Runnymede Healthcare Centre is celebrating its 70th anniversary with a mass transit campaign (seen above). Learn more on pg. 6.

Celebrating 70 years

2015 is a landmark year for Runnymede Healthcare Centre, as the hospital celebrates 70 years of transformation and fast-paced growth to become what it is today: a fully-accredited, award-winning, patient-centred community hospital that provides expert rehabilitation and care to medically complex patients.

Read on to learn more about Runnymede’s dramatic transformation over the last seven decades.
Looking back, moving forward

YOU CANNOT LOOK BACK and celebrate the past without also looking forward and anticipating the future.

Runnymede Healthcare Centre’s 70th anniversary coincided with the hospital’s new strategic planning cycle this year. The overlap provided a unique opportunity to step back and carefully consider the organization’s mission, vision and values in the context of events and trends that stand to influence the hospital and the greater healthcare system in the years to come.

The result is an ambitious, five-year strategic plan, Vision 2020: Redefining Possible. The new plan outlines Runnymede’s bold new vision, Transforming healthcare together and acts as a roadmap to achieving the hospital’s new strategic directions: You first, Lead innovation, Access and support, and Supporting transformation.

“Our achievements over the years have been incredible and emphasize our drive for excellence and focus on the future,” explains Connie Dejak, President and Chief Executive Officer. “Our new strategic plan positions us well to build on our existing strengths and address patient needs in an environment with increasing patient complexity and reduced healthcare spending.”


Runnymede by the numbers

IN 1945, Runnymede Healthcare Centre was an entirely different hospital than it is today. Check out the infographic below to learn how much Runnymede has transformed over the years!

VISION: Transforming healthcare together
MISSION: Provide an exceptional patient experience by placing patients at the centre of their own care and decision-making; driving innovation in rehabilitation and care for medically complex patients; and continually raising the bar on quality and safety.
VALUES: integrity, compassion, accountability, respect, excellence
RUNNYMEDE HEALTHCARE CENTRE has come a long way since 1945. Take a look at how the hospital has transformed under the direction of President and Chief Executive Officer, Connie Dejak in recent years below.
Ride the Rocket to spot Runnymede

IT’S NOT EVERY DAY YOU TURN 70 so Runnymede is celebrating in a big way! Keep an eye out for the hospital’s 70th anniversary campaign on bus shelters, in subway stations and in and around the hospital.

If you spot one of the posters, take a photo and post your pics on social media using #RunnymedeHC70.

Donor spotlight: John Aquino and Sam Ciccolini

SO MUCH OF WHAT RUNNYMEDE DOES simply not be possible without the helping hands and open hearts of the hospital’s generous donors.

Among the remarkable community members who give to Runnymede, two men merit special recognition: John Aquino and Sam Ciccolini.

Prominent businessmen and dedicated philanthropists, both John and Sam have been instrumental in helping to secure a future for the hospital.

Since coming on-board during Runnymede’s major fundraising campaign for a new building in 2007, they have worked tirelessly in various capacities to make Runnymede’s vision a reality.

In their joint roles as ongoing ICARE Gala Co-Chairs, they have helped raise funds for Runnymede’s patient programs and services since the event’s inception in 2009. Their unwavering generosity and support are the reason the ICARE Gala continues to go from strength to strength.

On behalf of everyone at Runnymede Healthcare Centre, thank you John and Sam for your commitment and tireless fundraising efforts; the hospital would certainly not be where it is today without your support.

For news about our most recent ICARE Gala, held on October 16, keep your eyes yes peeled for updates on our social media feeds, the next issue of The Reporter and our website at www.runnymedehc.ca.

#DYK: Runnymede facts

MOVING DAY

DID YOU KNOW: Thanks to countless hours of planning and the exceptional work of our dedicated staff, on October 13-14, 2009, Runnymede staff moved 95 patients from the old building into the new state-of-the-art hospital located at 625 Runnymede Road?

GRAND OPENING

DID YOU KNOW: When Runnymede Healthcare Centre officially opened its doors on October 17, 1945, attendees sang “God Save the King” at the opening ceremony?

THE RUNNYMEDE COMMUNITY

DID YOU KNOW: The Runnymede community was named after John Scarlett who settled here in 1808? The house he built, originally located at Dundas and Runnymede, is no longer here but Runnymede is still named after the local landmark.

THE GOODER FAMILY

DID YOU KNOW: Runnymede was able to build its new hospital in 2009 thanks to a generous $1-million donation from the Gooder family?

THE RUNNYMEDE REVIEW

DID YOU KNOW: The Anniversary Issue of the hospital’s first newsletter, the Runnymede Review, sold for 5 cents a copy?
Runnymede is recruiting for the following positions:

**Occupational Health Practitioner**
Promotes workplace health, safety and wellness; manages illness and injury claims; coordinates employee return to work process; and provides expertise on attendance support programs.

**Senior Development Officer**
Supports the development and implementation of fundraising initiatives and events, and stewardship within the fundraising portfolio, including budget monitoring and liaising with various stakeholders.

For more information, contact human.resources@runnymedehc.ca or 416-762-7316, ext. 2102.

To view current job postings, visit: www.runnymedehc.ca/join-us.

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**Patient relations process in effect at Runnymede**

If you have a specific issue to address or want to pay the hospital a compliment, please fill out a *Compliments and Concerns* form. Forms are located at reception and in the cafeteria, or can be downloaded and printed from the hospital’s website: www.runnymedehc.ca.

Once completed, seal the form in the envelope provided and place it in the drop box at reception. All feedback will be taken seriously and responded to in a timely manner. For more information, contact patient.relations@runnymedehc.ca or 416-762-7316, ext. 2119.

**Note:** anonymous concerns will not be addressed so please include your contact details.