

## WE ARE BETTER TOGETHER!

## Dear Vernon Jubilee Hospital Staff,

It is with pride and gratitude that I extend appreciation and thanks to all the staff at our site who have been working side-by-side over the past 16 months, and even more intensely over the past few weeks, to ensure we are able to provide timely and quality care to our community in this unprecedented time.

I extend tremendous recognition to Richard Harding, Kelly Chapman, Casey Hewes, Dr. Andrew Sellars and Dr. Pete Bosma, who have steered this large ship over rough seas. Appreciation and thanks to all of the Department Heads, Managers, Shift Coordinators and Infection Control Practitioners. A special mention to Dr. Tom Cull for his



ongoing commitment to working with administration to ensure we have the Space, the Means, and the Plan in place when we need it.

I am grateful to the many other cogs in the wheel, without whom this ship would have sunk long ago. You are Black and Mac, who magically turn any room into anything we need at the word go. You are Housekeeping, who ensure the safety of our patients from the moment they sit in that waiting room chair and without whom Access and Flow wouldn't exist. You are our Dietary Staff, who are committed to nourishing not just our guests but our staff too. You are our **Porters** ("Stretcher Jockeys!"), who ensure our patients (and other very important things) get to where they need to be. You are our **Unit Clerks**, without whom nothing would ever happen (we all know that you guys truly are the bosses). You are our Medical Staff, who face endless decisions day and night, working to ensure our patients receive what they need to get better. You are our **Pharmacists**, who ensure the previously mentioned medical staff do their jobs properly (thank you!). You are our Coffee Shop Workers, who keep us caffeinated. You are our Volunteers, who have become iPhone charger and secret-package-delivery specialists. You are our Security service, who keep us safe when things get hairy. You are our Cardio Techs, Registered Dieticians, Physiotherapists and Rehab Assistants, Occupational Therapists, Speech Language Pathologists, Social Workers, Transition Liaisons, Ortho Techs, Lab Assists, Lab Techs, Pathology Prep Workers, Pharmacy Techs, Transcriptionists, Medical Records Workers, Administrative Assistants, IMIT Support (sorry I get frustrated sometimes...), MDR, Logistics, Biomed, Xray Techs, Nurse Educators and you are our Chaplaincy service, who looks over our ill. Without any of you our hospital would not function. (Please, please, please forgive me if I forgot anyone!)

And finally, with the utmost appreciation and heart felt gratitude, you are arguably the two most critical cogs in our frontline Pandemic Team. You are our "heavy lifters." At the same time, you our most vulnerable and exposed. You are our Respiratory Therapists, who continuously Don and Doff your Darth Vader suits day in and day out, to provide us with guidance, humble expertise, and direction on our critically ill patients. And you are our RNs, LPNs, RCAs and PCCs, all of whom make up our nursing staff. You are capable. You are compassionate. You are caring. You are all truly the guiding lights for our sickest patients.

With the highest respect for all you do,

Dr. Kira McClellan President, Vernon Jubilee Hospital Physician Society



Thank YOU for making a difference!