Bloor and Church. The Church Street entrance is closed.

WHEN: Tuesday, May 10th from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m.

WHY: This year marks the 100th Anniversary of Toronto Grace Hospital, a 119 bed facility providing palliative care to patients in their last days. Located in the heart of the city, this landmark has ministered its special blend of care to patients with grace and dignity over the past 100 years.

From the hospital's 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. As the first palliative care department to be established in Ontario in 1979, we continue to be leaders in our field.

We will be honouring the many individuals past and present who have provided care for Torontonians. Many former staff and student nurses from the Class of 1959 have agreed to join us. This momentous occasion takes place as a result of the superb work that our staff and volunteers have done over the last 100 years.

To ensure as many individuals from the hospital's past are contacted and connected, we are launching a "Grace Baby Search" across the country. In September we plan to have at least 100 Grace Babies at the hospital along with the Governor General to celebrate our centennial

This special launch on Tuesday, May 10th will also coincide with National Nursing Week. Current TGH nursing staff, retired nurses and nursing alumnae will be blowing out the candles on our 100th birthday cake.

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