



Safehaven Launches Brick by Brick Fundraising Campaign to Help Build Canada's First Integrated Housing and Medical Complexity Hub

Children, youth, and adults living with medical complexity deserve a future in which they can live, receive care, and participate fully in their communities

TORONTO, Sept 8, 2026 – Today, Safehaven announced the launch of Brick by Brick, a community fundraising and awareness campaign supporting Safehaven’s redevelopment of its Bloor and Dufferin site into a 14-storey integrated care and housing hub for people with medical complexity, a first-of-its kind model in Canada. For families caring for a child with medical complexities, finding the right care and supports can mean navigating multiple systems and limited options close to home. Safehaven’s redevelopment will bring specialized care, respite, recreation, housing and community supports together in one place, creating a new model of care and community in the heart of Toronto. The redevelopment is already gaining significant momentum, with the Government of Ontario committing \$21 million in capital funding to support Safehaven’s vision for the new site.

Hope grows when a community comes together. As part of Brick by Brick, a travelling HOPE installation will move through communities across Toronto from October 6 to October 9. At each stop, community members will be invited to take part in the installation as a visible representation of support for the project. Whether they donate, fundraise, share the campaign, or visit the HOPE installation, every participant adds another brick to something bigger.

“This campaign is about ensuring medically complex children and families are seen, supported, and surrounded by a community that cares,” said Susan Bisailon, President & CEO of Safehaven. “Families deserve access to the care and supports they need in a place designed around their lives. Brick by brick, we are asking our community to help us build that future.”

Safehaven is inviting members of the public, local businesses, civic leaders, and community and healthcare partners across the GTA to take part by donating, creating a fundraising page, sharing the campaign, or visiting the HOPE installation as it moves through their community. Every contribution brings Safehaven one step closer to building a place where families can receive the care, support and sense of belonging they deserve.

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Safehaven is a Toronto-based not-for-profit organization that supports individuals with medical complexities and disabilities. Our mission is to create an inclusive environment where individuals with complex care needs can live with dignity and respect. Safehaven has served thousands of individuals, providing exceptional care to meet these individuals' unique needs, including Residential Care, Respite Care, Transitional Care, and Transition to Adulthood, empower clients to reach their full potential and live a meaningful, independent life not defined, nor limited, by disability. For more information about Safehaven and to support our mission, visit www.safehaven.to

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