

# Report on Your Support

## Did you Know...

...that Think First Canada, a national organization dedicated to reducing preventable trauma injuries among children and youth, is based at Toronto Western Hospital? It was spearheaded by TWH's own Dr. Charles Tator, Chair, Robert Campeau Family Foundation Chair in Brain and Spinal Cord Research.



Robert and Linda Krembil with Bryce Douglas, Chair, Toronto General & Western Hospital Foundation Board at the dedication of the Krembil Neuroscience Centre.

The Krembil New Scientist Program will help support promising young scientists through salary support and by helping them set up labs so they can devote their energy to basic research.

Robert Krembil expressed his family's desire to advance neuroscience research. The gift is "not because of the building...but because of the people who work and operate within this structure. They are truly amazing."

The Krembil Neuroscience Centre, home to one of the world's largest and most renowned neuroscience programs, is on its way to becoming the very best in the world.

## A Centre of Excellence

*Generous gift establishes the Krembil Neuroscience Centre*

On Wednesday, November 28, 2001, University Health Network celebrated the formal dedication of the Krembil Neuroscience Centre.

Dr. Catherine Zahn, Chief Operating Officer at TWH, Head of the Division of Neurology and Krembil Family Chair in Neurology, conveyed the excitement of a dream come true. "We've dreamed so long of having a named centre that

recognizes the important work that we do and gives us an opportunity to be in the forefront."

The Division of Neurology at TWH is one of the world's finest, based on research achievements, clinical outcomes, educational commitment and patient satisfaction.

Previously, the Krembil family has supported research through the Krembil Family Chair in Neurology. Now their most recent gift will establish the Krembil Chair in Neural Repair and Regeneration and the Krembil New Scientist Program.

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Everyone you have  
ever dreamed of...  
**TOGETHER...**  
for one special night



# DREAMS COME TRUE

*Celebrate with some of Canada's finest!*



Pinchas Zukerman

Join us for a Gala Evening to celebrate the launch of the **Al & Malka Green Artists' Health Centre** at Toronto Western Hospital and the **Dancer Transition Resource Centre's 15th Anniversary.**



Karen Kain

**Artistic Director & Producer:** Veronica Tennant

**Remarks:** Timothy Findley, Karen Kain, Roger Abbot and more!

## Featuring:

Pinchas Zukerman  
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& Chan Hon Goh  
Hannaford Street Silver Band  
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Rex Harrington  
Molly Johnson  
Peggy Baker & Andrew Burashko  
Nathaniel Dett Chorale  
Sandra Laronde & Fiona Reid  
Debra Brown's Apogée  
Amy Sky

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The Shaw Festival  
The Stratford Festival of Canada  
The Toronto Symphony Orchestra



Timothy Findley



Molly Johnson



Rex Harrington

## TICKETS:

\$500 - includes Gold Patron Dinner  
at Rain & Post Champagne Dessert  
Reception at Princess of Wales Theatre  
\$300 - includes Post Champagne Dessert Reception  
\$200 - includes Post Champagne Dessert Reception  
\$75 - Performance only



**Monday, February 18, 2002**

*Princess of Wales Theatre*

**5:30pm**

Gold Patron Dinner at *Rain*

**7:30pm**

Gala Performance  
*followed by a Champagne Reception*

*Festive and Business Attire*

*Presented by the Dancer Transition Resource Centre  
and the Artists' Health Centre Foundation in  
cooperation with the Toronto General & Western  
Hospital Foundation.*

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# HEALTHY ANSWERS FOR THE ARTIST

The Al & Malka Green Artists' Health Centre  
is the first of its kind – in the world

Across a broad range of disciplines, artists deal with unique and taxing physical burdens. From painters to singers, they are faced with medical hardships not normally met by conventional care.

The launch of The Al & Malka Green Artists' Health Centre will provide artists with a multidisciplinary resource that meets each person's individual needs.

As part of *Dreams Come True*, some of Canada's finest artists are celebrating the Centre's spring 2002 opening within the Healthy Connections program at Toronto Western Hospital. Funded through a magnificent gift of \$1 million from Al and Malka Green, the Centre will be the only facility of its kind in the world, and the first to treat both creative artists such as painters and sculptors, and performing artists such as musicians and dancers.

"The Artists' Health Centre concept incorporates a number of ideal community health planning attributes that appeals to us in Healthy Connections at Toronto Western Hospital," says Dr. Philip Ellison, Medical Director, Community and Population Health. "Specifically, it represents a well-defined community need in Toronto, an active community

*"The Al & Malka Green Artists' Health Centre is not only worthwhile, but most certainly overdue. It is my opinion that it will serve to benefit artists in all of the creative fields."*

*Oscar Peterson, C.C.*

voice from the artists themselves who will be continuously involved in the planning and delivery of the service, and an opportunity for us to develop a model that could have an impact globally for this population group."

