



# **NEWS RELEASE**

**from Halton Healthcare Services**

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## **Georgetown Hospital Celebrates Local Share Partners**

Halton Healthcare Services (HHS) celebrated the completion of the Georgetown Hospital expansion project with a Celebration of Healthy Partnerships event on September 17, 2014 that honoured the generous contributions of the local share partners who contributed to the GH Redevelopment Project.

Denise Hardenne, HHS President and CEO, Cindy McDonell, Chief Operating Officer Georgetown Hospital, Dr. Justin Busse, Associate Chief of Staff, Georgetown Hospital and Rick Johnson, Member of the HHS Board of Directors gathered to acknowledge the generous efforts of the Local Share partners whose financial support made the project possible.

Celebrating the momentous occasion were members of the Halton Hills Town Council including Mayor Rick Bonnette, representatives from the Georgetown Hospital Foundation and the Georgetown Hospital Volunteer Association who were presented with commemorative plaques to recognize their efforts towards this project.

Halton Healthcare Services had decided to fast track the Georgetown Redevelopment project by using its 'own funds', in addition to seeking joint community funding for the project. This incredible local share support was instrumental in helping secure the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care funding approval for this expansion.

The project was originally initiated with the need to accommodate a new CT scanner in the hospital and quickly grew into the expansion of the Emergency Department and renovation of the Diagnostic Imaging Department to better serve the community of Georgetown.

The Ministry of Health & Long-Term Care approved funding on August 31, 2011 and in September 2013, HHS celebrated the completion of the first phase with a brand new 14,000 square foot Emergency Department. Shortly after in November 2013, the CT scanner suite was unveiled and in July 2014, the final phase of the project, the renovation of the Diagnostic Imaging Department, was completed.



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**Quote from Denise Hardenne President and CEO, HHS:**

“As we mark the completion of this project, it is our pleasure to pay tribute to our local share community partners who helped make this project a reality. We absolutely could not have done this without their support.”

**Quote from Cindy McDonnell Chief Operating Officer, Georgetown Hospital:**

“It has been absolutely amazing to see this project evolve. The incredible leadership of our HHS Board, our collaborative partnerships, the teamwork and the engagement of our physicians and staff was evident at each juncture of this project.”

**Quote from Dr. Justin Busse:**

“Our Local Share Partners have assisted us in providing more specialized and functional spaces, new vital technology and the tools to provide the highest quality of care possible to our patients today and in the future.”

**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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