

# The Wellesley Institute Newsletter

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Hello from the Wellesley Institute (WI)

Here is an update on what's happening here at 45 Charles St. East as we engage research, policy and community mobilization to advance population health.

Wellesley Institute is moving in early June!



The new Wellesley Institute at 10 Alcorn Ave.

Dear Friends of the Wellesley,

After 100 years of being a part of the Southeast Toronto neighbourhood, both as the Wellesley Hospital and the Wellesley Institute, we are moving just two subway stops north, as our current location becomes another of the city's many condominiums. During the past ten years, the Wellesley Institute has grown from the ashes of the Hospital to morph from a grant-ing organization to an applied research and public policy think tank.

Staying connected  
with the  
Wellesley Institute

Our telephone, email and mobile numbers will remain the same as we make the move from Charles Street to Alcorn Avenue. But there may be some slight interruptions as the technicians make the shift, and our staff will be very busy during the last week of May and the first two weeks of June packing and unpacking – so please bear with us!

Look for more details about our great new space in our June newsletter!

As we begin the next decade of the Wellesley Institute, our vision has expanded to focus on creating a healthier and more equitable Greater Toronto Area and other urban centres. We continue to work within the context of the social determinants of health, but we now see them as a means to an end, not an end in themselves. Therefore, affordable housing, health care access and reform, income inequality and immigrant health are the means towards improving the health of populations across the GTA and beyond.

We will continue to work in the areas of applied research and economic analysis, systems thinking, pragmatic policy solutions, innovation, and community mobilization but will do so with a perspective of advancing population health and reducing health disparities. We will continue to champion a multi-sectoral approach to assist communities to advocate for their own health futures and commit to an inclusive community based approach to population health. Finally, we will continue to be based in Toronto and rooted in Southeast Toronto.

We are very excited about the future of the GTA and of our role in improving the health of populations. We are thankful for the many collaborations, partnerships and alliances of which we have been a part and are grateful for your support.

As an independent, non-partisan and self-funded institute, we are mindful of the responsibility and role we have to work with our communities and stakeholders to help frame the population health debate. We are also cognizant of our need to act, along with others, as a catalyst to engage within a wide spectrum of opinions, to move beyond the usual suspects and embrace a diversity of thought leadership.

I look forward to collaborating with you all to create collective impact and ensure collective attribution; it is only through our working together that we can build a just society for all.

Sincerely,

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CEO Wellesley Central Health Corp.