The demand for this Centre is immense. While the prospective patient base extends far beyond Toronto, 20,000 potential patients have been identified within the city alone. Recognizing this need, the Centre will accommodate between 10,000 and 15,000 visits a year.

The Centre is the first of its kind to be designed by artists in collaboration with medical and alternative health care providers, as well as other professionals. Therapies will involve traditional medical services and complementary or alternative services. Experts across every discipline will

consult with each other and the artist to determine the most appropriate treatments.

This collaborative approach provides unique opportunities for research into new therapies, while studying the clinical benefits of alternative and conventional therapies. The Centre will also be an important educational resource.

Al and Malka Green's endowment will also support a research fellow within the Centre.

The Al & Malka Green Artists' Health Centre will become a world-leader within the realm of other groundbreaking projects at Toronto General Hospital and Toronto Western Hospital.

# Tribute Gifts Keep on Giving

*In honour of Maria Cappuccitti's successful brain surgery prior to her 75th birthday, her children made donations in support of the Division of Neurosurgery where she received her treatment*



**Rita Zanatta with mother and grateful patient Maria Cappuccitti.**

On August 28, 2001, Maria Cappuccitti celebrated her 75th birthday with her family. Celebrating three-quarters of a century of life is an exciting event for anyone, but for Maria, the day took on an even greater significance. Five days earlier, after seven years of care and monitoring at Toronto Western Hospital, Maria had undergone surgery to remove a brain tumour.

TWH not only has a world-leading

neuroscience program, but it also has neurosurgeons, neurologists and imaging technicians capable of providing the most advanced care for the most complex neurological conditions. Even with TWH's reputation for excellence, the prospect of brain surgery was daunting for Maria and her family. Thanks to the care and expertise of Dr. Fred Gentili and his skilled team, Maria's surgery was successful.

To honour Maria, her family decided to direct their gifts in support of "the work that is done in education and research in the Division of Neurosurgery." Her family includes children Michael and wife Christine, Rita and husband Sante, and Rocco and wife Loretta. Maria is also blessed with 10 grandchildren.

Shortly after celebrating Maria's birthday, her daughter, Rita Zanatta wrote to the Foundation, expressing her family's gratitude for her mother's care and health. "Since the surgery, my mother has been recovering well and all of us are grateful for the good care she received from Dr. Fred Gentili and his team. On behalf of my brothers, and all our family members, a heartfelt thanks to the Division of Neurosurgery... I hope that you may continue to realize the outstanding achievements that characterize your hospital."

## OUR NEUROSCIENCE FIRSTS

- First to lower body temperature to surgically repair brain aneurysm. This procedure stems the flow of blood in the brain, giving surgeons access to remote areas of the brain (1956)
- Developed prototype aneurysm clip (1965)
- Performed the first surgical treatment of a newborn with brain vascular malformation in Canada (1984)
- First to use Image-Guided Minimally Invasive Therapy during surgery to guide surgeons to the brain tumor location (1988)
- Developed a novel technique that employs chemical substances to prevent or treat brain damage from stroke or trauma (1990)
- Discovered cells that can reproduce and migrate, promising the possibility of repair of injury/degeneration of spinal cord (1999)
- Pioneered innovative medical & surgical treatment of patients with movement disorders via deep brain stimulation (1999)
- Developed the world's most advanced 3D imaging computer system for neurosurgery (1999)
- Identified genes responsible for Lou Gehrig's Disease (amyotrophic lateral sclerosis), Huntington's disease, Alzheimer's and hereditary blindness (1990-2000)

# New Krembil Chair Finds Answers to Spinal Cord Injury

*Dr. Michael Fehlings epitomizes the “bench-to-bedside” approach to research*

This past November, Dr. Michael Fehlings became the first incumbent of the Krembil Chair in Neural Repair and Regeneration.

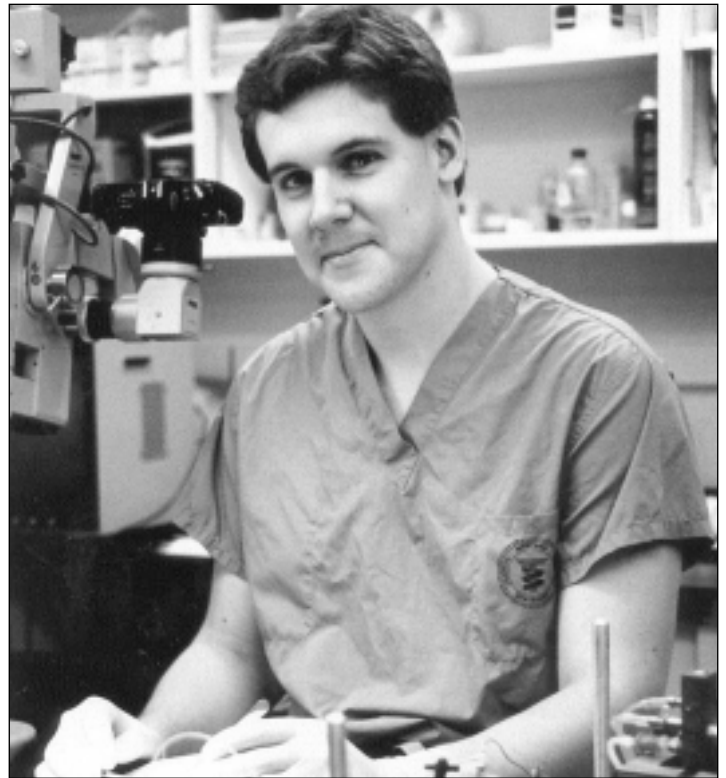
Funding for this Chair supports expertise in surgical treatment of spinal cord injury and research into how spinal cells alter after injury or trauma.

