



A New Hospital For A New Era

Integrated Care **Close to Home**

Raising \$50-Million Towards A New Uxbridge Hospital

Our community has used our current hospital facility for over 60 years to its maximum potential. However, the building's lifespan has come to an end.

Lacking critical safety features such as a fire sprinkler system and current required building materials, the building will be condemned before the end of 2025. To ensure our community's health care needs continue to be met, close to home, we are partnering with the provincial government to build a new facility.



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The vibrant and growing Uxbridge region is embarking on a new paradigm of community health through the exciting redevelopment of our beloved hospital.

Building on our time-honoured care values and patient-centred services, the hospital will be much more than a new facility.

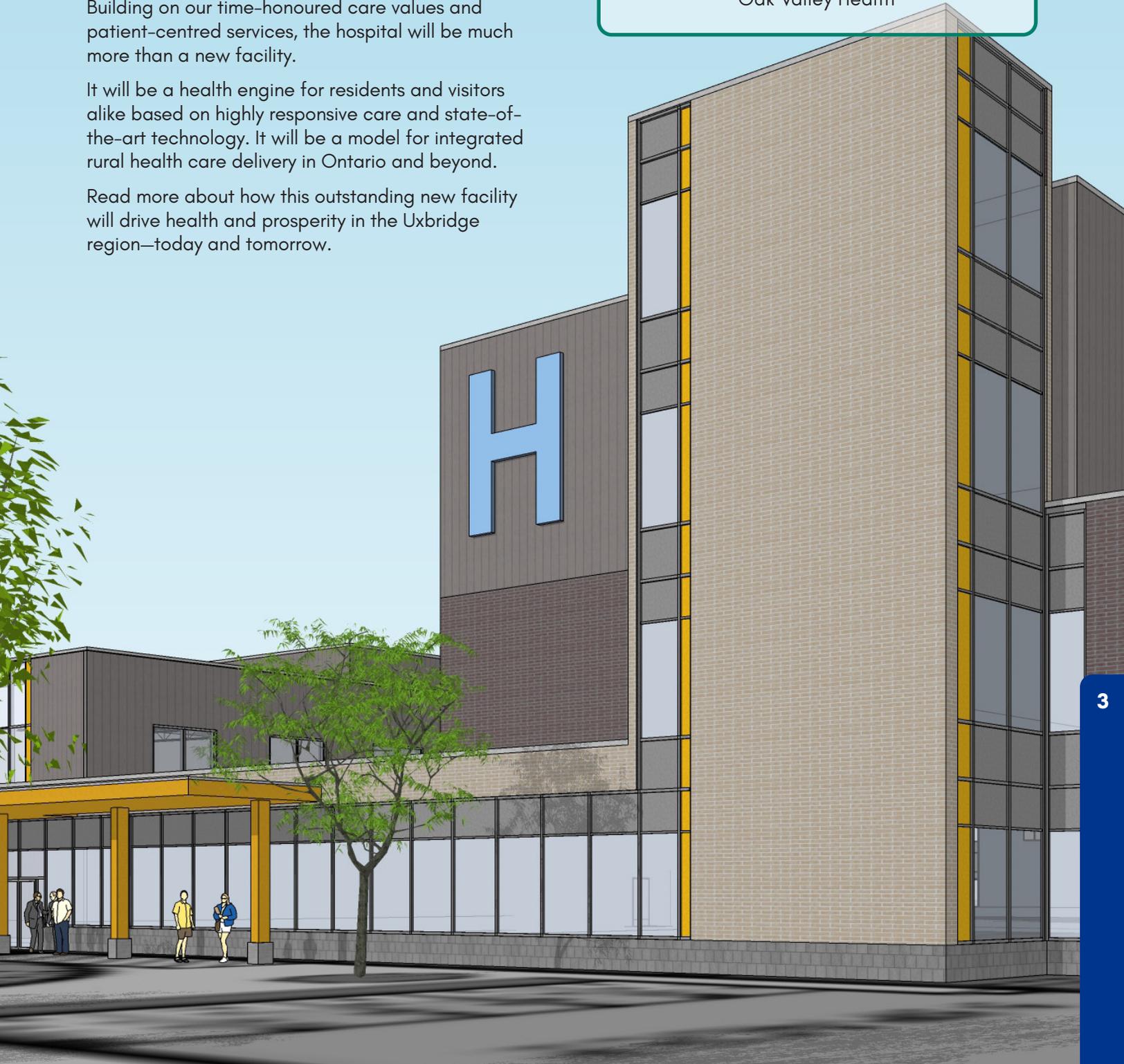
It will be a health engine for residents and visitors alike based on highly responsive care and state-of-the-art technology. It will be a model for integrated rural health care delivery in Ontario and beyond.

