



Sunnybrook Foundation thanks CHW Toronto Centre

The Women & Babies Program at Sunnybrook covers the spectrum of care related to pregnancy, labour and delivery, care of premature babies and women's reproductive health. Sunnybrook is home to the second largest high-risk birthing centre in Ontario and provides care for 20 per cent of all infants in the province weighing less than three pounds. Of the over 4,000 infants we deliver each year, one quarter are high-risk deliveries and require specialized critical care in our Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU).

It is within the NICU where your funding is helping us care for our most fragile patients.

Our 41-bed NICU is one of three high-risk regional neonatal facilities serving the Central East Region of Ontario. Women at risk of delivering a baby who is likely to require intensive care can be referred to the unit for specialized assessment and management. Most of the infants cared for in the NICU are admitted directly from the adjacent delivery room, however, in some cases, infants requiring intensive care are transferred from other hospitals throughout the province, and across the country.

Critically ill and premature newborns, who can be cared for in our NICU for as long as three to four months, require a sensitive and

supportive environment to ensure optimal development. Despite the efforts of our incredible care providers, our current facilities are failing them. Some rooms can have as many as 15 incubators in them.

We are building a new home for women and babies at our Bayview Avenue Campus. Located on two new floors, our facility will boast much larger rooms, so partners and other family members are able to play a role in welcoming a new child into the world. Rooms will comfortably fit space for mom, newborn and partner, to help make those first long days after birth more manageable. It will also allow us to deliver more babies - more than 4,500 annually.



them a sense of home.

Simply put, your gift is helping us give preemies, like Baby Max, the best start in life. **Thank you.**