



**GRANDVIEW
CHILDREN'S
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New headquarters for Grandview Children's Centre is happening

April 27, 2017, OSHAWA, ON – A new Grandview Children's Centre is on the way. While a formal announcement did not take place during Ontario Finance Minister Charles Sousa's budget speech, Grandview Children's Centre's CEO Lorraine Sunstrum-Mann said she and Board Chair Judy Robinson were told by government officials that a new Grandview Children's Centre is happening.

Both Robinson and Sunstrum-Mann were invited to the provincial legislature for the reading of the Ontario budget today.

"We have been assured that Grandview is in the budget," she said moments after leaving Queen's Park. "We will know more details surrounding this wonderful news in the weeks to come."

"We are thrilled and thankful that the provincial government has approved our New Grandview. The kids, families, staff and community have been working hard to make this project a reality. To the government and to the whole Grandview family we express our sincere gratitude. This is exciting for everyone and now the work begins on the next phase of the project."

Robinson went on to add "Grandview is thankful for the tireless efforts in recent weeks by local MPPs Joe Dickson, Tracy MacCharles, Granville Anderson, Lorne Coe and Jennifer French."

Today's news means that Grandview will soon be able to bring this long-awaited project to fruition. The land has already been donated by the Town of Ajax in November of 2015. Working with the staff of the Town and the provincial government, Grandview will determine next steps including final architectural design, construction plan, budget and timelines.

Marilyn Robitaille, a Grandview parent with a child receiving treatment and another child on the waiting list, commented, "As a parent with children with special needs this announcement is absolutely amazing. I know firsthand what a positive impact Grandview has on our kids and their families. On behalf of thousands of parents, grandparents, siblings and our kids, I say 'thank you' for making this happen."

Grandview has a significant impact on the lives of children with special needs and their families. Grandview Kid Sam Keane, an adolescent client, was very excited. He said, "I'm so glad to know that more kids across Durham Region will be able to receive the vital programs and services of Grandview like I did. Grandview is an outstanding organization with amazing staff and great programs."

About Grandview Children's Centre:

Grandview Children's Centre is the only facility of its kind in Durham Region providing expert paediatric assessment, treatment and rehabilitation services to over 6,000 children and youth with special needs. Close to 3,000 more kids are on a wait-list to receive service. Grandview's main facility in Oshawa was built in 1983 to serve 400 children. As the only children's treatment centre in Durham Region, Grandview's work has broad impact in our community, changing lives daily.

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