Read more about how this outstanding new facility will drive health and prosperity in the Uxbridge region—today and tomorrow.



“What we’re creating here is an inspirational and very viable model for overcoming some of the biggest health care challenges in rural Canada”

— Jo-anne Marr, President and CEO at
Oak Valley Health





The Small-Town Hospital With World-Class Care

Every day since 1959, Uxbridge Hospital has enriched this close-knit community with the kind of personal, local care so rare today in Ontario. We all know we have something special here. And we'll be proud to see it jump to a whole new level.

IN-COMMUNITY CARE

Residents of Uxbridge and Durham have long been proud of our ability to get high-quality, compassionate care, exactly when we and our loved ones need it, without leaving the community. Because the need to seek medical care comes with its own stresses, the comfort of a close-by hospital where people know your name helps us weather these difficult times—and maybe even heal faster. For those who can't be treated locally, Uxbridge Hospital is the portal for entry and connected navigation of the wider health care system, ensuring continuity of care and boosting health. Patients may be seen in emergency, undergo surgery elsewhere, receive follow-up care in Uxbridge's outpatient clinic, and access rehabilitation in the next-door ambulatory care centre: all of this overseen by our local primary care providers.

HEALTH FOR AN HISTORIC, EVOLVING TOWN

Uxbridge is easy to love. People tend to stay, or they come back, or they move here from other places. Many residents have lived and received care here, from paediatric to elder care, over decades. Many hospital staff and physicians live in the community, work uniquely at Uxbridge, and even make home visits to support Oak Valley Health's vision of Care Beyond Our Walls. Having a hospital in the region has been a major factor in many decisions by young professionals, families, and retirees to move here, return, age in place, or even to visit our expanding recreational area. Simply put, this hospital, which today serves over 23,000 patients every year, supports steady population growth, economic vitality, and healthy future generations, strengthening our area as a destination to live, work, and play.

ATTRACTING PROFESSIONAL TALENT

Through redevelopment, this regional employer of choice will be able to attract even more talented clinicians to complement an already highly-skilled team. Health care professionals will be more easily recruited and retained with the promise of working in new, more comfortable and efficient state-of-the-art spaces. Further draws are the professional opportunities created through connection to the larger Markham Stouffville Hospital, and local clinical excellence in emergency, complex elder care, and rehabilitation.



“With input from patients, physicians, and leaders, we were able to envision the perfect scenario for care—and it’s our new campus.”

— Sandi Lofgren, Patient Care Director at Oak Valley Health

A Complete Campus Of Connected Care

Part of a multidisciplinary care hub in partnership with ambulatory and elder services, the new Uxbridge Hospital will enable more connected, empowering, and efficient patient-centred care. A much larger footprint will let us offer more essential services in safer, more comfortable, and more vibrant state-of-the-art spaces that maximize patient and staff health, safety, and comfort.

ONE CAMPUS, MANY SERVICES

Rural Canadians face many difficulties in accessing health care, including scattered service availability and a lack of care continuity. The new Uxbridge community health hub is a model for overcoming these challenges. This single, seamless complex will unite the new hospital with a new 192-bed long-term care (LTC) home that will be built at the same time, and with local ambulatory services in the adjacent Oak Tree Medical Centre, opened in 2021. This hub will help patients of all ages more efficiently access a wider range of health services, ensuring continuous primary, secondary, and tertiary care throughout a patient’s lifetime. Under Oak Valley Health, the campus will maintain its close connection and collaboration with Markham Stouffville Hospital just 30 minutes away.



