

Just breathe...

It's what we say to ourselves and to each other when we're angry, upset, or overwhelmed. It's something we do intuitively, without thinking. Something we take for granted that we'll always be able to do. Until the moment when we can't.

For lots of reasons, patients in our Complex Care Unit require the support of a ventilator to breathe. They could be recovering from a surgery or stroke, living with a brain injury or experiencing lung diseases like pneumonia, COPD or COVID-19.

Right now, the fleet of ventilators in our Complex Care Unit at St. Joe's are nearing the end of their lifespan. And this isn't the kind of equipment we can make do without. Our Hospital needs six new ventilators, and you can help. Tonight, as you enjoy a Mid-September Mixer, please consider donating to our capital equipment auction.

We know it may be surprising to learn that the cost of new ventilators isn't covered by the funding St. Joe's receives from the province. (That's something else we tend to take for granted...our access to universal healthcare in Canada.) But in reality, most of the equipment purchases at our Hospital are made possible only by donations from generous people like YOU.

One hundred percent of your gift to our gala equipment auction is eligible for a tax receipt. But better yet, one hundred percent of your gift will help our critically ill patients to breathe and begin their road to recovery.

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