Dr. Fehlings’ work in the forefront of this area of research is concerned with ways of identifying the mechanisms that protect spinal cord cells from dying after injury.

A recognized leader in complex disorders of the spinal column and spinal cord, Dr. Fehlings epitomizes the “bench-to-bedside” approach to research. Basic research leads to clinical research, which in turn results in clinical trials and eventually clinical practice. As such, research directly results in improved patient care.

Dr. Fehlings’ research has led to the discovery of ways of protecting spinal neurons after injury, thereby minimizing paralysis and permanent damage.

An accomplished surgeon, Dr. Fehlings has successfully developed therapies to minimize disability after brain and spinal cord injury.



Through dedication to excellence in research and clinical practice, Dr. Fehlings is making tremendous strides in advancing functional recovery following spinal surgery. He serves in a leadership role at University Health Network, serving as both Head of the Spinal Program and Medical Director of the Neural & Sensory Science Program.

The Krembil Chair in Neural Repair and Regeneration will support Dr. Fehlings in his important and creative research.

## Chairs in Neurology

The Robert Campeau Family Foundation Chair in Brain and Spinal Cord Research – *Held by Dr. Charles Tator*

The Alan & Susan Hudson Chair in Neuro-Oncology  
*Chairholder to be announced*

The Anne and Max Tanenbaum Chair in Molecular Neurosciences – *Held by Dr. Elis Stanley*

The Fondation Baxter et Alma Ricard Chair (in Cerebrovascular Neurosurgery)  
*Held by Dr. M. Christopher Wallace*

The Dan Family Chair in Neurosurgery  
*Held by Dr. James D. Rutka*

The Krembil Family Chair in Neurology  
*Held by Dr. Catherine Zahn*

The Krembil Chair in Neural Repair and Regeneration  
*Held by Dr. Michael G. Fehlings*

The R.R. Tasker Chair in Stereotactic and Functional Neurosurgery – *Held by Dr. Andres Lozano*



# Spirit of Community Endures for Friends of Doctors' Hospital



**Bayla Chaikof (right) tries her hand at minimally invasive surgery technology with the help of Dr. Lloyd Smith.**

For over 40 years, a dedicated group of women volunteered to help the hospital serving their community – Doctors' Hospital. This group of volunteers, many of them married to staff surgeons and physicians at Doctors' Hospital, supported this community hospital – through the gift shop, parking revenues and the proceeds of two Brazilian Balls.

As the years went on and their fundraising revenues increased they officially became a charitable foundation named The Friends of Doctors' Hospital (FDH).

When Doctors' Hospital closed in 1997 as part of the Ontario-wide hospital restructuring, many of the physicians and surgeons who had worked at Doctors' Hospital came to Toronto Western Hospital. Determined to ensure that the remaining funds that they raised were used to support a patient-centered, community-sensitive approach, FDH chose to direct these funds to support Toronto Western Hospital.

*“When we found out that Toronto Western would be our community hospital, we immediately embarked on a campaign to support it.”*

*FDH Past President Bayla Chaikof*

“Our purpose was to improve patient care in the community where we grew up. When we found out that Toronto Western would be our community hospital, we immediately embarked on a campaign to support it,” FDH Past President Bayla Chaikof said.

A reception was held in November in the 4th Floor Ambulatory Surgery Waiting Room at Toronto Western Hospital to formally thank the FDH for donating \$75,000 in support of equipment and education in the Ambulatory Surgery Division. The waiting room will be named in honour of the FDH.

“We are proud that the Friends of Doctors' Hospital is linked with the institution that is serving the community with many of the same doctors, staff, patients and friends as Doctors' Hospital,” Bayla said.

Head of Surgical Programs Dr. Dimitri Anastakis thanked the FDH for their hard work and tenacity in “making this gift happen.”

