

WICWC reaches construction funding goal

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The construction of the new West Island Cancer Wellness Centre's location in Kirkland began last April and should be ready for the beginning of November.

The \$3 million fundraising campaign, that began last December, was recently met.

The new building, designed to look like a larger residential property, is triple the size of the original building in Beaconsfield when the WICWC opened its doors seven years ago.

The non-profit agency, that receives no government funding, needed to move to a larger dwelling in order to accommodate more patients and their families.

"Our main purpose for building this new centre is to help even more people living with cancer. However, the cost of operations will rise due to its larger size, so we must continue



The new West Island Cancer Wellness Centre will be ready for a public Open House tour on Friday, Dec. 9 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

to fundraise as we always have," said Debbie Magwood, WICWC founder and executive director. "This new building will allow us to help so many more families living with cancer. To be placed on a waiting list for our programs was unacceptable."

The centre is still accepting dona-

tions before its Nov. 4 deadline and more information is available online via wicwc.org or by calling 514-695-9355. The centre will be open to the public for a tour of the Kirkland facility on Friday, Dec. 9 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. located at the intersection of du Barry and Hedgerow. ■

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