STRATEGIC REBUILD OPTIMIZES CARE QUALITY

Our 1950s hospital no longer meets patient needs or modern standards of care. Refurbishing the building would not only fail to fix these issues, it would be as expensive as building anew. The rebuild will amply support modern care procedures and technologies, including advanced infection control, while looking to the future of care. Construction has been planned for no break in service between the new hospital opening and the old one closing. The new facility will also take advantage of cost efficiencies by sharing services, such as loading docks and food services, with the long-term care (LTC) home. So with no additional investment, we are gaining a great deal in terms of both size and features:

	BEFORE	AFTER
Facility Size	25,000ft ²	124,000ft ²
Room Occupancy	Double and quadruple rooms, little privacy	Over 90% single rooms with some doubles, each with its own washroom
Room Size	Little space for clinicians and patients to move	Bigger modern rooms to better accommodate stretchers and wheelchairs, increasing safety and comfort
Beds	20 inpatient beds that can surge to 22	31 inpatient beds; 50 beds available in LTC, post acute or complex continuing care
Room to Grow	None	Shelled spaces leave room for growth and future technological or procedural needs
Care Support Areas	Small nursing stations	Larger care support areas, shared among professionals and departments for efficiency and enhance communications
Care Standards	Meeting current care standards with difficulty given the aging building	Meets all 21st-century standards of care and exceeds infection control standards
Building Standards	Lacking fire control sprinklers and central air conditioning	Meets modern standards with central AC, excellent ventilation, sprinklers in every space, and compliance with winds, rain, snow, and seismic loads
Accessibility	Built without attention to accessibility	Full accessibility features including non-glare, non-slip surfaces and wheelchair-height counters
Sustainability	Built without attention to sustainability	Meets LEED Silver emission standards

MODERN, LIGHT-FILLED, AND VIBRANT SPACES

Our beautiful and professional new facility designed by B+H Architects will perfectly reflect the high quality of care our staff has always provided. Careful thought and extensive consultation have shaped spaces optimized for care, logical workflow, and easy navigation. Because the benefits of natural light and fresh air in the healing process are well known, our new hospital will offer light-filled rooms and healthy indoor and outdoor spaces to speed recovery. This leading-edge work environment will be a big thank you to staff and an invitation for future generations of care professionals to join us in our vision to deliver extraordinary patient experiences, embrace community health, and empower staff.

PATIENT ROOMS

Bright and generous patient rooms will be mostly single, each with its own washroom.

DINING SPACES

The new hospital will boast two comfortable and cheerful dining areas: one for patients and visitors, the other for staff.

OUTDOOR GARDEN

Ground-level gardens will invite patients, staff and visitors to relax and enjoy the weather, looking out on nearby nature.

PUBLIC SPACES

Welcoming spaces in the new hospital will encourage family and friends to visit and support patient recovery. Facilities will include:

- Visiting areas that are larger, more comfortable, and equipped with workstations and WiFi
- Quiet room for prayer or meditation
- Washrooms that are barrier-free, gender neutral, and easy to find

CONFERENCE ROOM

A light-filled, 25-seat room equipped with leading-edge audio-visual equipment will enable professional training, large meetings, and public education to help prevent and manage critical health issues.

THERAPY TERRACE

This easily accessible outdoor space will invite patients and caregivers to take part in therapeutic activities in an outdoor, non-medical setting, helping shift mindsets to healing and returning to normal life.

GREEN ROOF

Contributing to the LEED Silver sustainability of the building, the green roof offers warming in the winter, cooling in the summer, the ability to grow food for the cafeteria, and a peaceful setting for recovering patients and staff breaks.





PREMIUM SERVICES TO IMPROVE COMMUNITY HEALTH

Because patients come first, we've designed our facility to offer the best possible care for their needs. With the new hospital, we are proud to be able to retain and even strengthen all the services we currently provide, while gaining critical new offerings to serve patients better than ever.

