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**CAROLE & ANDREW HARPER PSYCHIATRY UNIT
LAUNCHED AT JEWISH GENERAL HOSPITAL
TO INTENSIFY FIGHT AGAINST MENTAL ILLNESS**

Montreal, July 6, 2020 - The Jewish General Hospital (JGH), the JGH Foundation and CIUSSS West-Central Montreal today marked the opening of the new Carole and Andrew Harper Psychiatry Inpatient Unit at the JGH with a ribbon-cutting ceremony.

"This is a milestone for mental health care at the hospital," says Dr. Karl Looper, JGH Psychiatrist-in-Chief. "Construction of the new unit is a visionary project that will allow us to meet the needs of the community for decades to come. Unprecedented support from the Harpers and other individual donors, the Foundation and a variety of impressive fundraising events have made the project a reality.

"This upgrade to our facilities will change the lives of people who suffer from mental health problems. The result will be profound and have lasting benefits for countless individuals in our community."

The \$13 million unit was the result of a partnership between private donors and the Government of Quebec. Generous philanthropists contributed \$5 million, including a major gift from the estate of the late Carole and Andrew Harper, as well as funds raised from the Foundation's Mindstrong and Peace of Mind campaigns. The remaining \$8 million was provided by the Ministry of Health and Social Services.

Located on the third floor of Pavilion B at the JGH, the Carole and Andrew Harper Psychiatry Inpatient Unit includes:

- 2,600 square metres of newly renovated space – about 1,000 square metres larger than the previous site
- 48 private rooms
- A designated geriatric section within the Unit

- Four intake rooms for greater privacy during meetings with healthcare professionals
- Family conference rooms for additional privacy for meetings of patients and their families
- A large occupational therapy room and three activity centres

"The Carole and Andrew Harper Psychiatry Inpatient Unit clearly demonstrates our commitment to patient-centred care as well as our commitment to upgrading our services and facilities, based on what is best for the patient," says Dr. Lawrence Rosenberg, President and CEO of CIUSSS West-Central Montreal.

"The Unit also represents our dedication to delivering mental-health services in surroundings that are bright, airy, respectful of privacy and conducive to healing. In this setting, we can more effectively treat and view the patient as a whole person, who is seen not only as an individual, but as someone whose recovery is based on strengthening their connection to their family and the wider community."

The space that houses the new Unit is the former site of the hospital's original operating rooms, which became available in 2016 after Surgery moved to newly constructed facilities in Pavilion K. Demolition of the surgical area—including the need to deal with a complex network of water pipes, oxygen lines and ventilation ducts—was the most extensive and complicated such project in JGH history.

"Andrew Harper believed in giving back to the community in appreciation of his success in life," says Larry Sidel, JGH Foundation Executive Vice-President. "His goal was to help those who need help the most. In recognition of his incredible support, and his wish to honour the memory of his late wife, Carole, the new unit is named the Carole and Andrew Harper Psychiatry Inpatient Care Unit."

Public support for excellence in patient care, teaching and research is encouraged through donations to the JGH Foundation (jghfoundation.org | 514-340-8251).

Please see the link below for video and audio of today's presentation:

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