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# NEWS RELEASE

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### **Halton Healthcare Services Accepts ALS Ice Bucket Challenge**

Halton Healthcare Services responded to the challenge from Trillium Health Partners to participate in the ALS Ice Bucket Challenge yesterday at Georgetown Hospital.

Staff, volunteers and physicians gathered to support Chief Executive Officer Denise Hardenne and Chief of Staff Dr. Lorne Martin as they accepted the challenge in support of ALS awareness and research.

The challenge was held in the Georgetown Hospital courtyard in support of one of Halton Healthcare Services' physicians Dr. Jeff Sutherland, who practiced at Georgetown Hospital. Dr. Sutherland has lived with ALS for the past seven years. With the support of Dr. Sutherland and his family, the Georgetown Acton Walk for ALS has become the number one fundraiser for the disease in Canada collecting almost \$1 million for research and equipment.

Ms Hardenne and Dr. Martin issued the challenge to Bill McLeod, CEO of the Mississauga Halton LHIN and Caroline Brereton, CEO of the Mississauga Halton CCAC to participate in the Ice Bucket Challenge in support of ALS.

The HHS ALS Ice Bucket Challenge can be viewed on the HHS website at [www.haltonhealthcare.com](http://www.haltonhealthcare.com)

#### **Quote from Denise Hardenne, President & CEO, Halton Healthcare Services:**

"This is a tremendous fundraiser and has also proven to be an amazing educational tool to share information and raise awareness about ALS. People are talking about this disease and making a difference with their contributions. This campaign is contributing to the healthcare dialogue in our communities across the country."

#### **Quote from Dr. Lorne Martin, Chief of Staff, Halton Healthcare Services:**

"This cause is near and dear to all of us at HHS. We did the Ice Bucket Challenge at Georgetown Hospital in support of Dr. Jeff Sutherland, an HHS physician who practiced at Georgetown Hospital and has been living with ALS for the past seven years. Jeff has been an inspiration to us all."

**About Halton Healthcare Services:**

Halton Healthcare Services (HHS) is a progressive, multi-site healthcare organization comprised of three community hospitals - Georgetown Hospital (GH), Milton District Hospital (MDH) and Oakville-Trafalgar Memorial Hospital (OTMH). Together these hospitals provide healthcare services to more than 300,000 residents in the communities of Oakville, Milton and Halton Hills. With an outstanding reputation as a workplace of choice and a good community partner, HHS hospitals have been recognized for their best practices in a number of patient safety and patient care initiatives. In 2013, HHS was Accredited with Exemplary Standing - the highest possible status granted by Accreditation Canada.

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