Emergency Department	Helipad	Compassionate End-of-Life Care	Inpatient Unit
<p>Treating patients quickly when every second counts can save lives and ward off long-term effects. The new ED with a purpose-built trauma room lets us continue to provide full emergency services, leveraging significant investment by local doctors in acquiring EMR skills.</p>	<p>The new helicopter landing pad on the hospital rooftop will accommodate emergency Ornge service from distant locations as well as patient transfers. The helipad connects directly to the ED through a rooftop entrance and elevator.</p>	<p>Uxbridge Hospital is committed to providing care when and where it's needed, whether in the hospital or beyond. To improve access to care beyond our walls, whether mental health services, post-surgical follow-up, or aging at home, we are investing in spaces and technologies that support virtual care options.</p>	<p>Our new 3-pod, 31-bed unit for patients admitted to the hospital will provide state-of-the-art specialized isolation and bariatric facilities, point-of-care testing, line infusions, blood transfusions, and other essential services.</p>
Ambulatory Services	Pre-and Post-Surgical Consultations	Diagnostic Imaging	Cardio-respiratory Clinic
<p>A wider range of services for outpatients will include a full lab, a pharmacy, pre- and post-surgical consultations, primary care physicians, and orthopaedics.</p>	<p>Uxbridge Hospital will continue to partner with Markham Stouffville Hospital for surgical services, and patients will be able to access pre-and post-surgical consultations and ongoing care right at home in the new ambulatory clinic.</p>	<p>Offering a wide range of diagnostic imaging right here in Uxbridge, including X-ray, ultrasound, and CT scans, saves patients time and trouble.</p>	<p>A new clinic supported by the Ontario Telehealth Network will include services like cardio-respiratory and pulmonary stress testing.</p>
Mental Health Clinic	Senior's Health Clinic	Allergy Clinic	
<p>We are planning future services for this much-needed focus of care in the ambulatory clinic.</p>	<p>Seniors and their families will gain access to one-stop comprehensive assessment and intervention services in the ambulatory clinic.</p>	<p>The current allergy clinic will have more space to support therapies such as Penicillin allergy de-labelling.</p>	



ESSENTIAL PROGRAMS TO PROMOTE LONG-TERM HEALTH

Through our new care campus, we will continue to strengthen all the programs we currently provide while gaining critical new offerings to promote health and prevention in partnership with patients.

Low Tolerance, Long Duration (LTLD) Rehab	Health Management	Care Beyond Our Walls
<p>LTLD is very effective at helping patients in acute care regain the skills, mobility and independence to return home. We will triple our services to align with our growing elderly population.</p>	<p>Proactive prevention and management for diseases like diabetes and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) help lessen and even ward off ill health and hospitalization. We are investing in clinics and educational opportunities for chronic disease patients and the general public to improve community health and reduce care costs.</p>	<p>Uxbridge Hospital is committed to providing care when and where it's needed, whether in the hospital or beyond. To improve access to care beyond our walls, whether mental health services, post-surgical follow-up, or aging at home, we are investing in spaces and technologies that support virtual care options.</p>

LEADING EDGE TECHNOLOGY TO DRIVE HEALTH

A wide range of new technologies will drive efficiency, safety, security, sustainability, and connection in our new campus of care.

Security	Connection	Safety	Sustainability
<p>Hospital access and monitoring is key to patient and staff safety. We will be investing in leading-edge, network-based access control, closed-circuit security monitoring, and alarm systems.</p>	<p>High-speed and secure hospital-wide WiFi will keep patients, staff, and visitors connected with work, loved ones, news, and entertainment when needed.</p>	<p>For the critical protection of patients, the hospital will offer advanced infection control technology, Radio Frequency Identification (RFID), and a Real Time Locating System (RTLS) for tracking infant, memory care, and other vulnerable patients.</p>	<p>Supporting the LEED Silver standard will be a series of energy-saving technologies such as sensor-driven lighting to turn off when rooms are empty.</p>



A Key Contributor To Integrated Regional Care

Care delivery has changed dramatically over the last few years and will continue to respond to societal, demographic, and technological change. Oak Valley Health's thorough needs assessment of local and regional care—in consultation with Uxbridge clinicians, residents, and leaders—ensures our new hospital will offer a strategic and future-focused range of services to people in our region at every stage of life.

SERVING OUR GROWING REGION

Our region is served by Oak Valley Health, which has two hospitals under its umbrella: Uxbridge Hospital and Markham Stouffville Hospital. We also benefit from strong specialist networks across the Greater Toronto Region. This structure sets us up well for future population and economic growth: by 2035, the population served by Oak Valley Health will grow to include more than one million seniors, or 23% of the region's population, many of whom will need complex care for comorbid conditions. To respond to evolving demographics and lessons learned from the COVID-19 pandemic (such as the need to offer services close to home), we are strategically growing and distributing care across the area with a view to localized needs, today and tomorrow.

