

**From: Elizabeth Buller, President & CEO, St. Joseph's Health System**

**To: All staff, physicians, learners, volunteers at St. Joseph's Villa Dundas**

**Subject: John Woods named Integrated President of St. Joseph's Health Centre Guelph, St. Joseph's Villa Dundas and St. Joseph's Lifecare Centre Brantford**

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St. Joseph's Health System (SJHS) is committed to reimagining care to advance care beyond boundaries, amplifying our collective impact and building teams for today and tomorrow. By transforming how we serve our communities, we are creating more connected care experiences for our patients, clients and residents, families and care partners across our three campuses of care in Dundas, Guelph and Brantford. To continue our leadership in integrated care while advancing our mission of compassionate care, faith, and discovery, I am pleased to announce John Woods as the inaugural Integrated President of St. Joseph's Health Centre Guelph, St. Joseph's Villa Dundas, and St. Joseph's Lifecare Centre Brantford — effective October 7, 2024.



John is well known to many of us having arrived from England more than 30 years ago and starting his career as a Director at St. Joseph's Healthcare Hamilton. He is known for his authentic leadership, his passion for life-long learning and his brilliant wit. John lives the mission in all he does, making decisions driven by the legacy of the Sisters, compassionate care, faith and discovery. Over the years John has held incremental leadership roles in the SJHS community, most recently serving as President of St. Joseph's Health Centre Guelph, Interim President of St. Joseph's Villa Dundas and Vice President of the SJHS Nunavut Partnership. He has also served as Interim President for St. Joseph's Home Care and St. Mary's General Hospital. John also serves as a Governing Council member of

the Catholic Health Alliance of Canada and past chair of the Catholic Health Association of Ontario. While his professional experiences make him the ideal leader for this role, his lived experiences as a husband, father, cat lover and rider of camels, donkeys and horses around the world round out what he brings.

As the Integrated President, mission-based leader and advocate for integrated care, John will work collaboratively with the healthcare providers, leadership teams, local boards, and Foundations across SJHS' three campuses of care to deliver innovative care from the perspective of the patients, clients, residents and families. Through this integrated model, he will strengthen and develop new partnerships, continue to push boundaries and build innovative systems of care where individuals can age in place, connected to high-quality, compassionate healthcare and supports.

St. Joseph's Health System is one of Ontario's largest not-for-profit long-term care providers with more than 900 care beds on three campuses of care across three cities in the Ontario Health West region. As a campus of care, each site is home to local and regional programs and services that support holistic care for patients, clients, residents, and families, including long-term care, complex care, rehabilitation, hospice and palliative care, community support and outreach services, respite and day programs, seniors housing, and behavioral support programs.

I want to take this opportunity to sincerely thank Sandra Ramelli who has served as Interim President of St. Joseph's Lifecare Centre Brantford (SJLCB) over the last year and a half. When asked to take on the interim role Sandra accepted



without hesitation knowing it was a time of tremendous change. During this time Sandra supported the organization to be the best, ensuring the needs of staff, patients, residents and families came first. Sandra built a strong leadership team and has been the north star for the Board ensuring all SJLCB and Steadman Hospice needs were heard. I'm deeply grateful for Sandra's leadership and look forward to continuing our work together as she continues in her role as Vice President, People & Strategy at St. Joseph's Lifecare Centre Brantford and St. Joseph's Health Centre Guelph.

Lastly, thank you to the Joint Board of Governors and Board Chair, Barbara Beaudoin, for your steadfastness, commitment, and leadership.

Please join me in welcoming John as the Integrated President and thanking Sandra for her contributions.

Sincerely,  
Elizabeth Buller  
President & CEO  
St. Joseph's Health System