

YCH Opens New Family Birthing Centre and Maternal Fetal Medicine Clinic

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York Central Hospital opened its new Family Birthing Centre, at an estimated construction cost of \$3.4 million, on April 23. The new centre, which is located on 5 South of the Langstaff Wing, will meet the demands of a growing population in York Region and beyond. Last year, the hospital welcomed 2,400 babies to our community; with the new Family Birthing Centre, we will be able to accommodate up to 3,200 births a year.

The New Family Birthing Centre includes eight Birthing Suites, all featuring tasteful décor, soft lighting, and private ensuite bathrooms in a homelike setting; two Operating Suites, a Triage Area, a Fetal Assessment Room, a Neonatal Resuscitation Room and a Maternal Fetal Medicine Clinic.

Ontario's First MFM Clinic

“Our hospital also invested in enhanced prenatal care for mothers and their unborn babies. York Central is now the first community hospital in Ontario to have a fulltime, on-site Maternal Fetal Medicine Service including a Maternal Fetal Medicine Specialist, 3D/4D Ultrasound Technology and a Pediatric Cardiologist with expertise in fetal echocardiography to care for high-risk pregnancies,” says Dr. Ford Luk, Clinical Director and Chief of Obstetrics.



(Left to right) Nancy Coxford, Foundation Board member, Greg Miklas, Foundation Chair, David Weldon, Hospital Board Chair, Bruce Harber, Hospital President and CEO, Ursula Manuel, Director, Woman and Child Program and Dr. Gerald Friedman, Clinical Director and Chief of Pediatrics and Bill Leacy, Foundation President and CEO - cut the ribbon to officially open the new Family Birthing Centre on April 23, 2007.