PARTNERSHIPS FOR INTEGRATED, STRATEGIC CARE

After an extensive consultation process, Oak Valley Health is proposing a carefully-thought-out distribution of essential services that strengthen and optimize partnerships among facilities in Durham, York, and Toronto. Everything that should be in Uxbridge will be here; everything that makes sense elsewhere will be there. More complex procedures like surgeries will remain at Markham Stouffville Hospital, for example. In Uxbridge, we will further build on the capacity and expertise we've developed in meeting the township's unique needs in such fields as emergency medicine, senior care, alternative level of care (ALC), specialized rehab, paediatric care, COPD, and sports medicine. Uxbridge has also been an ideal location to offer certain services needed across Durham, its central location dramatically cutting down the distance to care.

RESPONDING TO UXBRIDGE'S CURRENT AND FUTURE NEEDS

Populations grow, new technologies emerge, and care protocols evolve. Uxbridge Hospital will be ready for the future with larger spaces, some of them shelled-in until needed. As we continue to develop Uxbridge as the Trails Capital of Canada and a recreational tourism destination for biking, hiking, and skiing, the new care campus will be able to fully respond to visitors' immediate care needs through an Emergency Department as well as diagnostic services like CT and X-ray.

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“Accessing health care can be stressful. This modern campus of care will make it easier on everyone in Uxbridge and Durham, from elders to young families putting down roots.”

—Jim Williamson, Vice President of Uxbridge Hospital Foundation Board and Campaign Chair

“Uxbridge Hospital invites the community in and brings care out beyond our walls. The proximity between patients and staff boosts health and builds community.”

—Dr. Carlye Jensen, Emergency and Family Physician and Chief of Staff at Uxbridge Hospital



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PATIENT HEALTH FIRST

The new campus will make a big impact on the many challenges faced by patients while helping build a stronger, more resilient health care system in Ontario.

Reduce Travel & Wait Times

- More services close to home
- More inpatient beds will reduce hallway medicine
- More ALC beds will reduce pressure on acute care
- Pre- and post-surgical services will ease wait times

Care Beyond Our Walls

- More accessible mental health services
- Enable aging at home
- In-community LTC
- Local slow stream rehab to get frail elderly home
- Virtual care

Efficient Delivery

- Care in the right place at the right time
- Smoother continuum of care reduces admissions
- Faster acute care improves healing
- Post-acute care reduces readmissions





Help Us Transform Health For Generations To Come

Turning our compact but impressive hospital into a leading-edge community care campus is an exciting moment in the ongoing history of our 200-year-old township where many families have thrived for generations. This project has the potential to galvanize our community and the entire Durham region behind the need to continue to offer excellent care close to home.

FOR THE COMMUNITY, BY THE COMMUNITY

Although Uxbridge Hospital is part of Oak Valley Health, any donation you make stays in the community and goes directly to Uxbridge Hospital. This means that you, your family, and your friends will benefit, at some point in your lives, from what you fund.

ENHANCING PUBLIC CARE

Ontario has greenlit construction of the Uxbridge Hospital redevelopment, making this critical project part of the government's 10-year capital plan. While the province will fund most of this redevelopment estimated at \$190-\$200 million, we are looking to our community to contribute \$50 million.

DEMONSTRATE YOUR COMMITMENT TO HEALTH

Make an anonymous or undesignated donation that you and yours will quietly remember with pride. Or show the community you prioritize health by giving to this important project and celebrating your gift through our comprehensive recognition program. Gifts of \$5,000 or more will be displayed on our centrally visible donor wall. We will install a plaque recognizing your gift of \$50,000 or more. Donate a minimum of \$500,000 to name a new space, service, program, or technology. An Uxbridge Hospital Foundation representative will be happy to provide more information on these opportunities to help improve health care in the region.



Governments finance up to 90% of construction costs for hospital facilities, but they are not in a position to fund health care fully to modern standards. Hospitals and their communities are responsible for the remaining 10% of construction costs, plus 100% of equipment, furnishings, and fixtures.

Take Part In This Historic Moment

Let's talk more about opportunities to help us deliver on our \$50-million goal and catalyze this bold vision for the future health of our community and growing recreational tourism destination.

There is no better investment than helping to provide for the health and well-being of individuals of all ages throughout the Durham and York regions - but we cannot do it without the support of our community and beyond.

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“This exciting new build is the perfect opportunity to ignite community supporters and volunteers behind strategic, local, future-focused health care for an evolving region.”

— Michele Varela, Executive Director,
Uxbridge Hospital Foundation



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