The reception included a hands-on demonstration of the equipment the group had purchased: a video cart laparoscopic surgery system. The system includes a high-resolution monitor, a camera, a light source and a CD recorder, invaluable for a teaching institution. Guests also had the opportunity to “try out” the equipment with Head of Minimally Invasive Surgery, Dr. Lloyd Smith.

Also expressing appreciation on behalf of UHN was Surgeon-in-Chief, Dr. Bryce Taylor, who said he felt particularly close to this group of people as he has had a long association with the staff of Doctors' Hospital. “We preserved all the good things associated with Doctors' Hospital – dedication and compassion and will continue to uphold its legacy of serving this community.”

# Keeping Travelers Healthy & Safe

Your bags have been packed, the children are taken care of, and your passport and tickets have been safely tucked away in your pocket. Nevertheless, you may be forgetting to take care of something that is even more critical to enjoying your time abroad - your health.

The Centre For Travel and Tropical Medicine at Toronto General Hospital provides vital healthcare support for travelers going anywhere in the world. Health risks are reduced through vaccination, medication, and health education.

Under the direction of internationally recognized travel medicine experts Dr. Kevin Kain and Dr. Jay Keystone, the Centre is located on the ground floor of the Eaton Wing of TGH.

## Centre services include:

- ▶ individualized pre-travel consultations and immunizations (according to your age, gender, lifestyle and itinerary),
- ▶ an official yellow fever vaccination centre, and
- ▶ post-travel medical consultation and treatment for returning travelers.
- ▶ specialized services for immune-compromised travelers, transplant recipients, diabetic, pregnant and pediatric travelers.

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The most frequent problems faced by travelers in developing countries are all targeted and prevented by the Centre. These include diarrhea, Hepatitis A, and malaria.

“Canadians are one of the best

ill after travel is also accessible.

By keeping up with the latest developments in travel and tropical medicine, the Centre continues to provide state of the art facilities for diagnosing and managing tropical illnesses. As part of this ongoing initiative, the Centre is a member of the GeoSentinel Network, a collaborating group of 25 select sites around the world that conducts surveillance on emerging infectious diseases. This network allows physicians at the Centre – while working in cooperation with the Centers for Disease Control, World Health Organization and Health Canada – to receive reports from around the world concerning disease outbreaks relevant to travelers.

By providing several vital resources from one location, the Centre remains a unique institute that addresses numerous health concerns facing everyone from the weekend vacationer to the world explorer.

The Centre also has a comprehensive website at [www.tghtravel.ca](http://www.tghtravel.ca).

To schedule an appointment, phone (416) 340-3000, fax (416) 340-3260, book on the website or e-mail the Clinic at [travelclinic@uhm.on.ca](mailto:travelclinic@uhm.on.ca)

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Travel Medicine is a unique specialty that addresses a variety of health and safety issues that put travelers at risk. Particularly important for those arriving in developing countries, Centre services include individualized pre-travel consultations and immunizations (according to your age, gender, lifestyle and itinerary), an official yellow fever vaccination centre, and post-travel medical consultation and treatment for returning travelers. Specialized help is also offered to immune-compromised travelers, as well as those with special needs, including transplant recipients,

traveled populations on the planet – two and a half million Canadians get on a plane and go to the developing world every year,” says Dr. Kain. Tropical diseases like malaria that were once considered remote and of limited interest to the health care community in Canada are now significant public health issues.

A full vaccine inventory and full parasitology laboratory services are both available, along with detailed educational materials on staying healthy abroad. A 24-hour on-call service for patients who become

# upcoming events

February 18, 2002

## Dreams Come True

Princess of Wales Theatre, Toronto  
Portion of proceeds to The Al & Malka Green Artists' Health Centre, TWH

March 23, 2002

## A Night to Celebrate

La Pineta Banquet & Conference Centre, Woodbridge  
Proceeds to the Dr. Reznick Research Fund at TGH

April 4, 2002

## Chanel Fashion Show

Portion of proceeds to the Al & Malka Green Artists' Health Centre at TWH

April 25, 2002

## 8th Annual Wine Classic

Concert Hall, The Fairmont Royal York, Toronto  
Proceeds to Cardiac Research at TGH and TWH

June 18, 2002

## Tourette Syndrome Golf Tournament

Woodington Lake Golf Club, Tottenham  
Portion of proceeds to the Tourette Syndrome Clinic at TWH

July 8, 2002

## The 5th Annual Legacy Golf Classic

Devil's Pulpit, Caledon  
Proceeds to Research at TGH and TWH

August 19, 2002

## Lew Dunn Memorial Golf Tournament

DiamondBack Golf Club, Richmond Hill  
Proceeds to The R. Lewis Dunn Scholarship Fund at TGH

September 28, 2002

## The Hope Ball

Concert Hall, The Fairmont Royal York  
Proceeds to The Krembil Neuroscience Centre, TWH



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