



*St. Marguerite D'Youville, foundress of the Sisters of Charity, Grey Nuns*



# Caritas Health Group

*Caritas Health Group is Alberta's largest faith-based provider of health care. The organization was formed in 1992 from the merger of the Misericordia and Grey Nuns Community Hospitals and the Edmonton General Continuing Care Centre. Together these facilities have served Edmonton for 110 years.*

## History

- 1895** The Edmonton General Hospital is founded by the Sisters of Charity (Grey Nuns) of Montreal. It is the first hospital established in Edmonton.
- 1900** The Misericordia Hospital was founded by the Sisters of Misericordia. It becomes the second hospital in Edmonton.
- 1976/77** The Sisters of Misericordia leave Edmonton and transfer sponsorship responsibilities to the Alberta Catholic Health Foundation (ACHF), later to become the Alberta Catholic Health Corporation (ACHC).
- 1985** The Sisters of Charity (Grey Nuns) of Alberta recognize the need for special care for those who are dying, and establish Edmonton's first hospital-based palliative care unit at the Edmonton General. In 1995, Caritas helps to establish Capital Health's renowned Regional Palliative Care Program, a model for integrated, interdisciplinary care. Today, Caritas operates the Mel Miller Hospice in the Edmonton General and the Acute Palliative Care Unit at the Grey Nuns Community Hospital.
- 1988** The Grey Nuns Hospital facility is opened in Millwoods. The Edmonton General Hospital transfers acute care beds to the Grey Nuns facility. Over the next 10 years, the Edmonton General grows into the city's largest continuing care facility: the Edmonton General Continuing Care Centre.
- 1992** Caritas Health Group is officially formed, bringing together the Misericordia Hospital, the Grey Nuns Hospital and the Edmonton General Continuing Care Centre. Caritas Health Group becomes a valued partner in the Capital Health region established in 1995. Today, the Alberta Catholic Health Corporation is the Catholic sponsor for Caritas Health Group, which is one of Canada's largest faith-based providers of health care.



*Healing the Body*

*Enriching the Mind*

*Nurturing the Soul*